



LIGHTS, CAMERA . . . Projectionist Debbie Swain, of Livonia, gets a film ready as Dan McCarthy and Suzanne Synnes, both of Livonia, look on. It's Wednesday afternoon at the movies in the air-conditioned Alfred Nobel branch library this summer. Films are shown every Wednesday afternoon at 2 p.m.



LITTLE MISS MUFFET and Jack-Be-Nimble are now familiar fairy tales to little Plymouth library-goers. Pictured here are pre-schoolers, listening to Bonita Stockmeyer, Children's Librarian. The summer story hour starts at 10 every Friday at the Plymouth Dunning-Hough Library.

Clarenceville Theater Group Seeing Double

A major production and several workshop productions. This is the kind of schedule that a theater class spends a year in doing.

In the Clarenceville School District they're doing it all in seven weeks time.

Plus that—all the activity is generated by a grand total of 21 teen-agers from the area.

"That means," says Director Bob Gregory, "that everyone is doing double duty. Cast members are also in charge of backstage duties."

THE BIG PUSH is currently on for the first production by the Clarenceville Summer Players.

George Bernard Shaw's classic "Pygmalion" opens Aug. 2 in the Clarenceville High School auditorium. An additional performance is set for Aug. 3. Curtain time both nights is 8 p.m.

It may be the first year, but Gregory is convinced that the seven weeks of workshops and a full scale production will become an annual summer event.

Gregory, a teacher at Clarenceville High School, is just completing his first year in the district. A dramatic arts graduate of Eastern Michigan

University, he helped to organize the Dearborn Summer Theater group while he was in college.

THE FIRST FOUR weeks of the story put his students through the paces in daily workshops. The first three hours were devoted to classroom-type sessions, while the last two hours the students divided into four groups and directed and produced 10 or 15 minute segments from plays.

On Friday the workshop productions were staged with a critique.

Each week Gregory chose the best of the workshop productions, which were staged for the general public on Sunday night.

The last three weeks are devoted to the "Pygmalion" production.

This includes not only rehearsals, but building sets, making costumes, collecting props, ticket sales and all the other elements of a theatrical production.

Speaking of tickets, they are currently on sale for \$1 per person. At the door on performance nights the cost will be \$1.50. To obtain tickets contact Gregory at 425-7671 or the Clarenceville box office at 477-9078.

Children's Comedy Scheduled

"Please Don't Sneeze," a Court Theatre production for children, will be held at 1 p.m. Saturdays, Aug. 10-24, plus a Sunday production on Aug. 18 at Ferndale High School, 881 Pinecrest, Ferndale.

The rollicking comedy with music, written by Canadian actor and playwright Chris Wiggin, "Please Don't Sneeze" tells the story of Baron Blunderbuss whose castle is invaded by the comical, scheming Horriense Ansbropy.

Miss Ansbropy who, in typical villain fashion, proceeds to boss the servants and make a great nuisance of herself while trying to catch the Baron in her snare, has only one blind spot; she can't stand germs.

The servants fashion a merry plot, convincing the Baron he is desperately ill and finally chase Horriense off the premises in a bang-up finale. Songs, dances, mix-ups, a pair of crazy doctors, a cuckoo clock that can't tell time—all add up to an hour of charm and fun as Horriense gets her comeuppance.

General admission is 50 cents.

"Please Don't Sneeze" is a presentation of the Oakland Theatre Series.

For reservations and ticket information, call Theatre Box Office, LI 2-2535.

Story-Tellers Cool At Work

There may be a lot of trees in the suburbs, but it still gets hot in July and August. And summer days, with no school, can be long and dull for seven-year-olds, let alone three- or four-year-olds.

In Livonia, Redford Township and Plymouth, kids can go to their cool libraries and be entertained by "nearly magic" story tellers.

Mrs. Bonita Stockmeyer, Plymouth's librarian for juveniles, said:

"You can tell it's a success by the wide-eyed looks, the happy screams of 'Mommy, Mommy, wait till you hear what we did,' and by the history of the story hour. It's been going on for 20 or 25 years.

Plymouth library's program runs in six to eight weeks series throughout the year. Mrs. Stockmeyer tells action-stories and finger-stories; that is, traces the "I lay, bitty, spider" up all 10 fingers, until she and the children memorize the rhyme.

JUVENILE LIBRARIAN at Livonia's Carl Sandburg branch, Mrs. Claudine Trenner, said:

"Our story hour began when Livonia built the library. It has been a great success. You can tell by the smiling faces and bright eyes.

"Our summer story hour becomes a film hour for pre-schoolers and elementary

school youngsters."

For the little folks, the film hour is Friday morning, and the more mature film hour is held Saturday mornings.

Livonia's other library, the Alfred Nobel branch, has had a story hour since it was built, too.

Directed by Miss Pauline Hinrichs, the story hour for pre-schoolers goes on year-round. Librarian Angeline Rousseau explained:

"We tell the story, we don't just read it. We average about 30 youngsters in a session. It's a coordinated program, and the kids get name tags. Some of them have collected quite a few.

"We also have film shows Wednesday afternoons for pre-schoolers and elementary youngsters."

REDFORD TOWNSHIP'S library summer story hour ended two weeks ago, but their summer reading club goes on throughout the year.

"We have 247 young people registered in the reading club. They read a certain number of books, and then get a certificate to take back to school.

Mrs. Ruth Thornbladh works with the youngsters telling nursery rhymes, acting out stories in finger-play and pointing out story book pictures.

Redford's program goes on in the winter, too, from January through March.



SUMMER READER — 13-year-old Greg Hull, of Livonia, belongs to the Carl Sandburg Branch Library reading club.

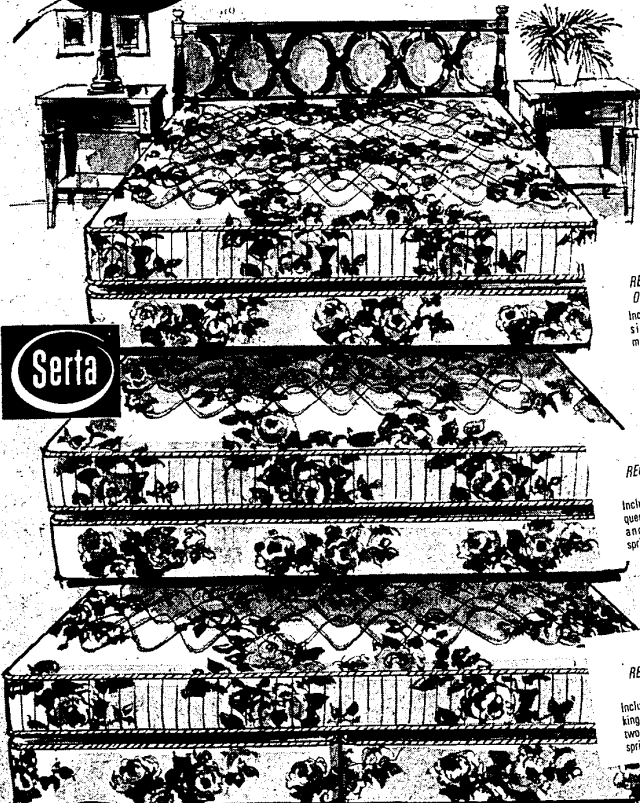


STORY HOUR listeners in Redford Township's library look at fairy tale pictures that reader Sue Padden points out. The pre-schoolers and elementary school children listen to Mother Goose and other fantasies Friday mornings in Redford's summer story hour. Mrs. Padden is one of the Jaycee auxiliary volunteers who read for the summer vacation program.

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