

# Good reading available for youth of all ages

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Now that summer is on the way, mothers face with trepidation the prospect of children underfoot, doors banging and a plaintive, "What shall I do now, Mommy?"

It's a time when parents could share books and reading out loud with their children, but they simply don't know what is "good" or where to get it.

(First in a series)  
If you have looked at bookstores, you might think there is a dearth of quality books available. Bookstores are compelled to stock what sells because parents ask for familiar books such as series, the classics or whatever they recall having read themselves.

Rather than buying ad lib, turn first to your local library to find out what is available and how good it is.

**LIBRARIANS HAVE** publishers' catalogues of the most recent books and catalogues of book reviews which parents may look through. These include the Horn Book, the School Library Journal and the Kirkus Service, which librarians themselves consider when ordering books.

What to look for, or what is good book, is usually a highly personal mat-

ter, librarians concede, but they do offer general guidelines.

The books should avoid saccharine illustrations and pat, predictable plots which offer no challenge. Above all, there should be an integrity in the presentation that draws the child back again and again.

You might want to pay special attention to books with gold seals on the cover, indicating an award.

The Caldecott seal is given for excellence in its picture appeal, this year to "Duffy and the Devil" by Harve and Margot Zemach. The John Newbery award for excellence in writing was given to Paul Fox's "The Slave Dancer."

**BOOKS ALSO** are available on relevant problem topics that families are likely to face. These include a pet that dies, where babies come from, brother-sister relationships, wearing glasses or feelings. Libraries often carry them and a few find their way to bookstores.

Once you've done research in the library, you're ready to check the bookstores. If you don't see a particular book, you may be able to special order it. Though reluctant to process single-copy orders, stores generally will do it if the book is a harvester from a large publishing firm.

Cost is a major factor for most par-

ents. One solution is to buy paperback books which are becoming more and more available.

You might also arrange a book allowance. Set aside money each week for your child to buy paperbacks or save up for more expensive books.

"Parents will spend \$4.95 on a toy that breaks in two weeks, but they are reluctant to spend on a well-chosen book that lasts a lifetime. It's a process of conditioning," said Susan Kostesky of the Southfield Public Library.

**YOU MIGHT** also suggest to relatives that for special occasions a book would be a welcome gift.

The Book Stall in Rochester was consistently recommended by area librarians as having the widest selection and best quality hardcover books. A trip there revealed poetry, folk tales and modern stories by and about different ethnic groups, urban environment, nature and ecology, mathematics, a color photo book on the textures and forms in nature, all noticeably absent from other stores, plus the traditional classics and modern fantasies.

Several librarians recommended reading aloud as a means of sharing a pleasurable moment with the child, learning what he thinks and helping to clasp him in an emotions like happiness or sadness.

Poetry sometimes shied away from, re-forms a child's sense of sound and cadence in the language when read aloud. Many nursery rhymes form an important part of the cultural heritage and shouldn't be neglected, librarians agreed.

**FOLLOWING** is a list of books for different ages, compiled from suggestions of several area librarians.

Books to read aloud and books for early readers: Dash and Dart - Conrad and Mary Buss; Alexander and the Wind-up Mouse - Leo Leonni; The Magic Pebble - Steig; Duffy and the Devil - Harve and Margot Zemach; books by Maurice Sendak, Robert McCloskey and H. A. Rey.

Ages 7 to 8: The Cat and Mouse That Shared a House - Ruth Hurliman; Tarts as Tarts is Passing - Eleanor Clymer; Are You There God, I've Me, Margaret - Judy Blume.

Ages 9 to 12: The Warlock of Westfall - Leonard Everett Fisher; The Yellow Airplane - William Mayne; Toolmaker - Jill Paton Walsh.

Ages 10 to 14: Julie of the Wolves - Jean George; The Dark is Rising - Susan Cooper; The Court of the Stone Children - Eleanor Cameron.

Junior-high and high school: The Slave Dancer - Paul Fox; I Was There - Hans Peter Richter; books by Lloyd Alexander.



Arty and Jimmy Johns of Birmingham browse through children's books at home. Mrs. Johns is in the background.

## B'nai B'rith elects officers

The Metropolitan Detroit B'nai B'rith Council has elected David Levine of Southfield as president.

The council comprises 25 lodges and units with nearly 7,500 members.

Levine is a past president of Maurice C. Zeiger Lodge and has been active in the organization for more than 20 years.

He served as vice-chairman of the Metropolitan Division of the Allied Jewish Campaign, is a cabinet member of the Anti-Defamation League and serves on the

board of the Wayne State University Hiller Foundation.

LEVINE is a former vice-chairman of the Michigan Region of B'nai B'rith Youth Organization (BBYO) and was chairman of the Youth Services appeal.

He is a member of Congregation Shaarey Zedek and served on its youth board.

A native Detroit, Levine received a bachelor of science degree in accounting from Wayne State University and is a certified public accountant and controller of M. Jacob and Sons.

His wife, Evelyn, is chairman of the Michigan Region BBYO Board of Officers.

Other officers elected to serve with Levine are John Anastasio, David L. Blittker, Jeffrey Kravitz and Martin Weston, vice-presidents; David Jaffa, recording secretary; Michael Gordon, assistant recording secretary, and Harry Koltonow, treasurer.

Trustees are Irwin Alpern, Martin Budman, Sidney Freedland, Sherman Goldman and Dr. Edward Kroll.

Other are Max Kushner, Meyer Litky, Harold Samuels, Max Wayburn and Harold Zuker.

Installation of the new officers will take place at a dinner on Wednesday, June 19, at Adat Shalom synagogue in Farmington. For reservations call 354-6100.



PHYLLIS SCHLAFLY

## Author set to speak for Huber

Nationally known conservative author and commentator Phyllis Schlafly will be the guest speaker at a luncheon fund-raiser for 18th District Congressman Bob Huber at 12:30 p.m. Monday at Somerset Inn, Troy.

The luncheon is being sponsored by "Belles for Bob," an organization of women members of the Huber for Congress Committee.

Royal Oak Mayor Pro Tem Alice Schoenholtz has been named ticket sales chairman for the luncheon. Tickets may be obtained by calling Miss Schoenholtz, 543-5134, Huber for Congress Committee Headquarters, 541-3364, or Congressman Huber's district office, 399-0960.

Mrs. Schlafly, the mother of six children, does weekly radio commentaries on CBS Spectrum. She is also the author of a monthly newsletter and numerous books, including "A Choice Not an Echo."

### Correction

In the June 6 issue of the Observer & Eccentric Newspaper's Suburban Life section it was incorrectly reported that Lynn Lyle Davis is the owner and bead making teacher at Horizons in New York City.

Ms. Davis is a bead making teacher at Horizons, located in Rochester. The shop is owned by Mrs. Thea Blomquist.

### AAUW collects books for sale

Oakland Branch of American Association of University Women (AAUW) is collecting books for its 28th annual book sale.

The sale is scheduled for October, 19-22 at Oakland Mall.

Proceeds of the sale are used for scholarships.

Arrangements for pick up may be made by calling Mrs. Wayne Wright at 641-8323, Mrs. Thomas Balfour at 541-3727.

## 'Y' offers summer courses

The Oakland Branch YWCA, 839 S. Crooks Road, Clawson, invites those who will be spending the summer close to home to take advantage of classes and workshops at the YWCA beginning in June and July.

Ladies Day Out with child care for children six months to six years of age will be held on Wednesday between June 26 and July 31. Activities offered on Wednesday mornings include: sewing children's swim suits; cooking classes in outdoor cooking and home made ice cream; special knits sewing of assorted pants and

tops styles; mom-tot art workshop; tennis, yoga and water color painting.

Afternoon classes are: music and art appreciation, bread dough sculpture, leaded "glass" sun catchers, figure flattery and tennis.

**OTHER CLASSES** offered in the mornings on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday are: ice skating, pottery, Christmas wreaths and sewing of all weather coats.

Evening classes meeting on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday are: bargello needlepoint, speed knits,

weaving, belly dancing, yoga, tap dance and figure flattery.

Twenty four different tennis classes will be offered through the week between 9:30 A.M. and 8 P.M.

**MEN AND YOUTHS** are welcome in all classes where appropriate. Membership in the YWCA is required for all registrants. New members may register Thursday (June 6) between 1 and 9 p.m., and 7 and 9 p.m.

Call the YWCA at 435-9100 for fees and other information.

## Greek festival planned

A little bit of Greece will come to the area June 21, 22, 23 when St. George's Greek Orthodox Church holds its first ethnic festival on the church grounds at 1515 Woodward Avenue, Bloomfield Hills.

A market place will be created for three days, beginning Friday evening and continuing from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The church grounds are being transformed into a street scene from Greece, including a taverna and agora (market place). The taverna will offer wine or beer and mezes (appetizers). The agora will feature Greek jewelry, needlework and other artifacts. The bakaliko (Greek store) will be filled with such Greek gourmet items as canned stuffed grape

leaves, artichoke hearts, olives, feta cheese and filo (strudel dough).

Entertainment during the festival includes mid-eastern "belly dancing," Greek folk dancing by costumed youths, and demonstrations of Greek food preparation.

Authentic Greek dishes will be prepared.



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