

Children's author wows his fans

By Sandi Horne
special writer

Beetles, owls, frogs, lions, and spaggetti drawings were all part of the fun as children's author and illustrator Ed Emberley presented a "chalk talk" at the Farmington Hills Public Library last Saturday.

Emberley discussed drawing techniques with prospective young artists while sketching animals of all shapes and sizes on a large drawing pad.

He came to the two Farmington libraries as part of National Library Week.

Emberley drew pictures, autographed books and handed out prizes to winners of a poster contest at the libraries. Children brought their own pads and crayons and responded eagerly to the 50-year-old artist.

He told children that "nobody is born knowing how to draw, and everyone has to practice."

"I've been drawing since I was 3," he said. "I started out by drawing ants and beetles and then graduated to frogs, lions, dragons and spaghetti animals."

Anyone who can draw a circle, a rectangle, a triangle and several other simple shapes can learn to draw all the animals seen in his books, he said. "It won't be a Mona Lisa drawing," he said, "but you'll be able to do it."

Cheri Libberg and her daughters, Laurie, 9 and Julie, 6, busily drew lions and frogs on their pads.

Said Mrs. Libberg with a smile, "I feel like I'm 6."

After his talk, Emberley signed autographs for the children. "It takes me awhile," he said, "because I like to draw an animal with each one."

Emberley handed out boxes of magic markers to winners of the poster contest.

Children from area schools could submit posters to the library, dealing

with National Library Week or reading. Many of the posters contained "thumb prints," drawings based upon the print of a thumb, a technique for which Emberley is noted.

Three prizes were awarded in three age groups, kindergarten to first grade, second and third grades and fourth and fifth grades.

Winners in the kindergarten to first grade group were Jenny Weh from

Forest Elementary School, Christopher Swanson from Livonia and Kevin Laczowski.

Grades two and three winners Aaron Browne from Middlebelt School, Kristin Szlarski from Woodcreek School and Reuben Levy from Woodale School.

Winners from the fourth and fifth grades were Julie Stockel from Larkshire School, Robbie Yingling from Woodale and Victoria Browne.

Humanist forum to present newsman Daniel Schorr

Daniel Schorr, one of America's most-recognized names in broadcast and print journalism, will make a public presentation entitled "The Media in a Democracy" on Monday, April 20, at 8:30 p.m. at the Birmingham Temple of Farmington Hills.

Schorr, who recently was named senior correspondent of the new 24-hour Cable News Network owned by Ted Turner, will make his appearance as part of the Humanist Forum series presented by the Birmingham Temple.

Schorr's recent move to the Cable News Network is the latest highlight in his long and illustrious career in journalism. For 25 years he was a national

employee of Ted Turner's news network, which began operating last June 1.

Schorr is perhaps best remembered for his involvement in the Watergate and CIA investigations during the Nixon and Ford administrations.

His name was among the top 20 names on President Nixon's enemies list, a fact he learned as he read the list for the first time while broadcasting a live TV report.

Admission to Schorr's address is open to the public. Admission is \$5. For information, call Mary Lewis at 645-9039 or the Birmingham Temple office at 477-1410.

and foreign correspondent for CBS news, a position from which he resigned in 1975 after an historic confrontation with Congress.

At that time Schorr risked a jail sentence for refusing to disclose to the House Ethics Committee his source for a report on CIA and FBI scandals. The house had attempted to suppress the report.

AFTER LEAVING CBS, Schorr became a regents professor of the University of California at Berkeley, wrote a syndicated newspaper column, broadcast commentaries for National Public Radio and recently became the first



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Signing with his special signature/illustration is children's book author Ed Emberley who recently met groups of enthusiastic fans at the two Farmington area libraries. Waiting for his autograph is Robert Thompson.

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