

# Ideas blossom with dawning of the summer season

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As the weather improves and thoughts turn to seasonal activities, we want to remind you that the library has several items to offer that can be useful.

Displays of books and materials on spring-summer subjects can be found at both libraries, highlighting such areas as gardening, travel, light fiction for summer reading, and more. In addition, there are several activities scheduled at both branches that might be of interest.

Regardless of the season, money matters are always important. If this is of interest to you, please join us at the Farmington Branch when we feature investment counselor Isabel Smith, who will present a two-part program on "Managing Your Money." The topic for Monday, May 10, will be "Investments"; Monday, May 24, will feature "Insurance." Both programs will run from 7:30-9:30 p.m. Register for either or both by calling 474-7770.

The adult book discussion group will hold its final two meetings of this session this month. On May 13, the group will discuss Oriana Fallaci's "A Man,"

a fictionalized interpretation of the nature of politics and power. Our final meeting, on May 27, will feature a film and a potluck luncheon. Meetings are from 10 a.m. until noon at the Farmington Branch. Call Bev Papal at 474-7770 for details.

IF YOU ARE interested in keeping your children interested in reading this summer, join us for "... Go..." for Summer Reading, on Thursday, May 20 at 7 p.m. at the Farmington Hills Branch. Dingy Sharp, learning consultant, and the library children's staff will suggest home activities, materials

and programs that will keep your child reading all summer long. Call the Children's Room at 553-9300 for reservations.

The Young Adult Adventure Gaming Group will continue to meet throughout the summer at the Farmington Branch on Thursday nights from 6-9 p.m. Gamers who know the fundamentals are invited to join the group on May 13 and 27. If you don't know the game, there will be an introductory session in June. Watch for details.

If Dungeons & Dragons isn't your type of game, perhaps there are other you would enjoy. On Wednesday, May

26 at 7 p.m., the children's and young adult departments of the Farmington Branch will co-sponsor a program on board gaming. Speakers from Thunderhead Gaming Center will introduce several games, old and new, and refreshments will be served. Designed for students in grades three and up, the program requires registration. Call 474-7770 for details.

"Spring Fling" is the theme of the preschool program to be offered by the Farmington Branch on Friday, May 14 at 10:30 a.m. Stories, films and a spring craft will be featured for ages 2-5; parents are asked to attend. And on Tues-

day, May 25 at 2 p.m., we'll be getting ready for summer with three films: "Curious George Rides a Bike," "How to Play Baseball," and "Blueberries for Sal."

For elementary school-age children, the Farmington Branch will be showing the film "Race for Space Life, Charlie Brown," on Saturday, May 15, at 2:45 p.m. Due to the length of the film it is recommended for grades K-5.

Patrons are reminded that both branches of the library will be closed Saturday, May 29 and Monday, May 31, for the Memorial Day Holiday.

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