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Board contemplates hiring new book chief

By Julie Brown staff writer
Choosing a director for the Farmington Community Library will be the next challenge for the Library Board of Trustees.
Former director Gordon Lewis resigned his position May 15, following his suspension without pay on May 2. Beverly Papal is serving as acting director of the library.
Board president Ernie Sauter suggested at last week's meeting that the three-member personnel committee develop the criteria for the director's position "and then bring that back to the full board."
"Then we will begin our search for

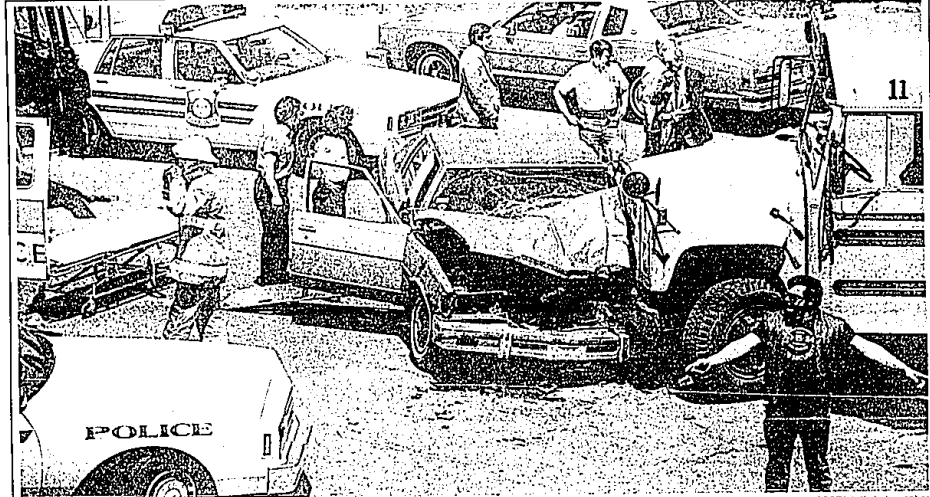
the director," Sauter said.
"We will be meeting soon," Jonathan Grant, chairman of the personnel committee, told his fellow board members. "We'll have something to report at the July meeting."
In addition to Grant, Library Board members Charlotte Yaverski and James Lanigan will serve on the personnel committee.
"We're going to establish the criteria for the new director," Grant said after the meeting.
"I think we'll review the job description."
That review will most likely begin with the current job description, he said.
"I plan to be able to report back at

the July meeting" of the Library Board, Grant said.
"MY THOUGHTS ARE that it would be a national search." That search would involve at least a half-dozen candidates, he said.
"I would imagine that is what we'd bring to the full board for discussion. We will not make the hiring decision." Rather, personnel committee members will come back to the full Library Board "with the people we feel are the most qualified candidates," Grant said.
In other business at Thursday's meeting, board members briefly discussed the resignation of former employee Silvia Makowski, whose request for a leave of absence was denied at the May Library Board meeting.

"She felt that she had a prior agreement with Mr. Lewis," acting Library Director Papal told board members.
Papal said she had talked with Makowski about the decision, explaining that it was based on library personnel policies, and not on personal considerations. Under the terms of those personnel policies, Makowski had not been at the library long enough to qualify for a leave of absence.
"I think she has a better understanding of the board's rationale behind its decision," Papal said. "I think that the separation has ended on good terms. She has also written me a personal note to that effect."
Board members also briefly dis-

cussed the February resignation of Jill Locke, who had written to the library requesting a letter of recommendation.
"Jill requested a recommendation from the Library Board which we will provide," Papal said Friday. "She wrote to the Library Board requesting a recommendation reflecting her 13 years of employment."
Papal had written a sample letter of recommendation, which board members reviewed at the meeting.
"It's a very complimentary letter of recommendation. It reflects the contributions Miss Locke made to our staff and to the library," Papal said.
"Hopefully, this will care for her

concerns," board president Sauter said at Thursday's meeting.
Board member Jim Wibby suggested that attorney Dennis DuBay review the response.
"If it meets with his approval, we can send it out," Sauter said. "It's laudatory and there's simply no quarrel that Jill was an excellent children's librarian."
Sauter also welcomed the new Library Board members at Thursday's meeting.
"We appreciate your accepting the job and are glad to have you with us," he told Lanigan, Dorothy Stoutjesdyk and Robert Plummer.



Police and school officials examine the collision Thursday between a Farmington School bus and an automobile at the intersection of Freedom and Farmington roads.

Man injured in school bus crash

By Julie Brown staff writer
A 38-year-old Detroit man was injured in an accident involving his car and a Farmington school bus Thursday afternoon. The bus driver was shaken up but none of the children on the bus was seriously injured.
The accident occurred at approxi-

mately 2:20 p.m. at the intersection of Farmington and Freedom roads.
The driver of the car, Raymond Eastcott, was hospitalized, said Gary Goss, deputy director of the Farmington Department of Public Safety. Eastcott was reported in fair condition Friday at Providence Hospital in Southfield.

The school bus was making a left turn onto Freedom Road, Goss said.
"The other car was in the left-hand lane coming south on Farmington Road. They collided in mid-intersection."
The school bus driver, Anita Sund, was cited for failing to yield. The

woman was taken to a medical clinic by school system administrators.
"Her arm is hurt," said Lewis Schutman, superintendent of schools. "Nothing was broken, but her leg and arm were kind of roughed up."
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Activist eyed as trustee for library

By Julie Brown staff writer
Farmington Hills Democratic activist Aldo Vagnozzi is the front-runner to fill the most recently vacated library board seat.
The Farmington Hills City Council plans to consider a replacement member for the Library Board at Monday's meeting because Lois Carey resigned.
"She has resigned," said Karen Birholtz, assistant to the city manager for Farmington Hills. "We have a letter from her."
If appointed, Vagnozzi, the former Farmington School Board member, would serve for the remainder of Carey's term.
"It would correspond with her dates," said Farmington Hills Mayor Jan Dolan. "He would serve out the remainder of Mrs. Carey's term. I believe hers (term expiration date) is 1988."
Vagnozzi's involvement in a variety of community activities would make him an asset to the Library Board, the mayor said.



"I THINK ALDO HAS contributed a lot to the community. I think he puts a lot of thought into his decisions. Coming from his background, I think he'd be a great asset there."
Vagnozzi is corresponding secretary for the Farmington Area Democratic Club and has been involved with the Friends of the Library, a volunteer support group.
"They haven't acted on it yet," Vagnozzi said of the appointment. "I don't consider the appointment made yet, just recommended."
"If I do get the appointment, I will bring to the board the experience I've had with the Friends of the Library,"

he said Thursday. This is Vagnozzi's second year serving on the board of the Friends organization.
"I think basically we have a very good library system," he said. "There have been some temporary problems, but the staff is good."
The board's role is "to kind of restore the system, to deal with the image problem that may have been created," Vagnozzi would like to see greater public involvement in library operations.
"There are hundreds of library supporters in the community. They demonstrate that by their contributions each year."
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Cities committed to finding summer jobs for youth

By Joanne Maliszowski staff writer
Farmington and Farmington Hills residents between the ages of 18 and 21 who fear they may be unemployed this summer can apply to the Michigan Youth Corps.
The Corps is looking for youth to help fill an expected 1,300 public service jobs in Oakland County and a total 15,000 throughout the state.
About to enter his third summer of operation, the Michigan Youth Corps program received the financial nod of approval from Gov. James Blanchard last week, said Tim Ervin, corps chief.

"We want to begin the program as soon as possible," Ervin said, adding he hopes the first jobs can begin sometime around June 17.
Applications are being taken until July 12, but Ervin suggests applying as soon as possible to ensure a chance of getting a job.
Although income restrictions do not apply to the available public service jobs, unemployed heads of household will get the first shot at a corps job, Ervin said.
Most of the youth corps jobs are full-time (40 hours a week) and last about six-to-eight weeks. Wages are \$3.35 an hour.

YOUTHIS WILL BE GIVEN public service jobs in maintenance, construction, painting, clerical work, landscaping, park improvements and cleaning up streams, beaches and highways.
Since the start of the program in 1983, both Farmington and Farmington Hills have received the help of Michigan Youth Corps workers.
Officials in both cities plan to participate in the program again this summer.
"We're discussing a program now," said Farmington City Manager Robert Deadman. "But we haven't honed in on one yet."
Cities may apply as they would for a

grant, explaining the type of projects or programs they wish to complete in the summer and how many workers the jobs will take, said Doug Gaynor, director of Farmington Hills' special services department.
"Every year we do it," Gaynor said, about the city's participation in the youth corps program.
The projects a city may complete with the use of youth corps workers are things that "normally might not be accomplished," Gaynor said. The projects cannot be work that would take work away from full-time city employees or interfere with union contracts, he added.

Some of the Hills projects youth corps workers have done in the past include painting all of the city's fire hydrants, erosion control along streams and roadside work.
Youths may apply for the available jobs at:
Michigan Employment Security Commission (MESCC) offices in Pontiac and Royal Oak.
Oakland County Employment Di-

- vision, Pontiac.
- Macomb Community College, Warren.
- Department of Social Services office, Pontiac.
- Oakland University, Rochester.
- Oakland Community College, Bloomfield Hills.
- Northeast Oakland Vocational Educational Center, Pontiac.

Attempted murder charge is lodged

A Monday, Aug. 5, preliminary examination date has been set for Alvin Martin McFall in connection with a May 28 shooting at a graduation party attended by Clarenceville students in Farmington Hills.
McFall is charged with assault with intent to commit murder, attempted murder, and two counts of possession of a firearm while in the commission of a felony.
"It's set for August," said Lt. Ernie Miller, who heads the detective divi-


sion for the Farmington Hills Police. "It's going to be a white off."
Witnesses at the May 28 party told police that a fight broke out involving five or six persons. One of those involved reportedly used a baseball bat, while another used a chair in the fight. During that struggle, a shot was fired, striking Gary Scott Tasco in the neck area.
Tasco, 24, of Detroit, remained in stable condition Friday at Botsford

General Hospital in Farmington Hills, said Russ Tuttle, director of community relations.
McFall, a 23-year-old Redford Township resident, was arraigned on May 28 before Judge Michael Hand of the 47th District Court. McFall stood mute at his arraignment.
A plea of innocent was entered on his behalf by Hand, and McFall was released after placing a \$5,000 cash bond.
Police said the backyard party was held for a 17-year-old Livonia girl who

was graduating from Clarenceville High School. The parents of the 19-year-old boy who hosted the party apparently were out of town.
According to Farmington Hills Police Chief William J. Dwyer, alcohol was consumed during the party and a number of those in attendance were minors, 16 and 17 years old.
Dwyer said no one called police about the party to complain of a disturbance despite the presence of a live band and the attendance of minors.

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