

Urge kids to read over summer

In between your child's swimming, tennis and other outdoor activities, encourage your child to read this summer.

Reading skills take practice, just like perfecting a tennis backhand; summer is the perfect time to build reading skills, while enjoying a pleasant and relaxed activity.

"Keep reading a relaxed activity by encouraging your youngster to read for 15 minutes each day, with-

out forcing him or her to read for longer periods of time," suggests Vivienne Manwaring, director of The Huntington Learning Center in Farmington Hills. Schools or local libraries often sponsor community summer reading programs to keep interest in reading sparked.

Another idea is to look for books and magazines that deal with your child's favorite outdoor activities or sports. "Perhaps your child has an

interest in animals. Then look for books with information on particular animals or with animal heroes," added Manwaring.

Remember, reading and writing skills often go hand-in-hand. Summer may be a good time to have your child write to relatives or pen pals or keep a diary of summer activities.

Daily chores also offer opportunities to build basic skills. "Ask your

child to help write out grocery or shopping lists. Allow your son or daughter to help you cook, practicing reading and organizational skills while following the recipe."

Adolescents may need encouragement to read this summer. Provide reading materials that cover topics your teenager may find interesting, such as music, cars, careers or relationships, Manwaring said.

Library lines up book discussions

Summertime is the perfect time to enjoy a good book — or two or three.

Take advantage of the slower pace of summer, to participate in one or more book discussions at the Farmington Branch Library, 23900 Liberty, at 7:30 p.m. on the following

Wednesday evenings:

- June 17 — "The Rosary Murders" by William Kienzle. During the Lenten season, a string of senseless murders of nuns and priests stump investigators until Father Koester enters the case. Read the book in

preparation for the movie version which was filmed in Detroit and is expected to be released soon.

- July 15 — "Anatomy of a Murder" by Robert Traver. In this classic American courtroom drama, an Upper Peninsula lawyer defends an

army lieutenant who admits to having killed the man who raped his wife. Considered one of the great mystery novels of the twentieth century, this book was written 30 years ago by a native Michigianian.

- Aug. 19 — "The Hunt for Red October" by Tom Clancy. Based on a true incident — the attempted defection of a Soviet destroyer in 1975 — the plot of this novel concerns the defection of the "Red October," a Soviet submarine carrying 26 Seahawk missiles able to destroy 200 cities. From a technical standpoint, this story could happen.

Paperback copies of each of these books are available for check-out at the Farmington Branch Library. For more information, call the library at 474-7770.



Poster child

Juvenile Diabetes Foundation poster child Katie Kronk of Farmington meets WXYZ-TV news anchor Bobbie Timmins (left) and University of Michigan football broadcaster Jim Brandstatter. Timmins and Brandstatter are honorary co-chairpersons of the second annual NutraSweet Classic, benefiting the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation. This golf and tennis event will take place on Monday, June 8, at the Washenaw Country Club, Ypsilanti.

obituaries

LYDIA M. LENZ

Mrs. Lenz, 83, of Livonia, formerly of Farmington, died May 15 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Born in Clare, Mich., Mrs. Lenz was a homemaker.

Survivors include her son, J. William; a daughter, Shirley Groff; sister, Ann Mack; brother, Harry Brown; four grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services were May 20 at the First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Arthur Spafford officiating. Burial was in Forest Lawn Cemetery, Detroit. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

Memorials may be made to the church.

ROBERT E. LARSEN

Mr. Larsen, 62, of West Bloomfield, formerly of Farmington, died May 16 in Providence Hospital, Southfield.

Mr. Larsen worked in sales.

Surviving is his aunt, Mildred V. Larsen.

Services were May 20 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

er-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Joseph L. Baker of Covenant American Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Royal Oak.

VERONICA P. BYLSKI

Mrs. Bylski, 84, of Bloomfield Hills died May 17 in St. Mary Hospital, Livonia.

Mrs. Bylski was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughters, Helen Kelly and Lenore Jagodzinski; brother, Stanley Danowski; 17 grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren.

Services were May 20 at the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington. Mass was celebrated at St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church with the Rev. Joseph Drogowski officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

ELAINE H. JUNTTI

Mrs. Juntti, 79, of Farmington Hills died May 21 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Toivola, Mich., Mrs. Juntti was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Edwin; sons, David, Harold and Phillip; daughters, Carolyn Kangas and Lynda Reissanen; sisters, Helen Frisk, Hilla Murray, Mary Kotila and Hilda Gode; 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren.

Services were May 23 at the First Apostolic Lutheran Church. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi. Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

ESTHER C. ZANON

Mrs. Zanon, 88, of Farmington Hills died May 20 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Born in Cies, Austria, Mrs. Zanon was a homemaker.

Survivors include her brothers,

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