

Summer Reading Club sports party theme

Bring the kids in to sign up for this year's Summer Reading Club. "The 1987 Sesquicentennial Parade of Readers - Search for the 150th Birthday Party," beginning June 18.

Reading certificates, special incentives and a final party will be awarded to preschoolers and kindergartners who read at least 12 books with their parents, and to elementary students who read at least six books. Dates and details are available at either branches children's room.

We'll kick off this year's Summer Reading Club with a Channel 2 Storybreak presented by newscaster Mattie Majors. Bring the whole family to hear stories for kids of all ages as part of Channel 2's "For Kids Sake" campaign 11-11:45 a.m. Saturday, June 20, at the Farmington Hills branch.

This year, the young adult department at the Farmington Hills branch is presenting a famous first - we're making a rock video. The library is working with cable station TV 10 at North Farmington High School to present a music video workshop. Featured will be the local rock band Legal Tender.

THE CLASS will be taught by the young people who operate TV 10. Those enrolled in the workshop will be given a chance to do some filming and editing themselves.

Friday, June 26, will be party night when the video has its debut screening. The workshop will be held at the TV 10 studio at North Farmington High School during the week of June 22-26 at 6:30 p.m. each evening.

Don't forget to pick up good summer reading for your vacation. The library will extend the loan period on all but new books for the duration of your trip. Check with the circulation desk at either branch for more details.

Learn the basics of estate planning at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at the Farmington Hills branch. Attorney Larry A. Peck will be on hand to discuss wills, the basics of property settlements and the legal effects of various forms of ownership.

FRANK LOHAN, Farmington Hills artist and author of several books on art techniques, will conduct a program on the topic of simplified perspective for the beginning artist. Lohan's presentation will include a demonstration of one- and two-point perspective principles that will be helpful for artists from middle-school age through adults. This program is presented as a service activity for the Farmington Artists Club. Join us at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 11, at the Farmington branch library.

Give the gift of life, give blood at the Farmington Hills branch. An American Red Cross bloodmobile will visit us 1:30-7:30 p.m. Monday, June 15. Help us meet our quota.

Each month this summer, the Farmington branch will host a Michigan film festival. We'll begin with three films at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 15. "Welcome to Michigan" will present many of the state's tourist attractions, both famous and less-known. We'll follow a family backpacking through Isle Royale in "Six Packed to Go." Our third film for the evening will be "Carole Morisseau and the Detroit City Dance Co."

Special programs have been planned for your elementary-age children. For grades one through three, we will present "Digging Up Dinosaurs" and "In a Summer Garden."

Grades three and up can join us for "Digging Up Dinosaurs" and "Green Thumb Fun." Details are available from either branches juvenile department.

For more information on these or any other activities at the Farmington Community Library, call the Farmington Hills branch at 553-0300 or the Farmington branch at 474-7770.

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SUMMER BOOK discussions will begin this month with "The Rosary Murders" by William Kienzle. The group will meet at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, at the Farmington branch. Copies are available for check-out at either branch.

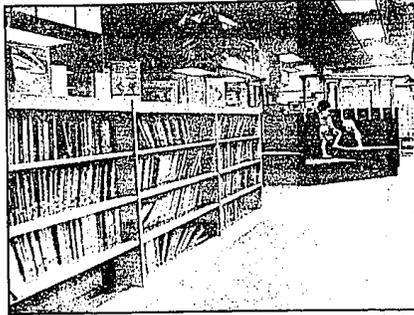
Preschoolers and kindergartners can enjoy all sorts of fun activities, films, songs, and stories at both branches this June. Upcoming programs are "Dinosaurs, Beavers" and "Barnyard Notes." Call for dates, times and places.

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In salute Friends honor library supporters

The Farmington Community Library's 12 Mile Branch was brightened Friday night with the Friends of the Library's first gala in celebration of its members' generosity.

The evening's main attraction, the Michigan Opera Theatre's Touring Company performed selections from Jerome Kern, Cole Porter and George Gershwin.

Loree Capper, Laurie Mecker, Karl Schmidt and Mark Vondrak sang to 140 Friends. The musical fare was Broadway's best.

Friends president Roz Greenberg cited longtime resident Wendell Brown for his efforts in establishing the Friends thirty years ago.

IN PART, her citation read, "In 1954, Mr. Brown was instrumental in establishing the Farmington Friends of the Library."

"Prior to the mid-fifties, there was no legal way by which a library could serve the City of Farmington and Farmington Township. Through the efforts of Wendell Brown, the state Legislature passed a special act authorizing two or more municipalities to operate a library jointly and to set up a District Library Board with comprehensive powers."

"Since Mr. Brown served as president and as a director and because of the aforementioned activities, he is one of very few who have been given an honorary life membership in the Friends."

With modesty, Brown accepted the plaque prepared in his honor.

In turn, library director Bev Papal presented Greenberg with a plaque "recognizing Roslynne Greenberg's outstanding leadership as president of the Farmington Friends of the Library."

GREENBERG EXPRESSED her appreciation to Papal and the library staff for their help in promoting this event.

"But most of all," she said, "I want to thank the Friends Board of Directors: Mary Alice Hebert, John Carlson, Charlotte Yaverski, Rose Marie Fertig, Stan Grabowski, Jack Hurwitz and Bonnie King. Everyone worked diligently to make this evening successful."

A wine and cheese reception was a

featured part of the evening with delicacies provided by area merchants. Library staff members led tours, explaining the library's operation and pointing out purchases made possible by contributions from the Friends.

The Friends of the Farmington Library purchase numerous materials and support a number of programs at both branches. For information about membership in the Friends, call the library at 553-0300.

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