

Youth programs unveiled

Summer is upon us! Children and librarians at the Farmington Community Library are gearing up for exciting programs and the Summer Reading Club.

In May, children's librarians from both branches visited the elementary schools with a slide/tape show called "Crocodile Chronicles" which featured the letters of Caroline and Christopher Crocodile that detailed their summer adventure. The theme of this year's Summer Reading Club is "Passport to Adventure."

Throughout the summer, members record the authors and titles of books they read and report on in their Reading Record. Those who report on at least six books will receive a certificate and be invited to a party on Aug. 4 featuring Crossroads, a touring theater company.

Preschoolers and kindergartners can join the Read-To-Me program, "Smile With A Crocodile," in which children keep track of the books they read with a parent or sibling. When the child records at least 12 books, they will receive a certificate and be invited to a party featuring storyteller Marilyn O'Connor Miller on Aug. 2.

In both book clubs, there are spe-

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cial prizes when goals are reached, including a chance at the guessing jar for each two books read.

OTHER SUMMER events include the parent-toddler program "Summer Sizzler" at the Farmington Hills Branch and "Summer Daze" at the Farmington Branch. Registration at both branches begins Friday, June 10. The popular program, "Kindergarten, Here We Come," will also be offered at both branches. Register in person beginning June 10.

Young adults ages 11 and up who would like to work as volunteers at either branch library are urged to pick up an application form at either reference desk. Volunteers help librarians with behind-the-scenes jobs, assist at children's programs and do special library projects. At the end of the summer, all volunteers will be recognized and rewarded with a party.

"Computer Pix" will be available this summer for young adults in sev-

enth grade and up. Our computer matches your reading interests from a questionnaire available at either branch. A list of books specially selected will be available in about two weeks.

A baseball-card trading session will be held at 10:15 a.m. Saturday, June 4, at the Farmington Branch. Bring your friends.

IF YOU'RE into reading science fiction or fantasy, writing, gaming, science or simply enjoy the unusual, stop in on our Science Fiction/Fantasy Fan Club. There will be a different presentation each month. Please join us at 7 p.m. Wednesday, June 8, at the Farmington Hills Branch.

We'll kick off our summer book discussions with "Communion" by Whitley Strieber. Reviewed as brilliant, compelling and provocative, this is sure to be a lively discussion at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 13, at the Farmington Branch.

How would you like some innova-

tive ideas for that patio party, birthday party or any coming celebration? Cindy Jendrychowski, manager of Let's Party in Farmington, will present new, festive ideas at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 21, at the Farmington Hills Branch.

Dealing with life after divorce, with special emphasis on the problems and challenges of the single parent, will be the focus of a lecture by Beberle Verselle of Oakland Community College. The program will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, June 23, at the Farmington Hills branch.

Our summer film series will begin at 7:30 p.m. Monday, June 27, at the Farmington branch. We will be showing "Cornelius Vanderbilt II Homes" and "Gardens of San Simeon." No reservations are required.

Don't let summer's delicious fruits and vegetables go to waste. At 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, June 28, at the Farmington Hills branch, a presentation on food preservation will be given by Linda Exum, home economist with Oakland County Cooperative Extension Services. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

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

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Broomfield backs road spending bill

U.S. Rep. William Broomfield, R-Birmingham has joined as cosponsor to a bill that could bring millions of dollars of federal highway spending to Oakland County and Michigan.

million for Oakland County. Broomfield charges that the money is not being spent because of Congressional smoke-and-mirrors budgeting.

By some estimates, a \$15 billion surplus is sitting in the Highway Trust Fund collecting interest, when it could be spent to improve roads throughout the area. The Michigan Department of Transportation believes that if such money were spent, it could mean \$200 million in additional highway work for Michigan and an additional \$20

"I believe that it is totally irresponsible for the federal government to refuse to invest these much needed highway dollars in order to hide the true depth of our budget deficit. Actions like this show the mockery that Congress is making out of our budget process," said Broomfield, whose district includes the Farmington area.



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Rehabilitation unit employees lend hand at sports festival

More than 20 employees and family members from the Botsford General Hospital Inpatient Rehabilitation Unit spent May 18-22 working. But they didn't mind.

For four days, the Botsford volunteers officiated at competitions, measured distances during field events and provided help and support to the participants in this year's Michigan Sports Festival on the campus of Eastern Michigan University.

A successful weekend, the competition will send 12 athletes to international competition at the Para-

lympic Games in Seoul, Korea, this October.

Often compared to the Special Olympics, the Michigan Sports Festival at the Physically Challenged provides a competitive sports program for people whose ability to function physically is limited either by accident or illness. It is sponsored by the Michigan Cerebral Palsy/Les Autres Sports Association and the Michigan Wheelchair Association.

Events at the Sports Festival included track and field, archery and target shooting, swimming, cycling,

weight lifting and table tennis.

Maureen Mudgett, co-director of the Sports Festival and a therapeutic recreation specialist at Botsford, said, "The games are a great help in our goal of returning patients to activities they enjoyed before their loss of physical function. Competition also provides the athletes with a deeper sense of satisfaction and self-worth."

Botsford General Hospital is a community-based osteopathic hospital at 28050 Grand River, Farmington Hills 48024, 471-8000.

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