

# The summer of '92. One for the books.



John Notarianni read "about 20 books" over the summer months of '92 and won a \$50 shopping spree at Borders Book Shop for his achievement.

Some of the books were long and some were short, but the important thing here is that John got involved in our 1992 reading challenge.

In third grade at Hillside Elementary in Farmington Hills, John says he likes Mrs. Weh, his new teacher.

He also cares enough about his sister, Molly, who also completed the reading challenge, to share part of his prize with her.

In addition to books, John has been known to pick up a magazine or two... or three... or four. Nintendo Power, Boys' Life, Kid's City and National Geographic are all on his reading list.

The "what do you want to be when you grow

up" question was answered honestly—nine year old John doesn't know. He does, however, know that he likes to play with GameBoy, GI Joe, and Legos.

And we know that he likes to read.

To read. A basic skill that too many Americans have not adequately mastered. It's estimated that as many as one in five Americans has a reading problem at a time when 90 per cent of all occupations require some reading and writing, and at least 45 million Americans lack the skills necessary to compete.

Sad isn't it? Is anything being done to bring lower this depressing statistic? Happily, the answer is "yes." In schools and libraries in your community, volunteers and professionals are tackling the problems of adult illiteracy.

And, if an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure, it would seem worthwhile to encourage

young people like John to discover the magic of books and magazines.

More than 200 youngsters from first to eighth grade participated in the 1992 Reading Challenge which was sponsored by Borders Book Shop and The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers. These children read at least three newspaper articles and three books during the summer. Several read many more than that. John was the big winner in our final drawing and 25 of the children listed below(★) won \$10 gift certificates.

Of course, we think they're all winners. It's been proven that when children read during the summer months they maintain *or improve* their reading skills. If they fail to open a book or pick up a magazine or make reading a regular part of their lives, their reading skills drop off by the time school opens.

## Congratulations Reading Challengers!

**Ann Arbor**  
Tom Robbins

**Berkley**  
Cory Scott Baker  
Katie MacIntyre

**Beverly Hills**  
Elizabeth Wright

**Birmingham**  
Bobby Elliott  
★ Jenny Smith

**Bloomfield Hills**  
Rebecca David  
Justin Cravens  
Jeff Krause  
Chase Ramsey  
Alyce Dohring  
★ Katy Cuneaz  
Melissa Robin  
Scott Robin

**Canton**  
★ Zachary White  
★ Nicholas Hedrick  
Thomas Carney  
Ryan Kals  
Adrienne Muncy  
Sarah Ann Pawlik

**Amy Haas**  
Brian Haas  
Christopher Jagalla  
Edwin Choi

**Detroit**  
Bashar Taubla  
Danny Yousif  
Lydia Mansoor  
★ Elizabeth Blazo  
Sarah Blazo  
Sylvia Mama  
Lamar Nowell  
Tony Longlois  
Stephen Massa  
Andrea Merritt  
Maureen Dixon  
Angela Jones  
Delmaria Oliver  
Billie Clark  
DeAndre Nicholas

**Farmington**  
Kevin Helst  
Shaun Godwin

**Farmington Hills**  
Alex Sarkisian  
Amanda Whitten  
Kristen Wolff  
Chris Swartz  
Greg Thursam  
Paul Kittinger  
Steven Koenigsberg  
★ John Notarianni  
Molly Notarianni  
Jennifer Ramirez  
Courtney Gutenschwager  
Meera MacWilliams  
Stacey Ann Schroeder  
Katie Maus  
Sarah Berkley  
★ Kathleen Stevens  
Kent Stevens  
Jessica Yurasak  
Stacey B. Shild  
Rachel Zuckman  
Becky Goodroe  
Kriszy Schwartz  
Meghan Parker  
Jaime Berkley  
Eric Karz  
Laura Phelps  
Christie Ploski  
John Szymusiak  
Erika Anderson  
Heather Irvin

**Garden City**  
Kristen Drzen  
Alex Pritchard  
Paul Istrate  
Rachel Lawnicki  
David Faerber  
★ Haley David  
Christopher Hocking  
Marc Fritz

**Highland**  
Marc A. Kirsten  
Casey Kirsten

**Inkster**  
Leilani Lawrence

**Livonia**  
Krislana Daraskovich  
Terry Owens  
Linda Karbo  
Katie Taugerousse  
Jack Dekovich  
★ Kathy Connor  
Stephanie Inson  
Jennifer Pellier  
★ Jessica Mackay  
Julia Dekovich  
Jessica Hrivnak  
Jackie Ostrosky  
Laura Gniewek

**Elizabeth Gniewek**  
★ Ronnie Weaver  
Michael O'Neill  
★ Brandon Chitwood  
Jonathan Masnari  
Justin Parzuchowski  
Ashley Conrad  
Christina Sammut  
Meagan Yuchas  
Brent Landau  
Gwendolyn Ostrosky  
Elizabeth Paszek  
Kalin Albertsen  
Lindsay Navara  
Andrew L. Timson  
Chris Bosen  
Christina Dahlin  
Lary Truxell  
★ Christopher Walczyk  
Nicholas Walczyk  
Mark Walczyk  
Lauren Kaminski  
Jonathan Typak  
Janica Nawicki

**Northville**  
Christopher Lebel  
★ Krystalyn Wulff  
Jennifer Wulff  
Kim D'Anna  
Lindsay D'Anna  
Stephen Bratcher

**Orchard Lake**  
Nicole Falzon

**Plymouth**  
Lisa Wolf  
Janine Korovesis  
★ Kelly Cezat  
Tim Brady  
Jill Schmalhurst  
Kevin Joy

**Redford**  
Amie King  
Emily Lapham  
★ Eric Lewis  
★ Sarah Moran  
Becky McDonald  
Emily Merrill  
Mark St. Amour  
Laura Harlukowicz  
Stephen Porosky  
Ann Lapham  
★ Kevin McGorey  
Jonathan Richards  
John Meissner  
Kim Russell  
Rose-Anne Meissner

**Rochester**  
Brian Corteville

**Rochester Mills**  
Julia Ann Stromayer  
★ Jennifer Arent

**Royal Oak**  
Ashley Nowak  
Katherine Fox

**Southfield**  
Kassandra Stout  
★ Craig Oliver  
Tim Walker  
Omar M. Young  
Theresa Gallagher  
Brandon Kaplan  
Colicia Johnson  
Brandalyn Fulton  
Jennifer Cooke  
Inez Walker  
★ Jennifer Kurland

**Troy**  
Anish Gupta  
Bathany Laskos  
Christy Lawson  
★ Richard Drew  
Jimmy Choate  
Kathlyn Malia Beyer  
Rory Makana Beyer  
Jason Lurie  
★ Brandon Hohner  
Bridget Hohner  
Jason Castine  
Anthony L. Cooper

**Union Lake**  
Gail Pallister

**Westland**  
Charity Smith  
Dawn Tappen  
Steven Tamaraglio  
★ Jessica Berner  
Jeremy Crookshanks

**West Bloomfield**  
Lanna Greene  
Aaron Greene  
Matt Greene  
★ Adam Antczak  
Billy Barksdale  
Erin M. Barksdale  
Lindsey Feries  
Chandan Mehta  
Michael Rudy  
Michelle Tarnow  
Nikki Petronio  
Scott Rosen  
★ Jodi Snider  
Allison Heckman  
Evan Budaj  
Natalie Burbridge  
Meagan Burbridge  
Jennifer Trigger

**White Lake**  
Kelly Floyd