

Summer at the library

Reading club welcomes all ages

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The Farmington Community Library, with locations in downtown Farmington and on 12 Mile in Farmington Hills, has a summer reading club for people of all ages.

This summer, there's a different theme for each level.

"Next year, we'll try to consolidate the themes," said Marilyn Smith, senior librarian at the Farmington branch.

The adult department is sponsoring its first summer reading club — "Read Around the World." Through Aug. 31, readers choose a state in which they want to begin and read a book either set in that state or written by an author from that state.

Suggested titles/authors for each state are available on bookmarks at each branch.

After reading five books from five different states, adult readers fill out a slip to be entered in a drawing for prizes donated by local companies and several autographed books.

For every book after the initial five, readers get another chance at the drawing.

The person who has read his way through the most states by Aug. 31 will be the grand prize

winner. In the event of a tie, a drawing will be held. To be eligible, reading records must be turned in to the library by Tuesday, Aug. 31. They may be returned by person, mail or fax. Drawings will be on Sept. 1. Enrollees currently number 62 adults.

Games for youngsters

The summer reading club at the young adult level is actually a game — but also with the travel theme.

Someone has stolen computer disks from Ichtia Travel, the winner of the grand prize. The "Bop 'Round the World 'til You Drop" newsletter. The goal is to find where in the world they have been hidden and who hid them at a specific location in the country. If someone doesn't make that discovery, her portly competitor, Lotta Donuts, will get the disks and Ichtia will be out of a job.

Young adults going into sixth through 12th grades will help save Ichtia from unemployment by joining the "Read Around the World: An Earth Shaking Summer Reading Program for Teens" program through Aug. 3.

Teens will read books in the library at their reading level or above. For travel fans, a Travel Log, with suggested titles will be available at both branches. When they return the book they have read, students will fill out an excursion report, receive the cards and mark off the clues to become one step closer to catching the thief.

"It's a whodunit," Smith said. "Readers are left with one correct answer on each level."

Those who collect at least five clue cards are invited to attend the "Read Around the World" party at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 3, in the Farmington Hills branch auditorium.

Readers who complete the program are eligible for the grand prize drawing. A second level is also available that reveals the thief's motive. Young adults who complete this level have an additional chance in the grand prize drawing.

Some of the prizes

Grand prizes for young adults include: a \$25 gift certificate from The Gaps; a Red Wing hockey puck signed by Sheldon Kennedy; a skating party for four at U.S. Blades; and a certificate to "Build Your Own Ice Cream Sundae" at Max & Erma's.

Some 150 young adults are already participating.

Children through age 12 are invited to dive into reading fun with the summer reading club "Make a Splash, Read," running through July 31. Youngsters receive fun incentives for every four books they read or share at home.

Registration is Monday through Saturday until Saturday, July 10. Children completing 12 books are eligible for the grand prize drawing.

A list of activities during the summer reading club is available in the Farmington Community Library summer program booklet available at either branch.

Two special programs for summer reading club members include: an ice cream social 2-4 p.m. Wednesday, Aug. 4, at the Farmington Hills branch; and "A Splash Bash" featuring Rita Kirsch 2-4 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 5, at the Farmington branch.

Some 2,000 children at both branches are already enrolled, Smith said. They receive stickers, certificates and a grand prize featuring a troll hand puppet.

For additional information on any of the summer reading clubs, stop by either branch of the library or call the Farmington branch (474-7770) or Farmington Hills branch (653-0300).

Hills resident dances her way to scholarship

Farmington Hills resident Michelle Eaper, who studies at Plaza Dance Company, has been awarded a scholarship to the 24th summer school for the Performing Arts/Festival of Dance at Marygrove College in Detroit July 5 to Aug. 6.

Eaper will have the opportunity to train in a variety of dance techniques with internationally ac-

claimed master artists, including Jurgen Schneider, Gregory Robinson, Gina Buntz, Barbara Pontecorvo, Tommy Gomez and others.

To receive a free brochure or for more information on the Festival of Dance, call Marygrove College, Division of Continuing Education and Community Service at 862-8000, Ext. 672.

Women Navy vets' group on lookout for recruits

Michigan Unit 32, the Navy women's veterans organization, is looking for new members.

The purpose of the group is to bring together former, retired and present Navy women, including Yeomen of World War I, Navy nurses, Waves (1943-72), Navy women USN, USNR, Marines,

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For more information, contact Julia Barrett, membership chairwoman, 22483 Chester Court, Farmington Hills 48335. The phone number is 471-7477.

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