

# Library fair closes book on summer reading program

When Deborah Jacob signed up her 3-year-old daughter, Jenny, into Farmington Community Library's "Reading is Dino Mite" Summer Reading Club, it was for all the right reasons.

Her friends were going. It promotes a love of reading at an early age. What better way to get ready for preschool or kindergarten?

But there was a bonus for the Jacobs — a night at the Farmington Hills Holiday Inn. With 32 books read, Jenny won a Grand Prize in the age 2-11 category during a recent fun festival at the William Costick Activities Center, to cap off the year's program. She won the top prize for children who read at the downtown Farmington branch.

Winning the same "Dino Mite" Grand Prize, representing the Farmington Hills branch, was Lauren Haas. Meanwhile, Sean MacLennan won a Grand Prize (Disc Man) in the "Digging Up Dinosaur DNA: A Summer Mystery Puzzle for Young Adults" category, for middle school and high school students participating at both branches.

"It's good for the kids because it gives them a head start to prepare for preschool and kindergarten," said Deborah Jacob, praising the reading incentive program. "And it teaches them to sit still long enough to finish a book, to concentrate."

Kathy McFarland's three youngsters are older, more able to focus for longer periods of time than a 2- or 3-year-old child. But she liked the fact they took part in the club for other reasons. Among club kids were Ken, 8, and 5-year-old twins Chris and Lisa.

"It gives the kids something to do," said McFarland, whose children visited the Hills branch. "It just continues what they do during school. And the library (has) a nice atmosphere in the summer. It's quiet and cool."

Chris and Lisa read about 40 children's titles while Ken completed 26 longer books. Despite their efforts, they did not win any of the raffle prizes.

But, McFarland said, the celebration itself was enough of a



**Big on books:** George Mugerian, 7, browses through books at a recent fun fair to conclude the "Reading is Dino Mite" Summer Reading Club.

reward. Besides plenty of prizes, young readers and their parents enjoyed a fun evening that featured sidewalk art, face painting, book swaps, clowns, hayrides and lots of popcorn. According to Merry Beth Tacy, children's librarian at the Farmington branch, the club continually grows in popularity, with about 8,000 children participating this year. Tacy said the participation

reflects parents' attitudes toward reading.

"The community, as a whole, is interested in having their kids read past school," she said. "... it's nice to see them keep reading and stay in the library."

The celebration, attended by about 800, was co-sponsored by the Farmington Community Library, Farmington Hills Special Services and the Farmington YMCA.

## And the winners are ...

Following are young readers who won prizes in various club categories:

■ **"Reading is Dino Mite"** (ages 2-11): Farmington branch: Jenny Jacob: family overnight stay at Farmington Hills Holiday Inn; John Bowden: baseball signed by Tigers pitcher Justin Thompson; Andrea Smith, Liz Elander: \$20 gift certificate from Borders; Tom Zubly: Detroit Rockers tickets; Zach Willey, Zara Mogilskaya, Alex Klosek, Maria McCarthy: United Artists Theatre movie passes; Christian Salcedo, Rebecca Darnbrook, Kellyann Wargo, Cameron Stanford, Joshua Suh: Farmington Civic movie passes; Azra Jasm: dinosaur clothes rack; Marielle Temkin: dinosaur T-shirt; Joshua Wilson: \$5 gift certificate for the Family Buggy restaurant; Matthew Gutknecht, Bethany Peterson, Thomas Carrera, Timothy Truitt, Begun Uru, Scott Paschke, Melissa Burns: passes to Bonaventure Skating Center; John Cafec: Land Before Time Dinosaur; Paige Davis: \$5 gift certificate to Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum; Rohit Abraham: free passes to Phazer-Land; Evan Henri: free passes to Drakeshire Lanes; David Mitchell: free passes to Farmington Hills Ice Arena; Morrin McGungie, Corey Christensen, Mike Danielson, Lillie Beiting: "Mystery of the Cupboard" hardcover book; Laura Drater: Putt-Golf pass; Steven Murphy: dinosaur to paint at Fun with Plas-

ter; Shannon Harris, Andrew Wilcox: Chille Leads: hardcover gift book.

■ **"Digging Up Dinosaur DNA"** (children ages 12 and up): Farmington-Farmington Hills branch: Sean MacLennan: Diak Man; Jacquelyn Anousiak, Dan Turetzky: \$20 gift certificate; Harmony House; Jaclyn Silver: \$20 gift certificate; Borders; Nicole DeGrande, Ryan McCullough: two bowling game passes, Drakeshire Lanes; Christine Bieber, Kenji Donohue, Andrea Mazanka, Bill Fless, Beth Vols: movie passes to Farmington Civic; Linda Nguyen: \$5 gift certificate, Marvin's Marvelous Mechanical Museum; Teesta Khat: two free passes, Phazer-Land; Kim Merline: two free passes or game rentals, Blockbuster Video; Mary List: two free passes, Farmington Hills Ice Arena; Jessica Paele: Mary Styler: two free passes; Putt-Golf; Melinda DeSantis, Beth Stieber, Jay Turetzky: House T-shirt; Laura Jacob: Stephanie Salwen: two passes to Bonaventure Skating Center; Galin Torossian: passes to United Artists Theatre.

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## Robbery from page A1

Adams, believed to be the driver in the getaway vehicle, also was charged with fleeing and eluding police officers.

All were in 47th District Judge Maria Parker's courtroom Friday when the examination was postponed to give McCarthy enough time to get up to speed with the felony case. Assistant prosecutor Elizabeth Chisholm said discovery for the case amounts to a stack of police reports and witness statements measuring 1 1/2-inches thick.

After the attorneys discussed the matter with their clients, all said they would agree to waive the rule stipulating that preliminary examinations must take

place within 14 days of arraignment.

Meanwhile, it took more than three hours for Friday's abbreviated session to begin.

Most of the morning, defense attorneys Otis Cullenper and Gerald Evelyn, who represent York and Carter, respectively, sat in the court corridor waiting for a third attorney to show up. Eventually, McCarthy was found. But then, his selection had to go through proper approval procedures with Oakland County Circuit Court.

Additional time was spent waiting for the defendants to arrive from the Oakland County Jail.

All three attorneys then convinced Parker that the case needed to be delayed. McCarthy asked for a week postponement, because he begins another case in circuit court Monday.

"I understand there are a lot of witnesses here," McCarthy said. "But I was just appointed... I'm very anxious about going forward at this time without being properly prepared."

Parker continued \$500,000 corporate surety bonds for each defendant.

The armed robbery began about 6:25 a.m. Aug. 3 at the 10 Mile-Grand River Denny's, when three men entered wearing bandannas on their faces. They announced a hold-up to employees and five customers and displayed a weapon inside a duffel bag.

Employees and customers were bound with duct tape and ordered to lay on the floor in the women's bathroom for 10 minutes. No one was injured. Southfield and Farmington

Hills police stopped three men, in a Volkswagen Jetta, with the assistance of a Denny's employee who called police from a cellular telephone in the restaurant parking lot. The witness then followed the Volkswagen, trailing behind at a safe distance, advising police of the suspects' whereabouts until they caught up.

Police recovered money from the car and on the suspects, and later found a gun, bandannas and gloves.

The three defendants are suspects in similar recent incidents in other communities, including Southfield, Lathrup Village and Livonia.

Approximately 10 friends or acquaintances of the defendants sat in the courtroom for the postponement. All were scanned with a hand-held metal detector before entering the courtroom. A court officer said they were checked for weapons because of suspected links to gang activity.

## CAMPUS NOTES

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### NORTHERN GRADS

Matt Weston of Farmington and William Daano of Farmington Hills graduated from Northern Michigan University after the winter semester.

Weston received a bachelor of arts degree in history and Daano received a bachelor of sciences degree in geography.

### MAGNA CUM LAUDE

Albion College senior Letitia Watson graduated magna cum laude in May with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

### TO THE POINT

Jeanne Murdock of Farmington Hills was named to the dean's list at Northern Michigan University for the winter semester. She earned a perfect 4.0 GPA.

### RUSSIAN STUDIES

Katherine Mistorovich of Farmington Hills, a 1994 graduate of Mercy High School, studied abroad this summer at the Volgograd State Architecture and Engineering Academy in

Volgograd, Russia. She is a senior at Michigan State University majoring in civil and environmental engineering.

### DETROIT DEANS

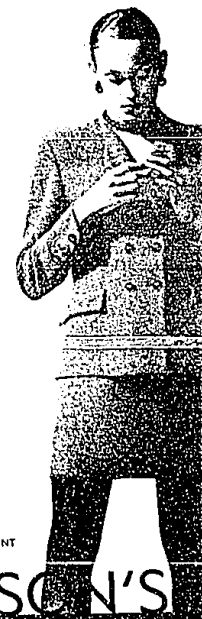
The following Farmington Hills residents were named to the Dean's List at Detroit College of Business at the end of the spring semester: Leesa Hanekecht, Troy Strong, Suzette Wiescinski, Sharon Richardson and Robert Rosa.

### LAWRENCE DEAN'S

The following Farmington Hills residents have been named to the Dean's List at Lawrence Technological University for the spring semester: Steven Ambrose, Adam Breitbach, Christina Cutright, Gary Dowd, Timothy Downey, Rachel Gambino, Richard Goerke, Pamela Haataja, Niccollo Howard, Darrell Irwin, Joseph Jackman, Magdalena Medlowska, Jason Nantals, Kurt Odmark, Jill Orecutt, Jason Porter, Vitaly Selektor, Pamela Shelby, John Shepherd, Ronald Shockey, Roger Stadler, Sara Stofor, Mariya Torokhov, Maria Trejo and Luyan Wang.

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