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The computer lab will have glass walls dividing the open area. There will be 22 computers in the lab and 24 computers for outside reference use.

An upstairs area will house the new administrative offices, conference rooms and lounges. Most of the rooms have windows.

A large staircase with easy-to-use steps will connect the two levels.

Papal is excited about the new children's area, which will be expanding the current children's section by more than 5,000 square feet. She pointed out a Video Spin Browser will allow children to pick a multitude of topics on a screen and control the motion of the video.

"We looked at how we can link technology with portions of the collection," she said.

The children's area will have a theme of circles, triangles and squares. A hands-on learning center will include a large pin screen, musical instruments, an obstacle course for cognitive development and a touch screen computer.

Remodeling's next

Once the new section is open, work will begin on remodeling the library's existing 38,000 square



STAFF PHOTO BY BILL BREKLER

Futurist: Library Executive Director Bev Papal looks forward to the opening of the new addition.

feet. By November, the director said, that work should be done and a dedication ceremony for the new library will take place in

early December. Voters in August 1998 approved a .5-mill tax increase for the library expansion. The nearly \$2 million annu-

al proceeds will be split between construction costs and operating expenses for the expansion.

Among the improvements:

- A larger reference area.
- Study areas wired for laptop computer users to connect to the Internet.

- A new media room that will hold 300 people.
- A video conference center for 10 people.

- A skylight walkway that will connect the old library with the addition.

- A business collection with five computers.

- A fireplace with artistic tiling set by artist John Glick.

- A public lounge.

- A drive-thru drop off window.

- A Farmington History Collection room will be added and a part-time archivist will put the collection in order.

Other highlights of the new library focus on the artistic, including etched glass walls, stained glass in the children's area and a 30-by-60-foot woodlands scene embossed in cast aluminum to be set up behind the new circulation desk. The scene was captured at the Woodland Hills nature park in Farmington Hills.



STAFF PHOTO BY ELIZABETH CANNIGIE

Silent bidders: Festival goers checking out items up for auction included new Farmington City Council member Michael Harrison and his wife, Joan (foreground).

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and programs at the Costick Center this week.

A new addition this year is a performance by the modern-style swing band The Mighty Meaty Swing Kings. Tickets for the Saturday, May 4, performance are \$10 and \$12 and are available at the door.

The remaining hours for the festival are:

- Thursday, May 2, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

- Friday, May 3, 10 a.m.-8 p.m. Farmington Schools Dance Performance, 7 p.m.

- Saturday, May 4, noon-8 p.m. Mighty Meaty Swing Kings concert, 8 p.m.

- Sunday, May 5, 2-5 p.m. Community Band Concert, 3 p.m.

Man claims ex-girlfriend kidnapped him

A resident in the 21600 block of Greenhill in the Greenhill Apartments told police his ex-girlfriend, a 39-year-old Farmington Hills woman, came to his apartment around 3 a.m. Sunday and held him at gunpoint while she had him discuss why they broke up.

At one point, the woman hit the man with a cordless phone on the head and he suffered a cut. She had him drive her to an ATM around 7 a.m. where he

woman left her purse in her unlocked vehicle. She discovered on Monday \$100 cash missing

from inside the purse.

—Compiled by staff writer Paul

R. Pace from reports filed with the Farmington Hills Police Department.

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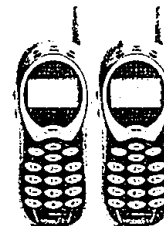
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