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JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1994



PROGRAMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FROM THE DIRECTOR



1993 was a very exciting year for the library, especially in terms of technology. We moved to our new automation system which includes our database of materials plus over 400 magazines indexed on all terminals. We also installed a local area network (LAN). The LAN consists of six work stations that can simultaneously access a variety of reference databases on CD-ROM. We currently have Newsbank and SIRS available and will soon install Health Reference. We also have the National Gallery of Art on laser disc.

1994 promises to be even more exciting as we connect electronically with at least six other libraries for expanded resource sharing. Besides having access to the other library collections, we will have a direct connection to the "Electronic Information Super Highway" (Internet). Also, we hope to have online access to full text magazine articles at our public terminals. Patrons will be able to search for an article, read the full text on the screen, and, if it meets their information needs, print it.

A fun addition to the Youth Department is their interactive book on CD-ROM. Children of all ages enjoy Just Grandma and Me. Each page comes alive for the child. Besides English, the book can be read and explored in Spanish and Japanese. In 1994 new titles will be added as they become available.

As we begin the new year, all of us at the library look forward to providing new and enhanced services to meet your information needs. If you have suggestions for ways we might serve you better, please let us know either in person or by using the "patron suggestion" function on the library terminals. You can even dial in with your suggestions from home.

Our collective New Year's resolution is to give you the best possible library service. On behalf of the Board and staff, I wish you a Happy New Year.

Jean Tabor



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Two programs are offered
this month. An informative
session on home schooling
is offered to parents and
educators only, 10 a.m. to 2
p.m. Saturday, Feb. 5.

A nature quest program
for junior and senior high
school students as well as
adults is 7-8:30 p.m. Mon-
day, Feb. 21. Overview will
be given of mestodon
trackway excavation and a
review of dinosaurs will be
presented. Register for ei-
ther program, 397-0999.

Friends elect new officers

The Friends of the Canton
Public Library began 1994 with
plans for another successful year
and new slate of officers.

Elected at the annual meeting
Jan. 13 were president Bud Stein;
vice president David Reynolds;
secretary Ilene Saunders; treasur-
er Peg Moore; and trustees Wally
Baker (book sales); Patricia Bun-
nell (hospitality); Linda Garrett
(special projects); Marta McCabe
(newsletter); Shirley Reynolds
(past president); Shirley Worpel
(store manager); Coy Sandrock
(homebound book delivery and
book discussion group).

During 1993, the friends raised

more than \$7,500 in used book
sales and \$1,263 in membership
dues. These funds were used to
sponsor the popular Musical Va-
riety Series, as well as \$4,325 to
the library for books, the Michi-
gan History Collection and ap-
erical purchases, such as a laser
disc player and monitor for the
National Gallery of Art.

The friends also sponsored a
scholarship program for the li-
brary pages in association with
Royal Holiday Park Women's
Club. The friends also started the
Friendly Shoppe, a store of gifts,
books and items for book lovers.
The store is open 1-3 p.m. Mon-
day and Fridays.

Observer Feb 9, 1994

Romance book sale

Follow your heart to the Friends of the
Canton Public Library all-romance Used
Book Sale 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday,
Feb. 12, in the library meeting room, 1200 S.
Canton Center Road.

Most books will cost 25 and 50 cents each. The
Friends group has a wide selection, from
Harlequin and Silhouette, to Danielle Steel and
LaVyrle Spencer. The Friendly Gift Shoppe also
will be open.

Observer 2-10-94

Musical variety series

The Friends of the Canton Public Library
are sponsoring "A Victorian Parlor
Evening," featuring Michael Bryce on
classical guitar at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 18,
in the library meeting room, 1200 S. Canton
Center Road.

Bryce will present an elegant time gone by
with his guitar and brief dramatic and humor-
ous readings from his great-grandfather's
scrapbooks.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at the li-
brary reception desk or at the door.
Refreshments will be served. For more infor-
mation, call the library at 397-0999.

Observer Feb 17, 1994

Geologist traces tracks of ancient mastodon

By JOANNE MALCZEWSKI
Staff Writer

Imagine uncovering tracks of an ancient mastodon.

"You can see where the mud dripped off his feet," said geologist Dave Thomas, who teaches at Washtenaw Community College.

The Canton resident will talk about his experiences excavating the bones of a mastodon and discovering an ancient trail. The program is scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, Feb. 27, at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Interested people may register for the presentation either in person or by calling the library at 337-0292.

With the help of slides and bones from other ancient animals, Thomas will explain the excavation in 1992 at a farm west of Saline where the mastodon was found.

"I'm also going to talk about dinosaurs. I want the public to know there's a lot of prehistoric animals that are not dinosaurs," Thomas said.

In January 1992, as workers at the Harry and Lillian Brennan farm and soil business west of Saline were digging a site, they came across bones. The Brennans called in professionals, such as Daniel Fisher, professor of geology and biological sciences at the University of Michigan.

Thomas assisted Fisher. By the end of the excavation — in an area on the farm that was a glacier-formed lake in another era — Fisher, Thomas and others unearthed the bones of an adult male mastodon.

"We excavated about two-thirds of him," Thomas said. "You rarely get 100 percent of the bones in an old peat bog like this."

Scientists found a jawbone with molars, half a pelvis and two vertebrae, a rib, and half a limb bone as they dug deeper through layers of the land. It's believed the mastodon was about 21 years old, stood eight feet at the shoulder, and weighed about five tons.

"Halfway through the excavation in July (1992), we began to find small depressions in the sand that resembled footprints," Thomas said. "We set up a separate team and indeed we found a set of footprints some 30 inches in diameter. They were not of the same animal that we excavated."

Thomas and other scientists developed a theory about the trail. It's believed the mastodons were hunted by Paleo Indians in the same general area where the bones were found. After killing the mastodon, it's theorized the Indians removed part of the animal and left other remains under the ice of the ancient lake for future retrieval.

"These were old lakes or old ponds," Thomas said. "Bones buried in water are preserved much better."

The trail also gave the scientists some idea of the mastodon's behavior simply by studying the footprints. "We found the prints also at a different place. We found a log. We theorize he either hit the log or stepped over it," Thomas said.



The past: Dave Thomas of Canton, a geologist who teaches at Washtenaw Community College, will talk at the Canton Public Library about his work excavating the bones of an 11,000-year-old mastodon and discovery of an ancient mastodon trail near Saline.

Geologist to speak

Canton resident Dave Thomas, a geologist who teaches at Washtenaw Community College, will speak about his experiences excavating the bones of an ancient mastodon and discovering a nearby mastodon trail at 7 tonight in the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Thomas will present a slide show and samples

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March, 1994, is:

- American Red Cross Month
- Cataract Awareness Month
- Foot Health Month
- Mental Retardation Awareness Month
- Music in our Schools Month
- Chronic Fatigue Syndrome Awareness Month
- National Craft Month
- National Feminine Empowerment Month
- National Frozen Food Month
- National Nutrition Month
- National On-Hold Month
- National Peanut Month
- National Professional Social Work Month
- National Talk with your Teen About Sex Month
- National Women's History Month
- Peanut Butter Lover's Month
- Poison Prevention Awareness Month
- Rosacea Awareness Month
- Youth Art Month

Special Weeks include: March 6-12-Girl Scout Week
March 6-12-Volunteers of America Week
March 7-13-Procrastination Week
March 20-26-Chocolate Week
March 20-26-Poison Prevention Week

Special Days: March 1-Lindbergh kidnapping-1932
Peace Corps founded-1961
March 2-Dr. Seuss's birthday*
March 4-World Day of Prayer
March 8-International Women's Day
March 9-Panic Day*
March 10-CPL All Staff Meeting*
March 16-Freedom of Information Day
March 17-St. Patrick's Day
March 18-Annual Snowman Burning Day*
March 20-Vernal Equinox-Spring begins
March 27-Passover Begins-Until April 3



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VOLUNTEERS
Make a World of Difference

Program for the
Annual Volunteer
Appreciation Luncheon.

April 21, 1994

Observer - May 2, 1994

Library honors top volunteers

Canton Public Library volunteers were honored at a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon April 21 during National Library Week for their hours of service.

Special awards were given to two volunteers. Randi Kondrack was given the Flossie Tonda Award for outstanding volunteer service by the library board of trustees. Shirley Worpell was given the Wallace Baker Friend of the Year Award for outstanding commitment to the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

Service volunteers, who donated more than 2,226 hours to the library in 1993, were thanked for their time and efforts: Dolores Auslander, David Cwikla, Patricia Dennington, Carol Donovan, Mildred Hay, Randi Kondrack, Katie Magloci, Mary Meyers, Shirley Reynolds, Irene Saunders, Phyllis Stein, Patricia Bylicki,

■ **Randi Kondrack was given the Flossie Tonda Award for outstanding volunteer service. Shirley Worpell was given the Wallace Baker Friend of the Year Award for outstanding commitment to the Friends of the Canton Public Library.**

Margaret DeConinck, Luciana Dettling, Robert DuCharme, Linda Hetner, Jeanine Krogulecki, Betty Martin, Julie Pröttengieser, Nila Rowland, Margaret Smith, Carolyn Sumner and Surendra Thakore.



Volunteers Make a World of Difference

Library offers fun-filled week

The Canton Public Library is hosting a number of events and activities to celebrate National Library Week, April 17-23.

The Friends of the Canton Public Library will kick off the special week with an annual author brunch at noon Sunday, April 17, at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. Guest speaker will be Mike Fisher, author of "Mike's Guide to the Motor City." Tickets for the brunch in the library meeting room are \$10 each or two for \$15. Tickets are available at the library reception desk.

The Friends also will sponsor a book discussion about "The Kitchen God's Wife" by Amy Tan, at 7 p.m. Monday, April 18. Tan received the National Book Award. The novel is about two women who have kept secrets for 40 years. When one is convinced she is dying, she wants to celebrate the Chinese New Year by ridding herself of certain truths.

Children's books will be the topic of "Book Discoveries"

during which parents can learn about good books for their children. Parents of children in preschool through sixth grade are welcome. While parents are in the library meeting 7:30-8:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 19, children, age 3 and older, may work on a variety of crafts in the storytelling room.

To celebrate National Library Week, library volunteers will be honored at a special reception Thursday, April 21. The Annual Book Bowl also will continue Thursday, including participants who have already won.

At 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 22, the Friends will host a musical variety series in the library meeting room. Residents are invited to celebrate the 1920s through piano and song with Kerry Price as she presents "That Wonderful, Extravagant, Zany Year — 1927." Tickets are available for \$5 each at the library reception desk and will be available in advance or at the door.

For information, call 397-0999.

Dress down

Twenty-nine Canton Public Library staff members and volunteers raised \$211 for the Leukemia Society of America during their Dress Down Day April 30.

Staff and volunteers were able to wear blue jeans and T-shirts for the fund-raiser during National Library Week, said Marcia Barker, library friends and volunteers coordinator.

The society has special meaning for Barker, whose husband, Harvey, had leukemia five years ago. There are 15 types of leukemia. "The society helped by paying for the plan to take him to Seattle for treatment," Barker said.

Observer — May 2, 1994

Youths apprehended in

tire slashing at library

Listed below are some of the Canton police incidents, fire calls and court cases reported during the past week.

■ YOUTHS APPREHENDED

Two Canton juveniles were apprehended by police and petitioned to Wayne County Probate Court in connection with slashing the tires on at least 10 cars parked at the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, March 29 and April 5, said Tammy Colling, Canton police community relations officer.

Detective Dave Shriner responded to a tip that led to the two juveniles. Damage to most of the cars was estimated at more than \$100 each, which is a felony malicious destruction of property charge, Colling said.

Library computer service puts information at your fingertips

By JOANNE MALIŹEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Kick your feet up and relax. You can get into the Canton Public Library without leaving your home - if you have a personal computer.

"You can find out the status of items on hold. You can find out how soon you're going to have those items," said Claire McLaughlin, library technical services director. "From your home you can place your own hold on items."

To tap in, you need a personal computer, a telecommunications software package and a modem. The library system uses VT100 emulation and either 1200 or 2400 baud with the protocol: data bits=8, stop bits=1, parity=N.

You need to dial only one number: 397-3530. After you connect, hit return, and the on-line catalog will appear on your screen.

High-speed modems have too much error correction for the library modems. If you have a high-speed modem, turn off your error correction when trying to access the library, McLaughlin said.

When the on-line catalog comes on your screen, you will get a menu. It will allow you to tap into information, such as the author or title or subject of a book in which you may be interested. You can determine if it's available or how many other people have requested it.

"People really want this information, especially for book sellers," said Jean Tabor, library director.

Other features on the menu include an information system for library activities, such as children's story times, as well as a listing of Canton Township activities, McLaughlin said.

Through the on-line catalog you may also take a peek at your circulation record. To do that



BILL BREWSTER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

On-line: Canton Public Library director Jean Tabor (left) and Claire McLaughlin, library technical services director, demonstrate how residents can use their personal computers to access the library's INNOPAC automated system for information and events.

you will need to type in your name and your library card bar code number. You also need that number to request a book and to place it on hold.

"It is a security issue," McLaughlin said, referring to the bar codes.

When you see the menu on your screen, take note of the choice, "Connect to Magazine Index Plus." It is a general-interest magazine index that allows searching for magazine articles on the same terminal as you search for books and audiovisual materials. The magazine index is not available to dial-ins because of licensing restrictions, McLaughlin said.

If you have any problems with system, call the library at 397-0999.

In June, library patrons will get a bigger treat with the debut of

the Internet system. It will allow users to access a myriad of databases. "These databases are rich with information," McLaughlin said.

Internet includes members of MetroNet, a consortium of seven libraries including Canton, Farmington, Rochester, Southfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Independence Township. MetroNet is a consortium within the larger Wayne-Oakland Library Federation.

Despite a dispute in 1992 with WOLF, a compromise was reached between the larger organization and members of MetroNet, all of which agreed to remain in the consortium.

"The dispute has been resolved. The things we were asking for, we achieved. We can select the services we want," Tabor said.

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A new world: Judy Trachworth, head of the Canton Public Library's youth department, demonstrates Internet, part of the information super highway, which will be available to patrons beginning June 1. Patrons can tap into information from around the country and the world.

Information, please Canton library to put Internet on-line

By JOANNE MALIŹEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

With a few keystrokes, you can tap into computer information around the world.

"This is part of the information superhighway," said Jean Tabor, Canton Public Library director. "It allows you to have access to information from around the country and all around the world."

It is called the Internet. Beginning June 1, Canton library patrons will have six computer terminals in the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, to tap into a wealth of information with the touch of a few computer keys.

The Internet is provided through the MetroNet system, which includes libraries in Canton, Farmington, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Independence Township, Rochester, Birmingham and Bloomfield Township. MetroNet is a consortium of libraries across the larger Wayne-Oakland Library Federation.

"We pooled our money to pay

for the telecommunication linkage," said Beverly Pappi, director of the Farmington Public Library, which serves as the hub of the Internet system for the participating libraries.

When you log onto one of the six Canton library computer terminals, you'll get a menu that will allow you to tap into any of the MetroNet library materials, or you can get onto what is called the Internet Navigator. When you use the terminals, you have to think computer language. You will use a keypad, which is a gateway to the information in Internet. "It's a tool to get around in Internet," Tabor said. "We are stressing this as a learning tool right now."

Internet will allow you to tap into, for example, the National Library of Medicine, National Technological Information Service, Cancer Network, AIDS-RIV data, Comstock-Beaumont Daily, U.S. Census data, the Federal Register, and even daily

speeches made by officials in the Clinton administration.

You can also tap into Michigan State University, the University of Michigan and even the Cleveland Public Library, where Tabor found a full text of Shakespeare. "These are just the starting points. You can go deeper," Tabor said. "I think students will find it useful when they learn how to navigate in Internet."

Internet provides layers of information - and it's easy to get lost. That's why you can enter Internet, find some information you want to look at, and bookmark it. That allows you to take a peek at it later.

With libraries hooked into Internet, residents are assured of access. "We are looking at the importance of the waves and how they rise as libraries will change. We will be training people for lifelong learning," Pappi said.

When you use Internet, you have to be patient. There are tens of users on the system. 15 million, to be exact, with the

expected 20-percent increase monthly, Pappi said. Unlike a book, Internet is constantly changing, with new information being added, sometimes on a daily basis. Internet is also unorganized. That means you're in really in charge, and already computer users can find it and communicate with others around the world.

"They won't be able to talk back and fetch on our terminals," said Judy Trachworth, Canton library youth department director. Two of the six Internet terminals will be in the youth department.

When you log onto one of the six Canton library computer terminals, you'll get a menu that will allow you to tap into any of the MetroNet library materials.



Books galore: Friends of the Canton Public Library members (from left) Marto McCabe, Phyllis Stein, Shirley Reynolds and sale chairman Wally Baker sort books for the upcoming sale.

Book sale offers food for thought

By JULIE BROWN
Staff Writer

The Canton-Plymouth community is full of avid readers, judging by the crowds that show up for its used book sales.

The sale sponsored by the Plymouth Branch, American Association of University Women, May 6-7 at Starkweather Center drew dozens of eager readers. The upcoming sale sponsored by the Friends of the Canton Public Library is also expected to do well.

"This year, we have a real nice collection of children's books," said Marcia Barker, Friends/volunteer coordinator at the library in Canton. There are books on travel, textbooks and a variety of other fiction and

non-fiction selections.

"Just a little bit of everything," Barker said.

The Friends sale will begin 6-9 p.m. Wednesday, May 18, with a members-only preview at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center. Memberships will be sold at the door, at \$3 for students and seniors, \$5 regular membership and \$15 for a family.

The regular sale will take place Thursday through Sunday, May 19-22. It will be held during library hours, 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The Friends also sponsor a mini-sale of books in the fall, along with a sale of romance

novels in February in honor of Valentine's Day. "This is our big one," Barker said of the spring event. "This includes a little bit of everything. It's certainly our big money-maker." Donations for the sale come in throughout the year. "The Canton community is wonderful," Barker said.

Last year's sale raised more than \$6,000, with proceeds supporting library programs and activities, along with special purchases not allowed for in the regular budget.

Wally Baker of Canton is again serving as book sale chairman. "We haven't let go of him because he does such a wonderful job," she said. A number of

other volunteers also work on the sale.

One highlight of this year's event will be a small gift shop featuring books and such gift items as jewelry. It will be open during book sale hours. The shop got started early this year and so far has been open during special library events. Organizers plan to make it a permanent feature of the library.

Prices for used books at the sale will be mostly 25 cents, 50 cents and \$1. It's not uncommon for a sale visitor to buy a book, read it and then donate it for the following year's sale.

"It's kind of nice," Barker said. "We keep these books circulating throughout the year."

Library offers reading programs

Canton kids don't have to worry about having nothing to do this summer. The Canton Public Library will again offer summer reading programs for children.

Two programs will be offered,

one for youth services at the library. There's some flexibility, however, when it comes to choosing one program or the other.

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must be completed in person at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center, south of Cherry Hill (next to the township Administration Building). Registration will continue through July 20.

The Read To Me program will include storytimes on the lawn. Older children will participate in several fun-filled sessions, including a wrap-up concert Thursday, July 28, featuring Gemini.

Various contests and incentives will be featured.

Both programs are designed to encourage summertime reading. Trachworth said, with book selection left up to the kids. Last year, more than 1,200 children participated in the two programs, which are offered free of charge.

For information, call the library, 397-0999.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE - AUGUST 1994



PROGRAMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Our goal at the Canton Public Library is to be your window to the world - the world of information. I am happy to announce that, starting June 1, we will take a big step toward expanding that window by providing access to the Internet from library catalog terminals. For the first time, our patrons will be able to independently access information outside the library walls - information from across Michigan, the United States, and the world.

The Internet (also called "the Information Superhighway") is an ever-changing, somewhat loosely-organized network of databases full of information waiting to be tapped. Government documents, current weather around the world, census data, university library catalogs, and pro sports schedules are but a few of the files you will now be able to read.

Our library resources are no longer limited to books, magazines, and CD products housed within our walls. With our connection to the Metro Net "node" on the Internet, we literally have access to information worldwide.

The structure of the gateways to the Internet is constantly evolving. Our library staff, therefore, is continually training so they can effectively use the Internet for research. You will probably find it most helpful as a browsing tool at first.

Providing this "on-ramp" to the Information Superhighway is another example of our commitment to keep the Canton Public Library on the leading edge in the provision of library service.

Jean Tabor, Director

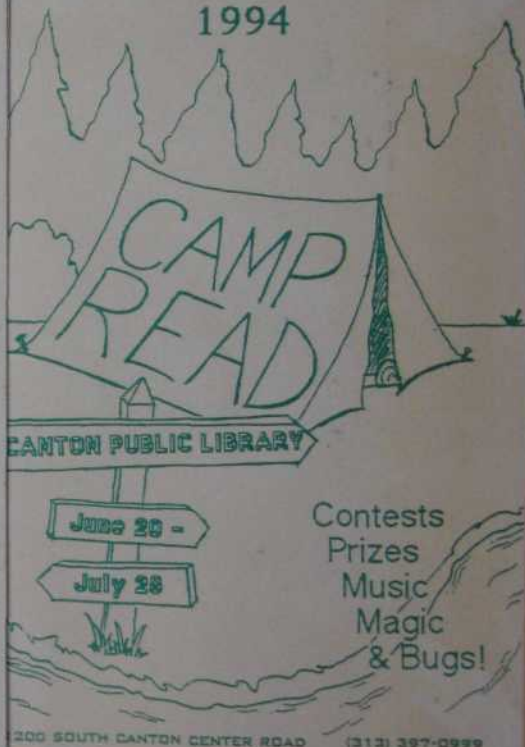
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SUMMER READING

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Reading reaps student rewards

BY LAURIE HAMPREY
AND Staff Writer

Canton Township Library personnel are showing people how to travel to different lands and different times, but warn that getting there may be frightening.

For the Second Annual Young Adult Summer Reading Program, an eight-member committee decided the focus this year should highlight the horrible. Entitled "Beyond Stine: Mystery and Horror Tales to Keep You on the Edge," young adults are encouraged to read a book every week and qualify for a variety of prizes through Aug. 13.

"Our committee met three times," said Ophelia Lo, young adult coordinator and adult librarian, "and we decided horror is the most popular genre right now. But, we encourage readers to go beyond horror to fantasy, science fiction or romance."

The program targets readers between the ages of 13 and 18 years of age, said the coordinator. "They are encouraged to read one book a week and when they are done, we give them a raffle ticket to enter in a contest," she said.

Lo selects a winner at noon every Monday from the names turned in. Little Professor on the Park, Plaza Lanes, Harmony House, Dearborn Music, Super Bowl, Boarder's Book Shop, Rose's Restaurant and Lounge, Canton Public Library and the Friends of the Canton Public Library are donating the prizes for the event ranging from money to gift certificates to shirts.

The grand prize winner will receive dinner for two Aug. 15 from Rose's Restaurant and Lounge on Canton Center Road in Canton Township.

Readers can select any author they wish and any topic, according to the rules. The only restrictions placed upon them is that readers may not read more than two books from the same author and must select books that are challenging.

"Everyone needs to read books that are at their level," she said. "If they need help choosing, they can ask the reference librarian. We have lists that people can look through or we can direct them in the right direction."

Lo expects the summer reading program to be a success based on last year's numbers.

"Last year, our theme was 'Read Your Way to the Movies' and we gave out movie passes," she said. "We had 100 people participate last year and we weren't giving out

Beyond Stine:
Mystery and
Horror Tales to
Keep You on Edge

Young Adult
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prizes every week." The majority of the participants last year were female, said the librarian, but with horror as the theme, she expects more boys will participate.

To inform as many people as possible about the program, Lo distributed informative flyers to the committee members, who distributed them at the schools they attended.

The committee began planning the event last February and according to Lo, "the value of the young adult planning committee was great."

"I think they enjoyed planning and contributing, it's a worthwhile involvement," she said. "I think reading is important, it doesn't matter what they read."

To improve a student's reading habits, Lo suggests offering role modeling at home. Students who see their parents read often learn to appreciate it also, she said, but parents do not influence the subjects young adults read.

Last week's winners were Laura Ott, recipient of a Little Professor's gift certificate, and Glenn Haddad, who won a t-shirt.

For more information on the summer reading program, visit the reference desk at the Canton Public Library next to the Township Building, on Canton Center Road or call 397-0699.

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Program has just begun at the Canton Public Library. Youngsters 13 to 18 are invited to participate in the eight-week program, with the theme of "Beyond Stine: Mystery and Horror Tales to Keep You on Edge."

Stop by the adult department information and reference desk to pick up your bookmark and detailed information.

Participants must read at least one book per week to qualify for the weekly drawing. You may enter as many times as you want. All weekly entries are qualified for the grand prize drawing on Aug. 16. Prizes are donated by local businesses, bookstores, music stores, restaurants and the library.

Participants must choose books on their reading level from either the young adult or adult collection. Participants cannot read more than two books by the same author.

For more information, contact the library, 397-0699.

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Reading program

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Weekly drawings with prizes donated by local businesses, bookstores, music stores, restaurants and the library, highlight the program. Stop by the adult department information and reference desk to pick up your bookmark and detailed information. For more information, contact the library, 397-0699.



'Bugs on Wheels' comes to library

By JOANNE MALISEWIKI
STAFF WRITER

Bradley Clemens thought the tarantula was "cool." Thomas Pascoe couldn't believe how big some of the bugs were.

"It feels like a telephone cord," said Clemens, 7 1/2, as he stroked Millie the millipede with 100-200 feet.

Pascoe admitted he wasn't too thrilled with bugs of any kind, but thought his favorite might be one of the giant beetles shown by Gary Dunn of the Young Entomologists Society, Lansing.

Participants in the Canton Public Library's Summer Reading Club had the distinction of learning about insects and spiders thanks to Dunn and the "Bugs On Wheels" program.

This summer the library had its greatest participation in the reading program with 1,563 children in two sessions: one for preschool children who are read to and older children who are asked to read their own books.

"This is almost 100 more than last

year," said Judy Teachworth, librarian in charge of the youth department. "The community is growing. People are concerned and are encouraging their children to read."

The final program offered in the reading club this summer is a performance by "Gemini," popular folk singers. At that time, the winners of the reading program's lottery will be announced. The 150-200 winners will receive free books.

The program has offered children gift certificates to McDonald's and Super Bowl for specific number of books read. The younger children have received stickers for each book read to them, Teachworth said.

"I really love it. It gives him something to do for the summer," said Debra Pascoe, Thomas' mother. She was just as amazed at "The Bugs on Wheels" program as were the kids crowding around specimens.

Before displaying his array of insects and spiders — some alive, some

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insect world: Erin Schumaker, 9, of Canton, takes a turn on petting Millie the millipede held by Gary Dunn of the Young Entomologists Society. Dunn presented "Bugs on Wheels" to children participating in the Canton Public Library's Summer Reading Club.

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mounted in glass cases — Dunn presented an explanation of the bug world using large rubber specimens.

"Insects keep the world cleaned up," Dunn said. "Insects are recyclers. Without them there would be no fruits and vegetables to eat. There would be no flowering plants."

Consider, he said, there are 20,000 types of insects in Michigan and 30 million in the world. "Did you know insects were the

first animals who figured out how to fly?" Dunn asked.

To show the kids, ranging from first to seventh grade, just how big bugs can really be Dunn displayed a picture of the heaviest insect — a four-ounce Goliath beetle. Of course, there was also the 15-inch walking stick from Thailand. And that's not to mention the tarantula, the 2,000-member termite colony and a Madagascar hissing cockroach.

Budding artists show their stuff

By JOANNE MALISEWIKI
STAFF WRITER

There's nothing better than showing off your talents. Just ask the kids who displayed their works of art at the Canton Public Library recently.

"We've always had arts and crafts as part of the program," said Bob Dates, Canton recreation supervisor, about the summer supervised playground program. "We just never had a show for the kids to show off their works."

Now that the first deluge show has come and gone, it's likely the art show will be an annual event for the playground program participants, ages 6-14.

There was no judging. This

was strictly a display for the kids to show off their talents," Dates said.

Works on display included clay, paintings, painted T-shirts and even what is called environmental craftworks, as well as paper designs and drawings.

Developing an end-of-season event was up to Fun Squad leader Michelle Young and Carrie Denstelt. "That was their assignment," Dates said.

The supervised playground program was offered at 16 park sites — including neighborhood parks — throughout Canton. Children in the nearby areas may participate as they choose.

Season ends: Carrie Denstelt, a Fun Squad leader for the summer supervised playground program, displays some of the artwork by program students on exhibit recently at the Canton Public Library.

Staff Photo by Bill Bussler

In show: Debbie Geister and daughter Emily, 5, take a stroll through an art exhibit at the Canton Public Library. Summer supervised playground program children showed off their artistic talents at the exhibit.



Shops put gifts in the library



BY SUE MASON
STAFF WRITER

Blame it on Atlanta. That's where the Livonia Friends of the Library got the idea for a gift shop. Trudy Pinto and Janet Bennett say from behind the counter of the Livonia Civic Center Library Gift Shop. And that shop in turn has spawned a portable Friendly Gift Shop at the Canton Township Public Library, according to Marcia Barker.

Twenty years ago the Atlanta public library opened a gift shop that ran out of steam a year later. That one and similar ones opened in libraries in Cincinnati and Dallas was the impetus for the Livonia Civic Center Library Gift Shop, an eclectic collection of books, toys and novelties tucked into a room not much larger than a broom closet.

"We encourage browsing because there is so much to see in such a small space," said Bennett.

One wall is filled with books about Michigan and Livonia - cookbooks, nature books, historical books - and the like. Jewelry, trinkets and decorative pieces fill a corner niche while shelving behind the counter displays even more books, including one about a spider that after being read can be turned into the arachnid.

Dolls, such like Jacob's ladder, finger puppets, paper fans and wor-

It goes without saying that you'll find books - plenty of books - in the public library. But more and more Friends of the Library groups are turning to gift shops to help raise money for their facilities.

rdolls from Guatemala and other inexpensive items for children fill shelves along a third wall.

A chain dangles in the window, displaying a musical stuffed giraffe, bear and dog. Pull on their feet and they get longer. And they slowly return to their original shape to the tune Dr. Doolittle's "I Could Talk to the Animals."

"The reward for working here is playing with the toys," said Pinto, showing a youngster how Jacob's ladder works. "We have children who bring their parents in here, but the best one to bring in is gramma."

Barker would love to have even a broom closet for the gift shop, but space is at a premium at the Canton Library, so store manager Shirley Warpell and a cadre of 10 volunteers set up a rolling cart and table with their collection of books, toys, gifts and oddities.

"It's more challenging and difficult," said Barker, president of the State Friends of Libraries group, of the fledgling shop. "We hope we can prove to be successful and get a permanent place in the library."

The Canton Friends of the Library provided about \$2,500 in seed money that has been used to purchase the cart and gift items - books including ones about Michigan; imported items from Russia, China and India; candles;

and toys like the popular Hacky Sack. The shop, which was set up in the community service tent during the recent Liberty Festival, used the event to debut the first-ever Canton library T-shirt.

Bennett and Pinto give credit to longtime library commissioner Rosina Raymond, who pushed for the gift shop. When the library mills passed and the Livonia Friends of the Library decided they wanted a gift shop, room was set aside for it.

Certain style

But the job of making it a reality fell to Bennett and Pinto. The goal was to have a museum-style gift shop, and it was their responsibility to come up with an idea of how to furnish it.

So armed with a \$5,000 advance from the Friends of the Library, the two women went shopping.

"They admit that they had butterflies in their stomach taking on such a task; neither one really had a lot of experience in buying, and only Bennett had any retail experience. She had worked in a friend's bookstore in Plymouth for 13 years - "I knew what books would sell," she said. Pinto, on the other hand, had been a school librarian.

But shop they did, filling the shop with things they thought would be attractive to customers. They admit it hasn't been easy, and they've learned a lot along the way.

"We saw some bookends of dinosaurs, but had to make a minimum purchase of \$100, so we stocked up on other things, including two gorgeous glass vases," said

Pinto. "And when they were shipped, we discovered that the insurance ate up the profit. How we read everything very carefully."

The gift shop was a hit from the start. Bennett and Pinto were able to repay the advance in 5 1/2 months, and the shop now contributes \$15,000-20,000 to the Friends of the Library to buy things for the library.

Loyal staff

One of the reasons it's such a success is the staff - 30 up as volunteers. The shop is open 32 hours a week and staffed by volunteers working in pairs for two to four hours. Many are retirees who work at the library when they're in town.

"They're so reliable and so loyal," Bennett said. "They take just as much pride in it as if they owned it. And they take such delight in selling an item that might have been on the shelf too long."

And that kind of attitude has helped the shop offer its customers a more personalized service.

"We try to have a little more personal service where we can," Pinto said, rugging up an order for four finger puppets. "We try to have a notebook with stuff the customers want, so we can call them when it comes in."

The Canton shop has a way to go to rival the Livonia shop. It opened in January, following Livonia's museum-style philosophy, but generally, it's only been open three hours on any given day and during the summer will only be open during special events like the summer

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reading program, Barker said.

But even with its limited hours, it still has made money - \$50-100 a month - although there is still plenty of fine-tuning to be done. At present, decisions are being made as to what to order in quantity, Barker said.

She also hopes that with the addition of more trained volunteers this fall, the shop will be able to expand its hours and set up a schedule to which library patrons will become accustomed.

The Livonia gift shop has developed a regular clientele and attracts newcomers who show up for meetings or the monthly concerts in the atrium.

The Livonia shop is popular with storytellers because of the choice of books and toys they can use for their storytelling. One even had five brightly colored sashies on a jacket she wore for storytelling.

"We had a lot of worries to start, but it's worked out nicely," Pinto said. "We get some fac-

inating customers from the library, and we have our regular customers and our newcomers.

"We've had customers say, 'This is great; I can do so much (shopping) without moving too far.'"

The hardest job, the two women admit, is deciding on reorders. Sometimes some things sell well to start then die out; other times items sell so well the women wish they had ordered more, like the 25-cent worry dolls.

In addition to Canton, the success of the shop has caught the eye of other libraries. After checking into its operations, similar endeavors have been started in Rochester and Grand Rapids.

"We really did think there'd be a market, and it's turned out that there is," Bennett said.

"These are a thing of the future," added Barker. "There seemed to be a need for it. I think they happened because people would come to the library and need 3-by-5 cards and pencils and

were also asking the staff where to get them."

The Library Gift Shop is in the atrium of the Civic Center Library, Five Mile Road east of Farmington Road. It is open during library hours - summer hours are 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thurs-

day and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday. For more information, call 421-7230, Ext. 628.

For information on Canton's Friendly Gift Shop hours, call the library at 397-0998. The Canton Public Library is at 1900 Canton Center Road, south of Cherry Hill Road.

July 21, 1994

Musical variety series

The Friends of the Canton Public Library are ready to enter the fourth year of their popular Musical Variety Series. Performances will be in the meeting room of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Concerts begin at 7:30 p.m. Fridays. Tickets are \$5 each or a series of three for \$12. Tickets are on sale at the library reception desk.

Kicking off the series on Oct. 7 is Fat Bob Taylor, the Singing Plumber. He will entertain with musical comedy from opera and country western to pop. The WJR radio weekend host will capture the audience with his wit and friendly delivery.

Crosstown Exchange, a barbershop quartet, will entertain with Canton's baritone Steve Sutherland on Feb. 24.

Ragtime pianist Robert Milne will perform May

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5, 1995, to close the series. Milne is also a composer, poet and author.
For more information, contact the Friends at 397-0999.

Library benefit: Fat Bob Taylor, the singing plumber, will kick off the Friends of the Canton Public Library 1994-95 Musical Variety Series at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7 /2A

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Fat Bob to perform in library benefit on Oct. 7



Taylor

Fat Bob is a multi-talented entertainer who performs musical comedy, opera, country western and pop. He is known for the comedic manner in

which he delivers his musical talents. Fat Bob has performed on the Mike Douglas show and with Arthur Godfrey, Woody Woodberry, Margaret Whiting, Johnny Desmond, Duke Ellington, Milton Berle, Pete Fountain, Jimmy Durante, and Myron Cohen to name a few.

Fat Bob — his real name is Robert Edward Taylor — got his name when he heard J.P. McCarthy claim he was singing an opera

playing on the radio. Fat Bob called McCarthy and told him on the air that he was singing that. McCarthy challenged Fat Bob to sing the aria over the phone. He did. WJR went off the air for five seconds.

When McCarthy returned he said, "What's your name, pal?" Taylor responded: "I'm Fat Bob the Plumber from Ann Arbor."

McCarthy responded: "You're now Fat Bob the Singing Plumber from Ann Arbor."

Within 45 days, Fat Bob became a household word in Detroit.

The Ontario native moved to East Lansing to complete high school. He then joined the U.S. Air Force and was assigned to Special Services, where he put on shows, performed on television, and was a staff vocalist for a Texas television station.

After the service he went into the plumbing business and then decided to study music seriously. After two years in the drama and

music departments at Eastern Michigan University, he transferred to the University of Michigan and began his opera career.

Fat Bob also has a career with Detroit advertising agencies for which he uses his many dialects and voices. He has been heard nationally on commercials. For the past 15 years, Fat Bob has served as part of the WJR weekend team.

The public is invited to Fat Bob's performance. Tickets are \$5 each or a series of three for \$12.

Tickets are now on sale at the Canton Public Library reception desk. All performances are in the library's meeting room. Call the Friends of the Canton Public Library at 397-0999 for more information.

Fat Bob is one of three performers who will participate in the Friends' musical variety series. Crosstown Exchange, a barbershop quartet, will entertain Feb. 24, followed by ragtime pianist Robert Milne on May 5.

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'Singing Plumber' kicks off music series

The Friends of the Canton Public Library kick off their 1994-95 Musical Variety Series 7:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 7, with Fat Bob Taylor, the Singing Plumber. All performances take place at 7:30 p.m. Fridays in the library conference room.

Tickets are \$5 each or \$12 for a series of three. Tickets are available at the library desk or call (313) 397-0999. The library is at 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

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Taylor, a multi-talented performer, will entertain with musical comedy, opera, country western and pop. He can capture an audience with his wit and friendly delivery.

It's the fourth year for the popular series.

■ Crosstown Exchange, a barbershop quartet, will entertain Feb.

24. The group include's Canton's own Steve Sutherland, a baritone. He is joined by Don Steward, lead; George Bartlett, tenor; and Herb Heber, bass. Harmonizing since 1978, Crosstown Exchange will sing tender ballads, novelty tunes and an occasional gospel number.

■ Robert Milne, a ragtime pianist, performs May 5 to close the series. His evening of stride piano will take the audience through all the favorites: "12th Street Rag," "Maple Leaf Rag," and "Tiger Rag." Milne, who has played around the country and has written 40 rags, will play the music of Jelly Roll Morton, Scott Joplin and Eubie Blake.

Library officials balance budgetary concerns

By JOANNE MALISEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton Public Library officials are walking the line between fast-advancing computer technology and traditional library materials.

"Because of the information age we are living in, we try to have a balance between technology and print materials," said Jean Tabor, library director.

In 1995, Canton residents will pay 1.63 mills — the same as in 1994 — for library services and materials. The 1995 budget of \$2.2 million represents about a

\$100,000 increase over this year's budget. The 1995 budget was adopted by the library board in August. The library's fiscal year runs January to December.

The library is limited to a maximum of 2 mills for operations. Rollbacks under the 1978 Headline Tax Limitation Amendment do apply. The first library millage was passed in Canton in 1979, and the second in 1986.

"It (the budget) has increased largely because of all the growth in Canton Township," Tabor said. "We're getting new tax del-

fers, but we're also getting busier all the time. We are getting increased business with the same level of staffing."

The library has 65 employees, 11 of whom work full time. The library is open 62 hours each week.

Despite the advances in computer technology available for libraries, officials want to maintain those items that have traditionally drawn people to libraries, such as books and magazines, compact discs, and audiovisual materials. Library officials budgeted \$282,185 for such items.

Officials also expect to spend about \$90,000 on information technology for an on-line catalog, on-line full-text magazines, and other similar computer projects through MetroNet, which is a consortium of libraries including Canton, Farmington Hills, Southfield, Birmingham, Bloomfield and Independence Township. MetroNet is a consortium within the larger Wayne-Oakland Library Federation, now known as Library Network.

"We are still committed to keeping a large part of the budget

for print and audiovisual," Tabor said.

Goals for technology at the library include networking all the computerized information resources and switching to personal computers. "We want patrons to be able to do all these things, including from their homes. This probably won't come out next year, but we're working toward it," Tabor said.

Library officials are also beginning to investigate the possibility of expanding the library on Canton Center Road. "We have no plans in the immediate fu-

ture," Tabor said. "We are totally packed here at night, as well as Saturdays and Sundays."

Tabor said patrons are increasingly demanding group-study and quiet-study space. An average of 1,000 patrons use the library daily. Approximately 2,000 items are circulated daily with a total 650,000 items annually. The library also has 52,979 registered patrons. About 85 percent are Canton residents with the remaining 15 percent non-resident primarily from Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Belleville and Van Buren.

Canton eyes library bond proposal to expand

By JOANNE MALISEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Patrons could have more space for reading, as well as quiet and group study, if voters approve a proposed bond issue of nearly \$7 million to expand the existing Canton Public Library on Canton Center Road.

"We are solidifying our plans," said library director Jean Tabor. "We are waiting for firmer costs from our architect. This is not a decision."

Library officials presented their proposal for a bond issue to expand the library at a Nov. 28 township board study session.

The library, which operates under Public Act 164, can levy a maximum 2 mills but doesn't have the authority to put a bond proposal on the ballot.

"They have no bonding capability in their own right," said Supervisor Tom Yack. "The state Municipal Finance Commission will look at their numbers."

Library board members are proposing to roll into the bond proposal the debt on the existing library, which is approximately \$3.7 million, including principal and interest, as well as the costs for expansion and renovation. By consolidating the debt, library

millage would be freed up for operations, Yack added.

The bonds would be based on the full faith and credit of the township. That means should the library ever not be able to pay their debt, the township would take it over, Yack said he can't imagine that ever happening.

Tabor said library officials plan to make an official proposal to the township board before the end of December. Township trustees will likely approve the library board's request for a bond proposal during the primary election for a new township clerk sometime in the spring. Library officials would

pay for part of the primary election.

"This is not an endorsement. This is providing an opportunity for the community to pass judgment on whether to support enlargement of the facility," Yack said.

In 1993, library officials began working on expansion of the existing 31,000 square foot facility, just south of Canton Township Hall. The project would include renovations as well as an additional 25,000 square feet.

"We want to be proactive. We don't want to wait until we can't fit anyone in the building," Tabor

said. "This building was built to be expanded."

The outer walls of the library are not load-bearing and allow for expansion. Plans include expanding on one level in three directions. The children's department would be expanded to the west, adult department to the south, and to the east space for three additional group study rooms, a larger quiet study area and larger young adult area, Tabor said.

According to library statistics, an average 1,000 patrons use the library daily. Approximately 2,000 items are circulated daily with a total 650,000 items expected to be

circulated by the end of the year. The library also has about 53,000 registered patrons with about 85 percent from Canton and the remaining 15 percent from surrounding communities, including Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Belleville and Van Buren.

In the past, Tabor has said that the library is packed nightly, as well as Saturdays and Sundays.

In 1995, Canton residents will pay 1.63 mills — the same as in 1993 — for library services and materials. The 1995 budget of \$2.2 million represents about a \$100,000 increase over the current budget.



Daniel Poma, 3, cracks up at the sight of a dancing bathtub while his brother Eric, 6 works with the interactive computer on a visit last week to the Canton Public Library. There are three computers for children in the library's youth department.

Librarian Linda Merie at the Saline Public Library, shows off a bank of new computers for patrons to use. Citizens can also connect to the library from a home computer.

Libraries lead public on info highway trek

Computers are changing the way libraries operate, and librarians' jobs are changing along with the technology.

By LIZ COBOS
ANN ARBOR REPORTER

A few years ago, librarian Linda Merie would show patrons how to find an author's name, subject area or book title by manually searching through a paper card catalog, a slow, imperfect process.

Today, Merie shows library users how to access an electronic card catalog and get hundreds of reference materials at the touch of a key on a computer keyboard.

Public, private and university libraries have gone electronic, and the librarians are faced with the challenge of learning how to drive on the information superhighway.

ogy to its library after moving from a 90-year-old, 2,999-square-foot former church building in downtown Saline to a new one-story, 16,000-square-foot library on North Maple.

"Our jobs and how we teach people about the library have changed. It's not just the traditional way anymore," Merie said.

'We went from the 18th century to the 20th century overnight.'

—Linda Merie, public services librarian at Saline District Library

One of the goals of the Michigan Library Association is to "enable every library of every type in Michigan to provide significant electronic network-based information services to their users by the year 2000."

The library's fundamental mission of providing information to the public hasn't changed. It's just that there's more and better information and network technology give librarians the

"We went from the 18th century to the 20th century overnight," said Merie, the public services librarian at Saline District Library. Saline added technol-

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LIBRARIES: Librarians can help public learn to navigate growing computer network

...to find it anywhere in the world.

Technology impacts every operation of the library," said Jean Taylor, director of the Canton Public Library. "Almost every work station has a computer. We order books, we catalog on-line. We're providing webpages on libraries and technology, we're reading on-line. We're constantly learning and teaching."

"Doing it the way for librarians is key on top of technology," said Jean Taylor. In Canton's library is one of the first sites in the state that has made the Internet available to the public. Librarians and users had hour introductory sessions for people who want to learn how to access the Internet.

"The middle demand for it is high," he said. "People want to learn and quickly and easily. We've certainly had to train the users."

Information specialists say there's always something new to learn about electronic equipment and how to use it. More information is available on-line than ever before.

Computer Disk Read Only Memory (CD-ROM) products, for in-

stances, provide a wide array of information that's usually more current than reference books on a shelf. A CD-ROM database could have magazine indexing like "IN-FOLEAC" which has listings and abstracts for hundreds of popular magazines. Profiles on finances and management of thousands of public and private companies are also available.

"Technology allows us to provide people with far more information than we ever have provided before," Merie said. "It doesn't take a lot of time to run and it doesn't take up a lot of shelf space."

Saline's library recently added PowerPages from University Microfilms, Inc. of Ann Arbor. A CD-ROM-based resource that gives patrons access to more than 140 general reference publications.

This is helpful to Saline High School teacher Robert Marchers who teaches a writing class called "Research Seminar." The class allows students to take individual approaches to writing through research. Students can do an initial topic search at the high school library and go next door to the district library to get the actual copies they need.

'Technology impacts every operation of the library. Almost every work station has a computer. We order on-line, we catalog on-line. We're attending conferences on libraries and technology; we're reading about it. We're constantly learning (about technology).'

— Jean Taylor, director of the Canton Public Library

"Technology and research go together," Marchers explained. "Research opens up different worlds for students. They can explore a wide range of topics. They can find out about Einstein by learning how to use those resources to get to other references."

With a total of \$3.3 million in federal and other grants, the University of Michigan plans to develop new technologies and patterns of use for multimedia digital libraries which are considered "storehouses of information available

through the Internet." The content focus of the library will be on earth and space sciences.

Technology is also changing the way students in library studies are taught. As an example, the W.K. Kellogg Foundation has awarded a \$4.3 million grant to the U-M to form and lead a national consortium to develop a model graduate program to train a wide range of information professionals.

"Our school is trying to produce a holistic, broader-based person to simultaneously deal with profes-

sional and social issues," said Daniel E. Atkins, dean and professor of the School of Information and Library Studies.

Atkins said that while the majority of students work in libraries after graduating, others are going into research, starting their own businesses and becoming "Internet Webmasters," helping individuals and institutions cope with information overload.

With new technology comes the challenge of finding it. Most area public libraries are supported by local millages used for library operations. Library administrators say they search for grants and contributions to purchase software packages, which could cost as much as \$12,000 or they try to join consortiums.

Canton Public Library, for instance, offers free access to the Internet through a non-profit consortium of eight public libraries in Wayne and Oakland counties called NetNetNet.

Libraries unable to fund new electronic equipment could find themselves without a ride for the information superhighway.

"That is the place where everybody's equal and now we're talking about how libraries cannot afford

on-line resources," said Kathy Daly, co-director of the Ann Arbor Public Library. "There's going to be a lot of deactivation between the leaves and bare cuts. How will we be able to make it available to all?"

Critics of the Clinton Administration's National Information Infrastructure say there will be sectors in society that won't be financially able to link up with the information network. Vice President Al Gore has pledged that the Clinton Administration will continue that network, libraries and libraries have access to the information systems at low cost.

"With the current emphasis on technology, especially in public libraries, what will happen in the library's most famous product — books?"

"I don't think computers will replace books," Canton's Taylor said. "If we were to expand our library, we would expand our shelving space. I don't think books are going away in our libraries."

Said Saline's Merie: "Many people will want to hold a book in their hands. A book has a feel different effect than a computer screen and I can't ever imagine doing away with a book."

Fish at Canton Public Library due to return from vacation

The following are some news and notes from the Canton Public Library.

■ "Where are the fish?" The answer to the question most popularly asked in the youth department is, "The fish are on vacation." They will return to an updated tank which will provide them with a healthier environment. The blue damselfish will lead the swim into the renovated aquarium; the rest of the special "library pets" will follow gradually.

■ CPL has a collection of books in 15 different foreign languages. This collection includes both fiction and nonfiction titles for adults and some children's books as well. The languages currently available are Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Marathi, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

These books are part of a large

foreign language collection maintained at the Detroit Public Library and are available for check-out to patrons here in Canton. In addition, other foreign language titles can be requested through the Inter-Library Loan department. Talk to one of the reference librarians for more information.

■ Introductory sessions on the Internet are being offered to patrons who would like to know how to access the "Information Superhighway." The half-hour orientation covers how to log-in, basic commands, and a brief tour of the menus and submenus. The sessions are designed for patrons with little or no previous exposure to the Internet. For dates, times, and sign-up, call 397-0999.

■ The library will be closed on the following days: Saturday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve Day; Sunday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day; Monday, Dec. 26; Saturday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve Day; Sunday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

■ A librarian will take you through the library, answer your questions, and point out special collections. Meet at the reception desk at 8 p.m. Tours are offered on the last Thursday of every month: Dec. 29, Jan. 26, and Feb. 23. No registration is necessary.

■ The State of Michigan allows a tax credit to encourage gifts to public libraries. A 50 percent direct Michigan Income Tax Credit, or Michigan Single Business Tax Credit, applies to all gifts to the public libraries up to \$100 for an individual taxpayer who is single or married and filing separately, \$200 for a married couple filing jointly, \$5,000 or 10 percent of the tax liability before any credits (whichever is less) for businesses filing Single Business Income Tax returns.

■ Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT

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PROGRAMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Introduction to the Internet

Starting October 4, introductory sessions on the Internet are being offered to patrons who would like to know how to access the "Information Superhighway." The half-hour orientation covers how to log-in, basic commands, and a brief tour of the menus and submenus. The sessions are designed for patrons with little or no previous exposure to the Internet. Once you are on the ramp, you may cruise at your own speed.

Please sign up for one of these sessions by phone or in person.

Tuesdays	10:30 - 11:00 a.m.
Thursdays	7:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Fridays	4:00 - 4:30 p.m.
Saturdays	10:30 - 11:00 a.m.



INFORMATION SUPERHIGHWAY

The Internet
is now Accessible from Home

You've heard about the Internet, the "Information Superhighway." It's now available to you remotely through Metro Net and the Wayne Oakland Library Federation's dial-in access. The phone number is 467-1632; maximum baud rate is 9600. At the "Host" prompt, type in "metronet.lib.mi.us." The log-in is "public" and the password is "library." You'll be welcomed to the Metro Net menu of services.

Internet access from terminals in the library was introduced in June. Librarians are happy to assist you in browsing the many varied databases now available.

Gift of Reading

Once again the Canton Public Library is happy to serve as a collection point for the "Gift of Reading" program sponsored by the Detroit Free Press. This program is designed to place NEW books in the hands of toddlers to second graders who otherwise might not have them.

Please bring your NEW, UNWRAPPED books to the library between November 4 and December 4.

HELP US GIVE THE GIFT OF READING TO ALL CHILDREN.

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PROGRAMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADULT PROGRAMS

Preparing for your Tax Home

Realize your dreams of a lovely home reality. This trio of experts - a state agent, a home inspector, and a tax officer Pamela Hall will share their expertise and start you on your way to a new address.

Tuesday, January 24
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Library Meeting Room
Registration: Begins Monday,
January 16 after 9:30 a.m. by phone
in person.

Free Tax Help

IRS representatives will be here to help you fill out your federal tax return. Bring your W-2 statements, records of interest, dividends, tips, contributions, and other pertinent records. The library has the commonly used federal, state, and city of Detroit forms available.

Registration is required and space is limited.

Individual assistance is given on a first-come, first-served basis as determined by your sign-in time on the day of your session.

DATES & TIMES:

Saturday, February 4
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 18, Feb. 28
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Library Meeting Room

REGISTRATION:

Thursday evening
December 8 at 7:30 p.m.

Begins Wednesday, February 1
after 9:30 a.m. by phone or in
person.

DATES & TIMES:

Thursday, March 16
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Saturday, March 18
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
Saturday, April 8
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

PLACE: Library Meeting Room

REGISTRATION:

Begins Wednesday, March 1
after 9:30 a.m. by phone or in
person.

Coping with Grief around the Holidays

SPEAKER:

Maureen S. Burton, M.A.
Staff Grief Counselor
Cabe Funeral Home, Inc.
Canton Chapel
For more information, call
(810) 553-0120
No registration required.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: NEWS AND NOTES

The following are some news and notes from the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center.

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FOREIGN TITLES

CPL has a collection of books in 15 different foreign languages.

This collection includes both fiction and nonfiction titles for adults and some children's books as well. The languages currently available are Arabic, Chinese, French, German, Gujarati, Hindi, Japanese, Korean, Marathi, Punjabi, Russian, Spanish, Tamil, Urdu and Vietnamese.

These books are part of a large foreign language collection maintained at the Detroit Public Library and are available for check-out to patrons in Canton. In addition, other foreign language titles can be requested through the Inter-Library Loan department. Talk to one of the reference librarians for more information.

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HOURS

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TOP 10

CPL's adult librarians list the Top 10 personal favorites of 1994:

"Bastard Out of Carolina," "The Proud and the Free," "Waterworks," "Smilla's Sense of Snow," "A Very Long Engagement," "In the Lake of the Woods," "The Longings of Women," "The Celestine Prophecy," "The Bridges of Madison County," "Kitchen."

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to pay for the improvements. Cookies and punch will be served.

Romance book sale

Warm up your winter reading with new used paperbacks by all of your favorite authors by attending the Romance-only Used Book Sale 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

Prices for the used paperbacks begin at 25 cents. The sale is sponsored by the Committee for the Canton Public Library Expansion.



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Canton library seeks bond issue for increased seating

BY ROY KIRKBRIDE

For the past several years, officials at the Canton Public Library have looked for ways to solve overcrowding problems. The solution they came up with will be in the hands of the voters.

Jean Tabor, the director of the library said a bond issue would be on the ballot of a special election in Canton — where voters will also decide who will be the next Canton clerk.

A date for the election has not been set, but it is expected to take place early this spring. "With all the growth we are experiencing in Canton," Tabor said, "we are in desperate need for more seating." Tabor said the cost of the project has

not been determined, but said the outstanding cost for construction of the library six years ago would be added to the issue.

"Not only will we add 24,000 square feet to the library," she said, "We will also add our current debt."

"That will give us back our operating budget — a quarter of which goes into paying for the building at this time."

Tabor said one of the reasons the additional room is needed is because of the dramatic changes that are taking place technologically.

"We are the on ramp to the Information Superhighway," she said. Tabor said the success of the bond and

millage issue for the Plymouth District Library has nothing to do with the plans for expansion in Canton.

"We've been planning this for the past two years," she said. "Both communities need larger libraries. We have enough use in Canton where we need more space."

Plans will include an increase in seating by 220, more quiet study space, three new group study areas, drive-up book drop, genealogy room, gift shop and an advanced technology multi-media room.

Library books tax vote

BY JOANNE MALINZEWKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton voters April 18 will consider an \$8.8 million bond proposal, paid with a 0.8-mill tax increase, to renovate and expand the library.

"Our old debt services will be reduced. We will be free from using that for operating expenses," said Greg Stackbars, chairman of the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

Library trustees are proposing to roll into the \$8.8 million bond proposal the debt on the existing library, which is about \$3.7 million, including principal and interest. By consolidating the debt — on the old and the new — library millage would be freed up for operations.

"One-quarter of our millage right now is on debt service," said library Director Jean Tabor.

To pay off the bonds over 10 years, voters will be asked to pay 0.80 mill. The proposed increased millage rate is based on a 5 percent growth in the township's state equalized value each year. "If the SEV goes up, the rate will go down," Tabor said.

A taxpayer with a \$100,000 house, assessed at \$50,000, would pay \$40 annually for the library bond proposal, based on 0.80 mill, said Trustee James Gillig. The library levies 1.63 mills, which would bring the proposed new rate to 2.43 mills. The library is authorized to levy a maximum 2 mills. But debt levy — the 0.80 mill — is not affected by the Headlee Tax Limitation Amendment to the state constitution.

If voters approve the bond proposal, library officials will be able to use the full 1.63 mills — now used for both operations and debt — for operations only for the expanded library.

"We're looking at putting it at a lower rate and paying it off faster," said Library Trustee Katherine Baldrice-Raener, referring to library debt.

The Canton Township Board of Trustees Tuesday approved putting the library's request on the April 18 special general election ballot. The library will share the day with the township's request for a 15-year, \$12 million bond issue to finance a road

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Expansion planned for library in 1995

By GRETCHEN MADICK
MCN Staff Writer

Expansion in 1995 is the hope of Canton Public Library Director Jean Tabor.

A combination of Canton residents numbering 43,000 and federation members from the communities of Belleville, Plymouth and Van Buren Township totaled 57,000 card holders in 1994. Last year 630,000 items were checked out. Every day they have new patrons, Tabor said.

"We're going for a new bond issue to expand our library," Tabor said. "We will hopefully finalize figures in January of 1995. We're looking to add at least 24,000 square feet to the building."

Additional seating for school nights, more quiet rooms, group study areas and a genealogy room are expansions being studied.

"With increasing technology, we need multi-media work

stations. This building was meant to be expanded," she said.

In 1994 Internet technology has presented problems for library patrons.

"It can be very frustrating. It is a browsing tool, not a quick and ready reference," Tabor said.

However, all census information is readily available, as well as county profiles throughout the state which reveal health care, housing and income levels. All government documents are available as well.

On-line journal articles are arriving on the Internet through a Boston source. By accessing a magazine through the computer, articles can be printed directly from the screen.

As technology improves and population increases the Canton Library intends to step up the pace, the director pledged.

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improvement program. (See story above.) The library can levy a maximum of 2 mills but doesn't have the authority to pass a bond proposal on the ballot.

"If we go with 16 years, it clearly is a better buy for the voters," Gillig said. The library board was faced with either a 10-year or 16-year bond issue. With principal and interest the bond issue at the end of 10 years will amount to

\$13.7 million. Over 10 years, taxpayers will pay less interest than if the bonds were repaid over 15 years, Gillig added.

The plan is to expand the existing 31,000-square-foot facility to 67,000 square feet. Plans also call for renovating the existing por-

tions of the library and for adding parking spaces.

In 1983, library officials began working on expansion of the existing facility, just south of Canton Township Hall. The project would include renovations and an additional 26,000 square feet.

The outer walls of the library are not load-bearing and allow for expansion. Plans include expanding on one level in three directions. The children's department would be expanded to the west, and the adult department to the south.

Library, road bond questions share ^(Craw) ballot in Canton's April special election ²⁻¹⁻⁹⁵

\$12 MILLION ROAD IMPROVEMENT PACKAGE

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

The Canton Board of Trustees voted last week to place a general obligation road improvement bond issue on the April 18 special election ballot.

The proposal that will go before the voters calls for the creation of a multi-year bond program to fund a \$12 million road improvement package.

The Wayne County Road Commission is in charge of road improvements, maintenance and upkeep for all townships in Wayne County. If the bond issue is passed, Canton would be the first and only township to take road improvement into their own hands.

The \$12 million bond program must be approved by the voters since it will call for a millage increase of approximately .67 mills for use in paying off the bonds.

One mill is equal to \$1 per \$1,000 valuation of the taxpayer's home. The total tax increase on a \$120,000 home with a state equalized value of \$60,000 is \$40.20 per year.

The administration and board studied several options, which included becoming a city, increasing the general millage and keeping the system the same — with Wayne County directing road improvement.

The proposals — developed over the past four months by Yack along with

other top Canton administrators, including Chief Financial Officer John Spencer, Township Engineer Tom Casari, and Municipal Services Director Aaron Machnik — were first brought before the board during a study session Jan. 17.

Canton Township Supervisor Tom Yack said it is the administration's responsibility to identify need in the community and propose a solution. "This way, the taxpayers will decide if it will happen," he said.

"If the electorate chooses to tax themselves, at least it would be them that would have the say. Regardless, we will do the best possible job whether they say no or yes."

Wayne County Commissioner and Canton resident Bruce Patterson praised the board for bringing the issue before the voters.

"As a member of your community," he said, "I use these roads often, so I know the condition they are in.

"...I applaud you for taking this course."

\$8.9 MILLION LIBRARY IMPROVEMENT

The Canton Board of Trustees voted last week to place the library millage bond issue on the April 18 ballot.

Jean Tabor, the director of the Canton library, said with the growth Canton is experiencing, the library is in desperate need for more seating.

The library will be asking voters for a

gentle step. I know none of us want to raise taxes."

The board voted 5-1 in favor of putting the road improvement bond proposal on the ballot.

The one dissenting vote came from Bob Shefferty, who said he favors the use of a voted, dedicated 1 mill road improvement millage.

"I don't like paying \$6.5 million in interest on a \$12 million loan," he said. "I think we can do a good job on the road — we just don't need \$12 million tomorrow."

Trustee Melissa McLaughlin, who voted "yes," said she did so only because it was her only option.

"I disagree with the bond issue," she said. "It is not good for us as a community to take on a 15 year debt for a product (roads) that will be used up by the time it is paid off."

"It seems we're taking a risk putting the bond issue out considering the volatile state of the economy in Michigan."

bond issue of \$8.9 million, which will be used to expand the library and mill in the debt on the six year old building.

Plans include an increase in seating by 220, more quiet study areas, three new group study areas, drive-up book drop, genealogy room, gift shop and an advanced technology multi-media room.

More libraries pull the plug on computer services

Librarians cite finances and staffing. From now on, those who want to compute may have to do it at home.

By Barbara McClellan
The Detroit News

People who want to use personal computers face a hasty exit Wednesday when the Livonia Civic Center library logs them off in favor of a quiet study area.

It's a cyberspace detour more libraries are taking at a time when demand for electronic information is growing.

Livonia joins libraries in Canton Township and Rochester Hills in eliminating public access to personal computers. Plymouth's library restricts use to residents only, and Sterling Heights' library plans to cut its adult users' personal computer service by half.

On Wednesday, two personal computers and a printer housed in the Livonia library's second-floor

computer room will be given to the reference department. Study carts, a table and two chairs will take their place.

Librarian A. Michael Deller said he's sympathetic to the needs of 12 to 20 dedicated word processors and spreadsheet users, but there's a greater demand for a study room.

"People expect some part of a library to be used for quiet study," he said. "Instead of spending \$10,000 to \$20,000 to remodel, we had this space available."

Jean Tabor, director of Canton's library, said access to personal computers is popular with the public, but a headache for librarians. Canton dropped the service last year.

"There were things constantly going wrong with the program," Tabor said.

Tabor said she hasn't ruled out offering the service in the future — but only if she can afford to purchase user-friendly programs and hire trained staff.

Demands of nonphyte users are only part of the problem at the Sterling Heights Public Library. Director Carol Lingeman said mischievous adult hackers there have "damaged the computers."

As a result, the library has set up a security system and moved the four machines where they're more viable to staff.

Christine Lind Hage, director of the Rochester Hills Public Library, said eliminating personal computers is an understandable development. The library dropped its service in 1992 after nine years.

"At first, people were timid and not computer-literate," she said.

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"Today, most people have personal computers at home. We... don't provide typing machines anymore."

Instead, the library, which is part of the Metro/Net consortium of eight suburban libraries, offers unlimited free access to the Internet, a worldwide computer network. In addition, library members can find in anytime from home to access the complete texts of 300 journals, the library catalogue or put a hold on library material.

Not all libraries have unhooked their personal computers.

Friends of the Eastpointe Memorial Library last year began a fund-raising campaign that paid for three Macintosh computers, which are used by adults and children.

To solve staffing problems, library director Joyce Conde said she has started a volunteer program among computer-savvy junior-high and high school students, who help library patrons.

But Deller said Livonia's library has no plans to replace its personal computers.

Like Rochester Hills, it will concentrate instead on a more user-friendly electronic service, including Internet access and interactive card catalogues. The upgraded system, which Deller hopes to establish within three years, will link Livonia library users with 43 libraries in Wayne, Oakland, Washington and Livingston counties.

Barbershop quartet to take to stage

The Crosstown Exchange, a barbershop quartet, is on tap for the second offering in the Musical Variety Series, hosted by the Friends of the Canton Public Library.

The program begins at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, in the Canton Public Library meeting room. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the library reception desk. Refreshments are included.

The public is invited to hear the quartet, which has been harmonizing since 1978. The group features baritone Steve Sutherland of Canton. His wife, Laurie, is a Plymouth-Canton teacher.

All members belong to the Detroit-Oakland Chapter of the



CULTURE

Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America. Crosstown Exchange has competed in quartet contests within the society and has performed in shows throughout Michigan.

Crosstown Exchange will provide the audience with tender ballads, catchy novelty tunes and gospel numbers.

For more information contact the library, 397-0999.

Harmonizing: The Crosstown Exchange, a barbershop quartet, will perform at the Canton Public Library Feb. 24. Members include (from left) tenor George Bartlett, lead singer Don Stewart, bass Herb Habner and baritone Steve Sutherland of Canton.

Musical evening

The second offering in the popular Musical Variety Series, hosted by the Friends of the Canton Public Library, will be at 7:30 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, in the library meeting room.

Crosstown Exchange, a barbershop quartet, highlights the evening. The group has been harmonizing since 1978 and feature a baritone Steve Sutherland of Canton.

The \$5 tickets are available at the library reception desk. Refreshments are included.

Road information meetings

The public is invited to learn about Canton Township's proposed road improvement program and accompanying \$12 million bond proposal at a number of special meetings.

The meeting dates are: 7-9 p.m. Wednesday.

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Additional Space Will Accommodate

- * 24,500 square feet of building space
- * Advanced technological capabilities
- * Friends of the Library gift/book shop
- * More parking spaces
- * Drive through book drop
- * Multimedia room for group training sessions



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PROGRAMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Voters To Consider \$8,875,000 Bond Proposal

On April 18 Canton voters are asked to consider a request for an \$8.8 million bond to expand the Canton Public Library.

Since 1985 patron usage of the library has more than doubled, far exceeding Canton's rate of population growth. The result is that the library is "Standing Room Only" after school hours and on weekends.

The Library Board of Trustees has placed an \$8.8 million bond proposal on the April 18 special election ballot to support the costs of planned expansion. If approved, the present facility will increase from 31,500 to 56,000 square feet to accommodate current and anticipated user population which is expected to peak at 100,000 residents.

In addition to construction and renovation costs, part of the bond issue will be used to retire existing debt, approximately \$3.7 million. If voters approve the

bond proposal, the library will be able to use the current authorized levy of 1.8 mills to operate the expanded facility. Library expansion would cost each taxpayer an additional 0.8 mills for a period of 10 years. Individual costs would vary depending upon the value of the home.

Value	SEY	Cost/yr
\$100,000	\$50,000	\$40.00
\$125,000	\$62,500	\$50.00
\$150,000	\$75,000	\$60.00
\$200,000	\$100,000	\$80.00

An architectural model of the new library with proposed changes is on display at the Canton Public Library. Residents are encouraged to stop in and view the plans for expansion.

Specifically, plans call to add...

- * 24,500 square ft. building space
- * More tables and seating
- * Drive through book drop
- * More quiet study rooms
- * New group study rooms
- * Multimedia room for group training
- * Genealogy room
- * Advanced technological capabilities throughout the facility
- * More materials
- * Friends of the Library gift/book shop

If you wish further information or like to have a speaker explain the proposal to a local group, contact Taboo, Library Director.

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Computers: High school students (from left) Nicole Jacobs, Becky Cudini and Sarah Betz (front) use a computer at the Canton Public Library to retrieve a magazine article.

Library seeks bond proposal

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Anthony Riemma, a Canton High School junior, uses the Canton Public Library for research.

"They have better books here," said Riemma, who also lauded the computer technology available at the public library.

Plymouth Salem students Becky Cudini, Nicole Jacobs and Sarah Betz, were using the library's computers recently to retrieve a magazine article. "This library is bigger and nicer," Betz said, referring to other choices available to them.

On Tuesday, April 18, Canton library officials will ask voters to support a \$8.8 million bond proposal, financed by a tax increase, to renovate and expand the library on Canton Center Road.

In another area of the public library, middle school students Leah Parks, Jennifer Molnar, Tiffany Howell and Stephanie Slavin, gathered at a table to work on research projects. They said they often work in the Canton library because of the computer technology, the wide range of reference materials and book collection.

Even if students didn't fill the library in the evenings, expansion would still be necessary, said library director Jean Tabor. "We serve the entire family. The technology we will have they won't be able to have at home. We would

still be busy. Saturdays and Sundays — when most of the students aren't here — are our busiest days."

Plans are to expand the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, from the existing 31,000 square feet to 56,000 square feet. The expanded facility would include more seating, more tables, more quiet study rooms, as well as group study rooms, a genealogy room, advanced technological capabilities, and a Friends of the Canton Library gift and book shop. Parking also would be expanded.

To pay for the expansion and renovation, voters will be asked to support the bond proposal with an average 30-mill increase.

Homeowners with a \$100,000 house, assessed at \$50,000, would pay \$40 annually. Homeowners with a \$125,000 house, assessed at \$62,500, would pay \$50 annually. Homeowners with a \$150,000 house, assessed at \$75,000, would pay \$60 annually.

Library officials propose to roll into the \$8.8 million bond proposal

the debt on the existing library, which is about \$3.7 million, including principal and interest. By consolidating the debt, library millage would be freed up for operations.

The library levies 1.63 mills now used for operations and debt. Passage of the bond proposal would bring the library tax rate to 2.43 mills.

The library board does not have the authority to sell its own bonds. The township would handle that for them, but it doesn't mean the township would take over the library.

"We will very much remain an independent entity," Tabor said. With the expansion, library officials would increase the staff. The staff now works hours equivalent to what 29 full-time people would work. The library currently has 66 employees, 11 are full-time. The majority of library staff is part-time. Library officials want to add a total of 365 work hours per week, equivalent to about 15 full-time employees, if the expansion is approved.

With the expansion and new technology, a patron would be able to use any computer terminal in the library to tap into any type of information needed. New rooms also would be available to provide training on the computers.

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Canton library deserves millage increase

Voters going to the polls in Canton Tuesday should vote "yes" for the \$8.9 million library improvement bond issue.

The money will be used to expand the overcrowded library and roll in the debt on the six-year-old building.

Plans include an increase in seating by 220, more quiet study areas, drive-up book drop, genealogy room, gift shop and an advanced technology room.

The Canton Library is one the most used government facilities in The Community. It is a top-notch library that

draws patrons from many surrounding communities. A "yes" vote on the bond issue will keep the Canton Library a first-class facility.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER (4-12-95)

Architectural model of library to be unveiled

BY JOANNE MALIBZESKO
STAFF WRITER

Residents are invited to the unveiling of an architectural model of what an expanded Canton Public Library would look like.

The unveiling and reception — where residents can meet library trustees — will be at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14, in the library lobby, 1200 S. Canton Center Road.

"This is just an informational thing," said Marcia Barker, Friends of the Canton Public Library volunteer coordinator. The Friends organization is hosting

the unveiling and reception.

Library trustees are asking voters April 18 to consider an \$8.8 million bond proposal, paid with a 0.80-mill tax increase for 10 years to renovate and expand the 31,000-square-foot library. The proposed tax rate is based on an average 5-percent growth in the township's state equalized value. If growth goes up more, the rate goes down, according to library officials.

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is authorized to levy a maximum 2 mills. But debt leve — the 0.80 mill — is not affected by the charter maximum levy.

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A taxpayer with a \$100,000 house, assessed at \$50,000, would pay \$40 annually for the library

bond proposal, based on 0.80 mill.

On a house valued at \$125,000, assessed at \$62,500, a taxpayer would pay \$50 annually. A taxpayer with a \$150,000 house, assessed at \$75,000, would pay \$60 annually.

If voters approve the bond proposal, library officials will be able to use the full 1.53 mill — now assessed for both operations and debt — for operations only for the expanded library.

With principal and interest, the bond issue at the end of 10 years will amount to \$13.7 million. Over

10 years, taxpayers will pay less interest than if the bonds were repaid over a longer period of time, library officials said.

The plan is to expand the existing library to 56,000 square feet. The library was built with expansion in mind. Additional space will provide more tables and seating, more parking spaces, a drive-through book drop, more quiet study rooms, new group study rooms, a multimedia room for group training sessions, a generalogy room, advanced technological

capabilities throughout the building, room for more materials, and a Friends of the Library gift/book shop.

The outer walls of the library are not load-bearing and allow for expansion. Plans include expanding on one level in three directions. The children's department would be expanded to the west, and the adult department to the south.

The Friends recently adopted a resolution in support of the proposed bond issue and library expansion.

Library model unveiled

The public is invited to the unveiling of the architectural model of the proposed Canton Public Library expansion at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 14.

The reception will be in the lobby of the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road. The public will get a chance to see the architect's concept of the proposed expansion of the library, including the drive-through book drop, the gift shop, additional seating, Friends of the Library gift shop, multimedia training center and other features.

The Canton Public Library Board of Trustees will be on hand to answer questions about the proposed renovation and expansion, as well as the \$8.8 million bond proposal on the April 18 ballot.

Yack, Taber disappointed with voter turnout

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"Close doesn't mean much. We will do what we can when you're not," Yack said.

We are having a difficult time... — Jean Taber

Yack's secretary, Catherine Jean Taber expressed disappointment with the lack of voter support on the April 18 election vote for a \$8 million

"We talked to the residents. We must continue to provide wards expansion before we get into a crisis. Workshops, one thing and weekends, we have standing room only. I see our usage will continue to increase as the community continues to grow," Taber said.

The community may not understand the need that is there.

"People perceive we are here. We are having a difficult time, as our operational money pay off the building. Our circulation is growing, the to seven percent every month. We're not doing from year ago. That building will not be paid off until 2006, and 25 percent of our budget goes to pay off the building," Taber said.

Volunteers are necessary and welcome more than ever," Taber said.

For example, volunteer coordinator Marcia Barker is in attendance at the unveiling of the computer data base, Taber said. Volunteers are counted on more and more for essential services to keep our customer service as their number one goal.

In order to volunteer, Taber can be contacted at 307.6509 during regular library hours.

Library design isn't under cover now

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The proposed expansion of the Canton Public Library will accommodate new computer technology, not to mention additional space for study areas and seating.

"The design is based on our program of what we want to accomplish in the building," said Jim Gillig, library trustee.

At a reception Monday night, library officials unveiled a model of what the expanded library — designed by David W. Osler Associates

Architects of Ann Arbor — will look like.

To pay for the expansion, voters will be asked to support a 10-year, \$8.8 million bond proposal, to be paid by taxpayers with an average 0.80-mill property-tax increase.

Plans are to expand the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, from the existing 31,000 square feet to 66,000 square feet. The expanded facility would include more seating, more tables, more quiet study rooms, as well as group study rooms, a genealogy room, advanced technological capabilities, and a Friends of the Canton Public Library gift and book shop. Parking also will be expanded.

With the expansion and new technology, a patron would be able to use any computer terminal in the library to tap into any type of information needed. Right now, patrons have to use specific terminals for specific types of information. New rooms would be available to provide training on the computers, Gillig said.

Library officials are proposing to roll into the \$8.8 million bond proposal the debt on the existing library,

which is about \$3.7 million, including principal and interest. By consolidating the debt, library millage would be freed up for operations.

The library levies 1.63 mills now used for operations and debt. Passage of the bond proposal would bring the library tax rate to 2.43 mills.

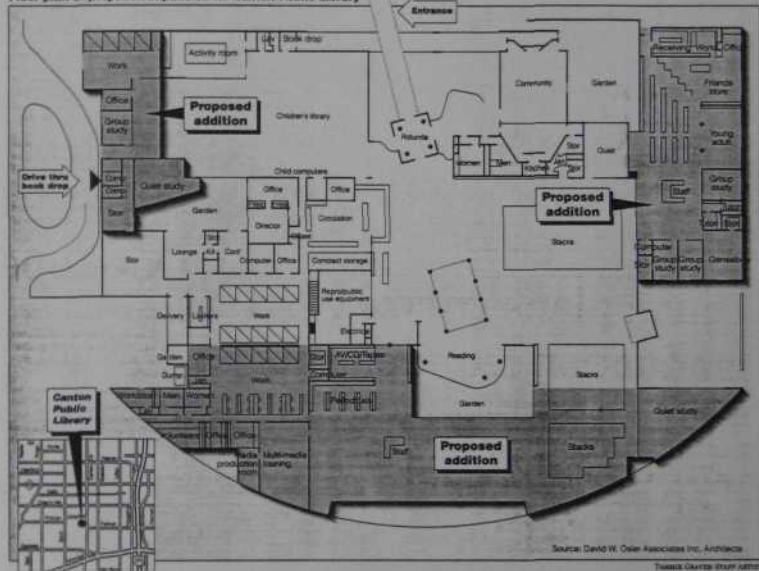
"We will almost double the area we have to light and heat," Gillig said, adding that the bond issue will free up money for increased operating and staffing costs.

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Floor plan of proposed expansion for Canton Public Library



Source: David W. Osler Associates Inc., Architects

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With the expansion, library officials plan to increase staff from the current level. The staff now works hours equivalent to what 29 full-time people would work. The library currently has 65 employees; 11 are full-time. The majority of library staff is part-time.

"With us open seven days a week, it's truly easier to staff the library with part-time employees," said Jean Tabor, library director.

In adult services, additions would include two full-time adult librarians, four part-time employees and three new pages, who shelve books.

In youth services, a full-time youth-services librarian would be hired, as well as two part-time employees and two pages.

Five new clerks also would be hired for checkout, as well as

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three pages. A full-time computer specialist would be needed, as would a clerical assistant and part-time payroll clerk.

Library officials want to add a total of 168 work hours per week, equivalent to about 13 full-time employees, if the expansion is approved, Tabor said.

"We also hope to lengthen the hours," Gillig added.



BILL SHIBATA/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Unveiling: Canton Public Library trustees Katherine Baldrica-Bauner (left) and Beverly Way talk about the proposed expansion of the library with architect Scott Van Swearingen and Marcia Barber of Friends of the Canton Public Library.

TO VOTE IN THE PRECINCT YOU MUST



1. One ballot (either the voter ballot card or the way vote ballot) must be placed in the slot.
2. To vote, insert only one of your ballots into the slot and place the card in the slot.



3. To vote, fold the ballot card so the ballot is hidden. Do not allow anyone else to see the ballot. Do not allow anyone else to see the ballot. Do not allow anyone else to see the ballot.



4. WRITE IN VOTES: To vote for a representative whose name does not appear on the ballot, write the name and office in the space provided on the ballot envelope.
5. After voting, withdraw ballot card from envelope, be sure all votes are clearly marked. Look at the back of the card and mark off any partially punched holes that might be tearing.

Please place ballot cards in the envelope before leaving the device. Insert into the slot on the back of the election system envelope at the ballot box.

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Canton Charter Township, Wayne County, Michigan

Special Election, April 18, 1995

CANTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL ELECTION, APRIL 18, 1995

PERSONS ELIGIBLE TO VOTE

TOWNSHIP CLERK



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KATHLEEN RAVEN 7

CANTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP, WAYNE COUNTY, MICHIGAN
SPECIAL ELECTION, APRIL 18, 1995

PROPOSAL A: ROAD BONDING PROPOSITION

Shall the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Twelve Million (\$12,000,000.) Dollars and issue, in series, its Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds therefor for the purpose of improving, repairing and replacing existing roads together with all related appurtenances and attachments relating thereto in the Township?

YES 21
NO 21

PROPOSAL B: LIBRARY BOND PROPOSAL

Shall the Charter Township of Canton, County of Wayne, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed Eight Million Eight Hundred Seventy Five Thousand (\$8,875,000.) Dollars and issue its Unlimited Tax General Obligation Bonds for all or a portion of that amount for the purpose of acquiring the existing Canton Public Library building and making additions and improvements thereto?

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We will do what we can when-
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A disappointing day!!
The Library Bond
Proposal was
defeated!!!

Bennett elected Canton clerk, both bond issues fail

BY ROB KIRKBRIDE

Canton voters resoundingly elected Republican Terry Bennett as the new Canton Clerk — the road bond issue was defeated by just 48 votes, while the library improvement bond was soundly beaten. Bennett received a total of 3,128 votes — Democrat Kate Raven captured 1,984 of the ballots cast.

Bennett said she will do her best to serve the Canton voters. "One thing I

learned in this election is that you earn respect by giving it," she said.

Bennett said she is looking forward to getting started in the clerk's office — an office vacated when husband Loren Bennett won election to the state senate in November.

"I'd like to thank everyone who took the time to come out and vote for me," she said. "Kate Raven did a fine job on her campaign — she was a very worthy

opponent. Now it's time to get to work. I am planning on starting in the clerk's office on May 1. We will be very busy — there's a lot of work to be done."

It's back to the drawing board for Canton Trustees as the \$12 million road improvement bond issue was narrowly defeated, 2,637 to 2,685. The bond would have been used to supplement Wayne County funds to improve roads in Canton.

The \$8.9 million library expansion bond issue — which would have been used to build additions to and improve service at the existing Canton Library facility — was beaten 3,047 to 2,270.

Absentee ballots again determined the winner, with approximately 3,000 votes cast previous to the election.

Heavy rain did not seem to be a factor, with nearly 16 percent of the voters casting ballots.



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Ballots cast Bennett wins race, proposals defeated

The polls opened Tuesday to sprinkles, which turned into intermittent rain during the day.

However, voters in Canton Township braved the weather to cast their ballots for a new township clerk and to make their decisions on two ballot proposals.

Former Township Clerk Loren Bennett resigned from his post after his election as state senator, and the deputy clerk filled his position through the April 18 election.

Seeking the post on the Republican ticket was Terry Bennett, 43, wife of the former clerk. The long-time educator has been active in community activities and is the chairwoman of the Canton Historic District Commission. Opposing her on the April 18 ballot was Democrat Kathleen Raven, 21, a Michigan State University graduate.

Voters had two bond proposals to consider on the ballot.

• Proposal A, a \$12 million road improvement package,

Ballot Totals	
Township clerk	
Terry Bennett,	3,128
Republican	
Kathleen Raven,	1,984
Democrat	
Proposal A/Road bonds	
Yes votes	2,637
No votes	2,685
Proposal B/Library bonds	
Yes votes	2,270
No votes	3,047

that includes paving, repairs, intersection improvements and maintenance. The .66 mills to fund the project would be for a 15-year period.

• Proposal B, an \$8.8 million library enhancement package which would expand the facility to 56,000 square feet and add a drive-through book drop, multi-media room for group training, additional materials and advanced technological capabilities. The .08 mills to fund the project would be for a 10-year period.

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We are having a difficult time...
- Jean Tabor

Canton Library Director Jean Tabor expressed disappointment with the lack of voter support on the April 18 millage vote for a 8.8 million library expansion.

"We tried to be proactive. We must continue to look towards expansion before we get into a crisis. Weeknights, evenings and weekends, we have standing room only. I see our usage will continue to increase as the community continues to grow," Tabor said.

Tabor explained that the community may not understand the need that is there.

"People perceive we are new. We are having a difficult time, as our operational money pays off the building. Our circulation is growing five to seven percent every month over the totals from a year ago. We have to increase staffing. This building will not be paid off until 2003, and 25 percent of our budget goes to pay off the building," Tabor said.

Volunteers are necessary and welcome more than ever, Tabor said.

For example, volunteer coordinator Marvin Barker is instrumental in keeping books on shelves and updating the computer data base, Tabor said. Volunteers are counted on more and more for essential services to keep customer service as their number one goal.

In order to volunteer, Barker can be contacted at 397-0889 during regular library hours.

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◆ Just Between Friends ◆

The Newsletter of the Friends of the Canton Public Library



May/June 1995

Marta McCabe, ed.

BIG USED BOOK SALE

in the
Canton Library Meeting Room

Friends Only Preview:

Wed., May 17
6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Memberships will be available at the door.

Public Sale:

Thurs., May 18, 9 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.
Fri. & Sat., May 19 & 20, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun., May 21, 12 n - 5 p.m.

Paperbacks from \$.25
Hardbacks from \$1.00

Sunday is Bag Day (\$3 per bag)



Huge selection of all types of books: novels, mystery, science fiction, children & young adult, textbooks, cookbooks, biographies, and many, many more.

Book Sale Workers Needed!!

It is fun to browse the Sale and find all sorts of bargains, but remember that this is all done with volunteer help and we need **yours**!! Please consider working for 2 hours during the Sale on Sat., May 13 moving books; May 15, 16, or 17 setting up; or May 22 after Sale clean up. Just call Marcia at 397-0999 weekdays, 9:30 am - 12 n to schedule. Every bit counts!!

The Friendly Shoppes

will be open during the Book Sale. There is always something new, so be sure to stop by. For the coming Summer the Shoppe will be only open during special Library events. We will keep you posted on its schedule.

For Friends



The Friends will be sponsoring a golf outing on Sept. 13 at the new Pheasant Run Golf Course. A special mailing will be going out next month with full details.

Thank you

to everyone who has renewed or just joined.
Your support means so much for our Library.

Book Sale Success

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Linda Garrett
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Book program keeps readers busy

By KRISTIN HONECKER
MCN Special Writer

The long awaited summer is finally here and now you're bored.

Well, thanks to the Canton Public Library Young Adult Summer Book Club, you don't have to be.

The Young Adult Book Club is entering its third year, according to YA Coordinator Ophelia Lo. Each year, the theme changes a little, and this year, the book club will allow students access to the Internet. The book club lasts from June 17 - July 31.

Young readers can choose to read any title from the Can-

ton Public Library's YA or adult collection as long as the title is on your reading level. Read it, enjoy it, ponder over it and then tell the world, in writing, whether you like it or not, said Lo.

According to Lo, after reading the book, the reader writes down a short paragraph as a book review. After turning that into the club, it will be posted in the YA area of the library.

The evaluation should reflect what you think about the book and the club itself has provided some questions to help you draw your conclusions, Lo said. The library retains the right to edit all submitted reviews before post-

ing and only one review per book per reviewer will be posted.

"The beauty of this all," said Lo, "is that after writing the review, you can input the same information onto the Internet for people to respond to."

The book club has provided members with the option of opening an account on the Greater Detroit Free-Net program which allows you to share your ideas as well as respond to reviews written by other people. These accounts will stay open even after the book club is over.

The library will provide three sessions for training on the Free-Net, offered the fol-

lowing dates: June 19, 4-4:30 p.m.; June 21, 10:30-11 a.m. and June 22, 2:30-3 p.m.

The book club is offered to students ages 13-18 years of age, free of charge.

Lo feels that teenagers need a lot of motivation to read because they tend to not do it on their own. The book club provides an exciting new way to read.

"This year the program has reached a new height," said Lo. "It is more exciting and innovating."

After having more than one review posted, participants will receive a free pass to the Skatin' Station. Last day for registration is June 14.

Canton Eagle 6-15-95

Library staff honors volunteers for service

Highlighting National Library Week was an appreciation luncheon for volunteers by the Canton Public Library staff.

The event was especially appropriate because national Volunteer Week preceded the event, according to Marcia Barker, volunteer coordinator.

Three categories of volunteers were honored, the board of trustees, the Friends of the Canton Public Library and the service volunteers.

A six-member board is elected every four years to serve as the policy makers of the library. Canton resident Gregory Stachura currently chairs the board.

Incorporated in 1988 and acting as library ambassadors, the Friends of the Canton Public Library host fund raising events such as a used book sale, musical variety series and a golf outing, which will be staged on Sept. 13 at the Pheasant Run Golf Course.

The Wallace Baker Friend of the Year Award was presented to Linda Garrett, special projects chairman. She donates many hours to the projects and serves on several committees.

More than 30 people are involved in the service volunteers and have donated 2,300 hours to the library in 1994.

Among their duties are typing, phoning, collecting information, repairing and

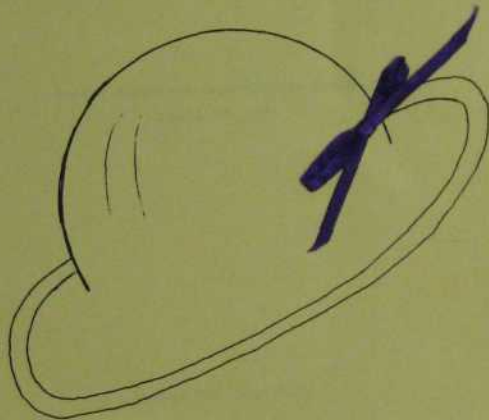
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The Flossie Tonda Volunteer of the Year Award was

presented to Betty Martin, who has been a volunteer since 1991 and spends approx-

imately three hours per week attending to audio-visual maintenance and repair.

HATS OFF
to VOLUNTEERS



Canton Observer 5-22-95

Library volunteers lauded for efforts

The Canton Public Library staff recently honored its volunteers with an appreciation luncheon as part of National Library Week and National Volunteer Week in April.

The library acknowledged three categories of volunteers:

■ Board of trustees: Katherine Baldrica-Bassner, James Gillig, Gregory Stachura, chairman, David Bone, William Simmerer, Beverly Way.

■ Friends of the Canton Public Library, incorporated in 1988. The Wallace Baker Friend of the Year Award was presented to Linda Garrett, special projects chairwoman. She was one of the founding Friends and donates many hours to the success of such projects as the bookmark contest, the scholarship selection committee and the golf outing committee.

The 150-member group is led by the following: David Reynolds,

president; Phyllis Stein, vice president; Ilene Saunders, secretary; Peggy Moore, treasurer; Wally Baker, book sales; Martin McCabe, newsletter; Linda Garrett, projects; Patricia Bunnell, hospitality; Shirley Worpell, shoppe; Coy Sandrock, homebound and book discussion; Bud Stein, past president; Carol Heminger, board member; Bevis Richardson, member.

■ Service volunteers are more than 30 people who donated more than 2,500 hours to the library in 1994. The Flossie Tonda Volunteer of the Year Award was presented to Betty Martin, a volunteer since 1991. She spends ap-

proximately three hours per week attending to audio-visual maintenance and repairs.

Other volunteers honored were: Jacqueline Adler, Glone Brunner, Margaret DeConinck, Mercedes Derbin, Carol Donovan, Pamela Folgmann, Linda Hetner, Randi Kondrack, Jean Morris, Nila Rowland, Michiyo Shimokoro, David Cwikla, Patricia Dennington, Luciana Dettling, Robert DuCharme, Mildred Hay, Mel Hilbard, Jeanine Krogolski, Mary Meyers, Shirley Reynolds, Ilene Saunders, Margaret Smith, Carolyn Sumner and Surendra Thakore.

"Hats Off To Volunteers"

Annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon

Wednesday, April 12, 1995

12:00 Noon

Canton Public Library Meeting Room

Hosted by
the grateful library staff.

RSVP: Marcia or Karin 397-0999



Lending a human touch to daily life

Whether it's a cast sculpture in the Canton Public Library or a colorful mural inside a produce market in Livonia, public art tells a story about who we are for generations to come.

BY LINDA ANN CHOMIN



The Storyteller: Canton Township sculptor Joseph De Lauro's bronze casting of an Indian tells future generations about our culture.

Throughout the ages public art has enriched our lives.

Ancient civilizations like the Romans incorporated art into their architecture and environment leaving irrefutable testimony of their existence. It survives as a living history of the culture.

Locally, public art generally is found in city halls and libraries, shopping centers — even produce markets.

It can be as comforting as old Mother Goose, or can make one stop and think. The following tour features some of the highlights of public art in Observer communities.

Public art, in general, differs from artwork collected privately and by museums because it's less likely to rely on commentary about social and political issues.

Take for instance the "Goose that Laid the Golden Egg" displayed outside the north entrance to Hudson's at Westland Shopping Center. The 8-foot wide ab-

stract sculpture, initially was created by the late Samuel Cashman as a play sculpture for children. Liability concerns forced center management to move the goose several years ago to a new resting spot, out-of-reach.

Made of cast terrazo and gilt bronzed,

the sculpture was commissioned by Louis G. Redstone Architects more than 30 years ago when the shopping center was then in the planning stages.

"Samuel Cashman was really a master of forms that evolved out of abstract but was representational," said Redstone, founder chairman of the 56-year-old firm Redstone Architects, Redstone & Associates, whose offices were in Livonia from 1976 to 1990.

Public appeal

"The Goose that Laid the Golden Egg, it really appealed to people. It's not so much that it's representational but the subject matter. We looked for things that appealed to both young and old."

Redstone, an authority on public art, as evidenced by his books "Public Art" and "Art in Architecture," is a leading

See HUMAN, 4D

Human from

Locally his work is permanently displayed as a 12-foot Christ sculpture on the front wall of Christ Our Savior Lutheran Church in Livonia, the Detroit Public Library, Fairlane Manor in Dearborn, on the grounds of Madonna University, and in many churches and seminaries.

Mural at market

Joe's Produce in Livonia is not the typical site one would expect to find art. The fruit market appropriately bears a 34-foot long by 5-foot high mural of oversized fruits, which in a Rembrandtlike palette plays off of arrangements of the real thing grouped in blocks of vibrant, living color.

The painting tells a story of the Maioranas, a family that's survived on the living they earned from the fruit of the earth for the last three generations. It's roots were planted in 1945 in a Livonia apple orchard by Joe Maiorana, 87, a great-grandfather.

Human from page 1D

proponent of incorporating art into the total living environment.

Brick murals and sculptures by respected artists such as Louise Nevelson and Marshall Fredericks add a human touch to variety of Redstone's structures from the Michael Berry International Terminal at Detroit Metropolitan Airport to the Jewish Community Center in West Bloomfield and the McDowell Center at Schoolcraft College in Livonia.

Redstone studied under Elieel Saarinen earning a master's degree in urban design from Cranbrook Academy of Art.

He has encouraged the building of art into architecture for many years by allotting a part of the building budget to incorporate art into the overall design. But was it art catering to design? Hardly.

"I gave the artists complete freedom except for in some cases the sizes because everything has to fit in," said Redstone, 92, during an interview in his office in the Comerica Tower in Southfield.

Spending for art

Although today's construction budgets restricts spending for art, Redstone's firm manages to work it into the structure.

"We still add a little touch of some human feeling whether it's a mosaic or a brick form."

Redstone and son, Daniel were instrumental in the construction of the environmental sculpture located halfway between the police station and city hall in the Livonia Civic Center.

The sculpture, by New York artist Andrea Blum, is a gift from the Livonia Cultural League, founded in 1979 as an offshoot of the Livonia Arts Commission.

Construction cost overruns plagued the interactive sculpture. A \$36,000 grant from the National Endowment for the Arts hardly made a dent in the \$220,000 in cash and donations of time and labor needed to finish the project.

"It's meant to be a statement that art needs to be seen," said city treasurer Robert R. Bishop. "The sculpture is made up of different levels of linear lines and platforms at different levels, drawing together at the center."

Park-like sculpture

The artist's intent was to create a sculpture symbolic of the city right in the middle of the civic center's park-like environment.

"Andrea wanted to create a center of the city because the city doesn't have a downtown. One hundred years ago there were no theaters or museums. The sculpture attempted to draw attention to the city and to the people who served on the board."

called for walking paths, reflecting ponds, a bandshell with the sculpture at its heart.

A panel invited six nationally respected artists to submit proposals and maquettes.

Construction of Blum's concept began in 1987. After many setbacks due to cost overruns, the gray concrete sculpture with white accents, was complete.

A booklet describing its history is due out sometime before Bishop returns at the end of the year.

The city of Livonia is a strong supporter of the arts thanks to dedication of many of its people.

Art in libraries

In 1992 the Friends of the Livonia Library contracted James R. Gilbert, an art professor at Kingwood School in the Cranbrook Educational Community in Bloomfield Hills, to design and weave the metallic aerial sculpture suspended in the atrium of the Civic Center Library. The six-foot high woven aluminum stripping and rayon thread sculpture floats two stories above the heads of visitors to the library lobby. It's three lyrical panels run 16, 19 and 21 feet in length and symbolize the developing stages of a child into an adult.

Among Livonia's other jewels is it's art collection displayed in public buildings throughout the city. One of its latest acquired pieces, a relief entitled "Dante and Beatrice" by Redford Township sculptor Sergio De Giusti, will soon be on display in the library's atrium.

A future sculpture in the works by Grosse Pointe sculptor Frank Verga is a bronze casting of an old man sitting on a park bench reading to a child, a Labrador dog at their sides. The location is yet to be determined.

It will cost \$26,000, \$13,000 of which came from a Michigan Equity Grant to match Livonia Arts Commission funding.

"Public art is such a derivation from the normal patterns of our life. It shocks us; it has colors and shapes, it is attractive and it says stop and look at me, and the minute you stop you're engaged in an artistic experience," Bishop said.

De Lauro work

Joseph De Lauro intended to create an art experience right in the middle of the Canton Public Library with his "Storyteller" sculpture.

His 26-inch tall bronze casting entitled "The Storyteller" is displayed in the reference section. It is a Mayan or Aztec Indian figure passing down their knowledge and history to younger generations through storytelling.

De Lauro, who retired as chairman and founder of the University of Windsor's fine art department, is currently working to create and

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

JUNE 1995 - AUGUST 1995



PROGRAMS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

From the Director

On behalf of the Library Board and staff, I would like to thank the Canton residents who supported the library in the April election. Because our bond issue did not pass, we must plan to accommodate the tremendous growth in usage while still trying to maintain top notch library service, always our number one priority. Perhaps our biggest challenge will be to keep up with information technology and still maintain a strong materials budget.

We are pleased that the Canton Public Library is busier than ever as new residents discover us and regular patrons continue to enjoy the various services we provide. Our circulation has been increasing approximately 7% each month over the same months last year.

In fact, we checked out 14% more items in April than during April, 1994.

We appreciate your patience, especially when you have to wait for a terminal, for a parking space, or even a seat during the evening or on weekends.

With the support of the community, the Canton Public Library has earned the reputation of being one of the best, most progressive libraries in Michigan. We are committed to maintaining that reputation because we know that a strong public library has a major impact on the quality of life in a community. We believe in the slogan, "Libraries Change Lives".

— Jean Tabor, Director

FOR OUR PATRONS WITH DISABILITIES

Thanks to a Community Block Grant the library now has automatic doors. Also, we are pleased to provide the following new devices to aid those patrons needing special assistance at the library:

- Loud-B electronic ear to amplify sound for the hearing impaired (located at the check-out desk)
- A book stand to assist those patrons who have a difficult time holding a book (located in the audio-visual room).
- A wheelchair is available for use in the library (located at the receptionist desk).

Hearing impaired individuals who wish to call the library for information or materials may use the:

MICHIGAN BELL RELAY CENTER (1-800-649-3777)

Individuals who need special assistance to participate in library programs should contact the library (313-397-0199). Reasonable advance notice is

Library volunteer is honored with award

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FOR MORE THAN a year he has boarded a bus four times weekly and heads toward the library. Previously, he volunteered with Easter Seals in Inkster.

"With all the considerations that I have, this presents the best opportunity for me — health wise and personally," said Cwikla, who processes incoming magazines and newspapers at the library. "People realize I can do more than I'm given to do."

"Quite a few people think you get

magazines and put them on the shelves — it doesn't work that way," he said shaking his head.

Cwikla said he's an avid reader, "but not because of the library. I've always been that way. I'm curious about ideas."

"I'd rather be working here than doing something at home," he said. "I'm not too domestically oriented — like dusting or washing the dishes. While I have to do it, I don't like to."

"The employees value volunteer work," he said. "This library depends on it, and it's important, too."

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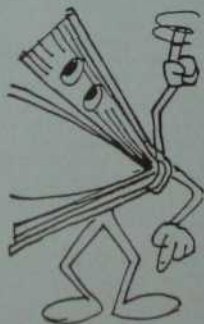
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** EVENT IS PART OF SUMMER READING PROGRAM

Library's Friends take to the links

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

The weather was beautiful, the people had fun and the food was great.

That was pretty much the consensus among participants of the Friends of the Canton Public Library's first golf outing — Fore Friends — Sept. 13 at Pleasant Run Golf Club.

"I think it was wonderfully successful for a first time," said Jean Taber, library director. "I know the Friends were pretty excited about it."

Approximately 91 golfers played in the outing that served as a fund-raiser for the Friends organization.

Marcia Barker, library volunteer and Friends coordinator, drove her golf cart hole to hole during the outing to be sure all was well on the links with the golfers who gave their day to the effort.

Unfortunately, there were no holes-in-one that would have nabbed golfers incredible prizes, such as a 1995 Dodge Stratus, courtesy of Century



Teed off: Judy O (from left), Kathy Minch, Sandee Kners and Jannita Graf show off their T-shirts, designed by Kners, for the Friends of the Canton Public Library's first-ever golf outing, dubbed Fore Friends.

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Children test skills

Kids from Plymouth and Canton tested their athletic skills 1-3 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 20, during the Mini-Olympics at McDonald's in

Canton, 44900 Ford Road. Activities included running events, tumbling and shooting baskets. Prizes were awarded.

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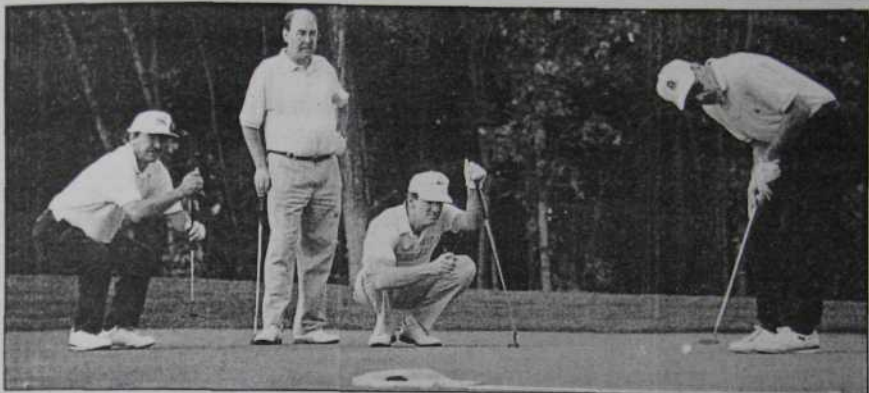
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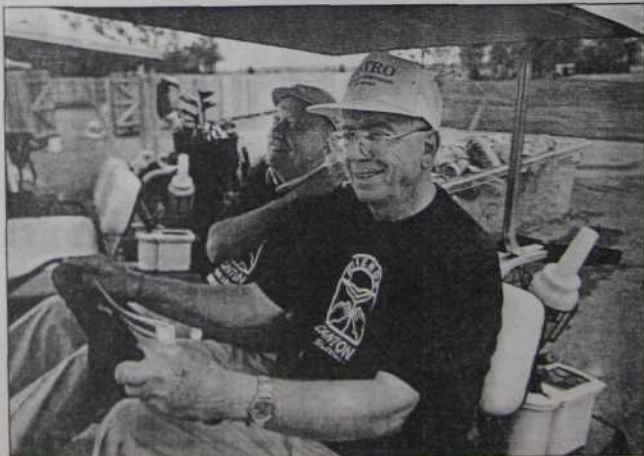
Sizing it up: Golfers (from left) Rob Dividock, Dick Resetz, Rob Barker and Mik Kokoszka watch as the ball rolls toward the tee at the Fore Friends golf outing Sept. 13 at Pheasant Run Golf Club.

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Dodge in Taylor. Other prizes included a hotel weekend getaway and a new set of Ping golf clubs. There were also plenty of other

prizes for golfers who made the longest drive or were closest to the tee. Despite good weather, golfers

were confronted with some strong winds that aggravated golfers on those particular holes where the big prizes, such as the Dodge



Volunteering: Volunteers Howard Stein (in back) and Ron Lieberman cart cold drinks for golfers in the Friends of the Canton Public Library's first golf outing.

Library group extends deadline for golf outing

The Friends of the Canton Public Library are extending the deadline to sign up for their first-ever golf outing. The new deadline is Aug. 1.

FORE Friends is a fund-raiser for the non-profit organization. The outing is scheduled for Sept. 13 on the new Pheasant Run Golf Course in Canton. Outing fees are \$100 for a single golfer and \$400 for a foursome. The outing will begin with an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start in a scramble format. Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be served. A traveling trophy will be awarded, as will other contests and prizes, including a 50-50 raffle. In

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the hole-in-one contest, players also will have a chance to win a 1995 Dodge Stratus, donated by Century Dodge of Taylor.

Interested players should contact the library, 397-0999, to participate, or mail a check to Friends of the Library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Mich. 48188.

The Friends also are seeking sponsors for each of the 18 holes

on the Arthur Hills-designed course. For more information, call the library, 397-0999.

Tiger trip

See the Detroit Tigers take on the Kansas City Royals Sunday, July 9. Canton Parks and Recreation is sponsoring a family trip to the game. The cost is \$14 per person, which includes a reserved seat and bus transportation.

A bus will leave the Canton Township Hall at 11:30 a.m. that morning and will return after the game. Only Canton residents may participate. Register in person at

Canton Parks and Recreation Services, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Mich. 48188. For more information, call parks and rec, 397-5110.

Business to business

The July Business to Business for the Canton Chamber of Commerce will be 5-7 p.m. Tuesday, July 15, at Bart's Rustic Lawn Furniture, 48630 Michigan Avenue.

The chamber offers these events to give its members networking opportunities and to acquaint area businesses with the

chamber. The cost is \$6 for chamber members, \$10 for non-members. For more information, call the chamber, 463-4040.

Outdoor movie evening

Two popular movies will be offered in an open-air setting this summer in Canton's Heritage Park.

"Movies Under the Stars," sponsored by Canton Parks and Recreation, will be offered in the park amphitheater with speakers surrounding the hill to create the best sound effects.

The movies, to be shown on a

15-by-20-foot screen, are "The Lion King" Friday, July 21 — the rain date is July 23 — and "Jurassic Park" Friday, Aug. 11 — the rain date is Aug. 13.

Both movies will start at dusk and concessions with traditional movie fare will be available. Canton Parks and Recreation staff will make balloon animals for moviegoers.

Tickets for each show are \$5 per car. Moviegoers are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and blankets for seating. Limited bleacher seats will be available. For more information, contact Parks and Recreation, 397-5110.

Friends of Libraries group garners kudos

The Friends of Michigan Libraries has won the PGLUSA/Baker & Taylor Award for the best presentation of the accomplishments of a state Friends organization for the past year.

The award was presented to Marcia Barker, Canton Public Library Friends and volunteer coordinator, at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in June in Chicago.

In her dual roles as president of the Friends of Michigan Libraries and Friends-volunteer coordinator in Canton, Barker said the

best part of her job "is meeting Friends from all over the state and then sharing their ideas and enthusiasm with the volunteers at the Canton Public Library."

Barker initiated Friends of Michigan Libraries in 1993 with a core group of five other libraries, including Livonia, Birmingham, Dearborn, Novi and Mt. Clemens. Membership now numbers more than 100 libraries, from as far up north as Menominee to as far south as Monroe.

In selecting the Michigan group

■ The award was presented to Marcia Barker, Canton Public Library Friends and volunteer coordinator, at the annual meeting of the American Library Association in June in Chicago.

for this award, the ALA Committee recognized four outstanding contributions: publishing a quarterly newsletter, presenting three

state-wide conferences; assisting libraries starting a Friends group, and linking electronically on the Internet with Friends groups.

Pony tales



BILL BRISLER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

Library fun: The Canton Public Library helped spark up its summer reading program for children on Tuesday by bringing barnyard friends to the library. The goat, pony, calf, pig, sheep and a rabbit were from Haverhill Farms. Above, Kirsten Holland, 3, is delighted by a pony.

Library closes Friday for book move

By JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

If you move one book, you have to move the whole lot.

"It is a major project," said Jean Tabor, library director. "You can't believe how complicated it is to move these books."

On Friday, Aug. 18, the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, will be closed to the public while library staffers do some reorganizing and reshuffling to make the best of the space the library has.

Library staff will move the entire adult non-fiction collection

and the video and audio collection. The staff will be faced with moving hundreds, if not thousands, of items. It won't be an easy task. Staff is just hoping they can get it done in a day.

"We are just crowded," said Tabor. "We're trying to make the best of the room we have."

If staff moves one book, the rest has to be moved because they are shelved in numerical order according to the Dewey decimal system. In preparation for the move, staff has put their mathematical thinking caps on to figure just

how many books they can put on each shelf. When the library re-opens, patrons will find books on top and bottom shelves.

"They have measured the shelving and the books and marked it," Tabor added. "There was no way the library could be open for this."

Library staff are rearranging in the wake of voter defeat in April of a bond issue request to expand and renovate the library. "We are also going to take an office and turn it into a computer room for the kids," Tabor said.

The video and audio collection

will be moved to help patrons avoid the need to cut through study areas to reach the collection. "It's pretty loud now in that area," Tabor said.

The library's basement offers little hope for room. It is a 500-square-foot utility basement.

Come January, the library will begin allowing its CD Roms that offer educational and motivational information to circulate to the public.

The library also will be closed all day Friday, Aug. 25, for staff in-service training.

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Summer reading: Parents and their kids follow along with stories read by

Plant exchange in Canton

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Master gardener: Canton Township resident Christine Rollins (at right), a master gardener, discusses perennials with Ordella Kerckhoff of Farmington Hills.

BY RALPH R. ECHTINAW
STAFF WRITER

The perennials were out in force Saturday as area gardeners gathered in Canton to swap plants and advice at the first annual fall plant exchange of the Canton Beautification Committee.

In the future the committee plans to host plant exchanges twice a year, the third Saturdays in May and September.

Most of the swappers displayed perennials they had uprooted in order to thin their collections.

This is a sound practice, said committee chairwoman and master gardener Christine Rollins, a Canton resident. Fall is a good time to thin out your perennials.

She also recommends planting spring flowering bulbs, trees and shrubs in fall. And don't forget to cover perennials with mulch and cut off dead leaves.

Plymouth Township gardener

brings out those perennials

Ruth Wright also recommends mulching. "A lot of people don't realize you have to mulch your mums," she said.

Wright warns gardeners to remember where they plant everything, too. "I've got so many things I didn't mark well, I'm not sure what they are," she said. "You're kind of wondering, 'Gee that's beautiful. What is it?'"

Beautification committee member Pam Swiderek suggested making compost at home to spread on perennials. Just mix two parts brown leaves, twigs and straw with one part green grass.

"That's your compost salad," she said. "And if you add a few worms it helps. Some people even pour beer into it."

Farmington Hills resident Ordella Kerckhoff and daughter Lori filled a picnic table under the pavilion in Heritage Park with irises, chives, sundrops, lemon balm, lamb's ear and more. "I

think we're mostly hoping somebody will take them," Ordella said.

Lori was able to trade for the plant she wanted, a Japanese anemone.

Asked for gardening advice, Ordella said, "You don't want to fertilize this time of year because you don't want a lot of growth now. It's time for them to start shutting down for winter."

Farmington Hills resident Janet Kass was the only plant swapper to bring her husband, Bob, along. The Kassses displayed a wide array of black-eyed Susans, blazing stars, coreopsis, orange day lilies, blackberries, Virginia creeper and creeping Jenny.

Janet recommended looking for plants still in the dirt at swap meets. Plants that have been removed from the soil often fare poorly, she said. "When I get those home they all die on me."

Livonia resident Sylvia Gee's plants were so popular they were gone in five minutes. "I don't even have room for the plants I have," she lamented. "That's why I'm so happy to give them away."

Westland resident Terri Blight brought hyperion day lilies, red magic day lilies and lamb's ear to the party and traded almost all of it. "I got quite a bit of what I wanted," she said.

A meticulous gardener, Blight said her husband is wary of helping her. "He's scared because he knows I'll yell at him if he does something wrong," she said.

Canton resident Tina Gerlack traded a couple things, but couldn't get rid of her sedum ground cover. "Please, please take it," she said.

Beautification committee member Geri Wojcik declared the plant exchange a success, noting that attendance greatly exceeded last spring's event.

Math skills add up to success on big book move

BY JOANNE MALISZEWSKI
STACEY WALTER

It boiled down to a mathematical equation.

"It's like a story problem for librarians," said Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, head of adult services at the Canton Public Library.

One of the most popular spots in Canton — the library — was

closed Friday to allow 36 librarians and staff to move approximately 125,000 items, including books, audio and video tapes, and CD-ROM discs.

Librarians were moving the items to make better use of existing room in the library. For one thing, it was decided that it was noisy when patrons had to trek through the library's study areas

to get tapes. Those tapes and discs are now closer to the front of the library.

But if you move one thing, you have to move something else. When the tapes and discs were moved, that meant the adult non-fiction collection of books needed moving — and in order.

Unfortunately, Friday morning after the staff started the move, a cartful of books tumbled. But all was well. The books pretty much fell in the order in which they were shelved according to the Dewey decimal system.

"We hadn't been using all the tops and bottoms of the shelves," Havenstein-Coughlin said. As of Monday, patrons can look at the very top and the very bottoms of the stacks of shelves in the adult non-fiction section. Stool have already been purchased to help patrons reach the top of the shelves.

"We had to measure the inches of books," Havenstein-Coughlin said. "We counted up the available shelves and came up with the number of inches we needed for books."

The fervent hope was that the big move would be completed by the end of Friday.



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Moving out: Canton library staff and volunteers spent Friday moving about 125,000 items to make better use of space in the library. Here (from left) Marvia Barker, Jolson Hirsch and Laura Ott make sure they're moving books in order.



In order: Diane Alson and Marta McCabe make sure the books they're moving at the Canton Public Library remain in numerical order.

Babies get educated at Canton library

BY DIANE HANSON
STAFF WRITER

Katharine McFaul loves a good book, not to read, but to chew. Maybe that's because she's only 10 months old and has not yet mastered the concept of deciphering words on a page.

"Everything goes in the mouth," said her mom, Holly, a Lincoln Park resident, who had come to the Canton Public Library with husband, Brian, and mother-in-law, Beth McFaul, a Canton resident.

The family joined other parents and babies Oct. 2 for the "Parents & Infants — New Beginnings" program presented at the library for parents and their 4- to 12-month-old children.

Katharine stuffed the colorful, squishy, non-toxic vinyl book into her mouth as youth librarian, Margaret Goodrich, offered information and displayed age-appropriate toys and resource materials available for check-out at the library.

"We still have some old-fashioned technology," she confessed to the adults present as she held up the large, flat, records. She was quick to point out that, since last year, the more current children's CDs are also available to borrow.

A substantial assortment of audio cassettes young children might enjoy, cassettes with books, and video tapes with segments such as "Rah-a-Dub-Dub" and "Today I Took My Diapers Off," were some of the library resources Goodrich presented to the parents.

■ 'What we're trying to do is introduce parents to library resources both for themselves, as parents, and for their children.'

Jill Halpin
youth services librarian

"The magically soothing effect of movement and music was demonstrated when Goodrich played the song, 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat,' while instructing the parent and infant team in a simple flow exercise. Nine funny, fidgety little babies quieted immediately.

"See how moving around gets them all calmed down?" Goodrich said.

In addition to the electronic media, Goodrich displayed an assortment of books from heavy cardstock to vinyl to picture books with no words, allowing for the creative interpretation of the reader to develop their own story for the child.

Soft, life-like animal puppets, toys and puzzles can all be checked out for added fun for the little ones and their parents.

"I think it's excellent," said Canton resident, Lisa Broughman, holding son, Justin, 6½ months. "You know, I wasn't really aware of all the different resources available for small children. I think it's an excel-

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Diaper set: From left, Kathy Flint, daughter Natalie, eight months, Bryan McFaul and Katherine McFaul, 10 months, participate in a library program for babies.

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lent facility. Some of the tapes and albums will be great."

Canton resident Kathy Hall always reads the library fliers and noticed the programs for older children. When she saw the "New Beginnings" program, she was quick to register. She came with her 312-month-old son, Connor. "I didn't know they had all the toys and puppets," she said.

"Having a baby is a big inspiration for coming to the library," said Goodrich. "This is a parenting network thing too.

"Especially parents that are first-time parents or they're new to Canton. They come here and meet other parents and compare notes.

"It's a good way to get to know people, to meet other parents with

similar problems, similar joys."

Goodrich pointed out that there also is an assortment of informational fliers and publications for parents available free of charge at the library.

"Baby," "Metro Parent" and "Canton & Plymouth Area Day Care Preschool Guide," a joint publication compiled by the Canton and Plymouth libraries, were just a few of the gratis offerings.

"What we're trying to do is introduce parents to library resources both for themselves, as parents, and for their children," said youth services librarian, Jill Halpin.

The goal, according to Halpin, is to encourage the parents to "initiate an enjoyment of books at an early age and show them

how to use the library resources to stimulate their child's development."

Beth McFaul said she was impressed with all the materials and said she needed the information every bit as much as her first grandchild's parents.

"I babysit her and I needed a refresher on this," she said. "I had forgotten so many things here, what you can use. I think I need to know these things and I can check things out when I'm watching the child.

"I think they should have one (an infant program) for grandparents. We're older. We have more time. They're busy but I can take these little things out and play."

For more information, contact the library, 397-0999.

Supporter of library displays green thumb

By JOANNE MALESZEWSKI
Staff Writer

The sunflowers that rise above the Canton Public Library's sign on Canton Center Road are pretty tall. But not until you stand next to them do you realize just how tall the flowers have grown.

"The tallest one is 10 feet, 8 inches," said John Schwartz, library building manager. "I didn't even start these sunflowers really early in the season."

But there's no doubt Schwartz has its magic touch — and experience. Schwartz, who has been in charge of everything to do with the library building for the past six years, formerly owned a greenhouse and flower shop on Lilley Road.

"The amazing thing is that now everyone sees the library's sign," Schwartz said. "For a number of years, Jean (Tabot, library director) has been saying we need taller flowers in the middle of the sign. This is what is called an appropriate use of flowers."

While the sunflowers certainly dominate the garden scene facing Canton Center Road, Schwartz has not stopped there. The garden surrounding the library sign has verbe-

nas, impatiens, begonia, dusty miller and agnatum as a border trim.

The front garden isn't the only one that benefits from Schwartz's green thumb. Three other flower beds decorate library property, including one in a courtyard — impatiens, a dogwood tree and a host of bushes — that can be seen from inside the building.

"Impatiens the last few years have been doing better than the begonias," Schwartz said. "Some 40 years ago, 80 percent of the flowers growing were petunias. Then people tried improving on them. Finally, 10-15 years ago, people started winning. Now we are starting to see them around again. You'll start seeing petunias making a comeback."

Schwartz recently read that sunflowers became of great interest in Europe and Russia between World War I and World War II. "They say they have some real tall sunflowers — about 30 feet," Schwartz said.

While flowers and plants have been Schwartz's profession since the 1970s, his face has been familiarly associated with the library for years. He was on the library board at its incep-

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Standing tall: John Schwartz brings some color to the area with his gardens, which include sunflowers that reach more than 10 feet tall.

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tion and stayed aboard for 11 years until he took the building manager's job.

Before the library even existed,

Schwartz was working for one as president of the Canton Rotary, which tried to get a facility and donated money for one.

"I've been taking care of the flowers here for six years now. But the outside work is only a small part of what I do here," he said.

CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY: NEWS AND NOTES

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The following are some news and notes from the Canton Public Library.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIMES (3½-5-year-olds) — Preschool storytimes will be offered Sept. 5-Sept. 26. Storytimes are designed for the 3½- to 5-year-old child, not yet in kindergarten, who can sit attentively for a 30-minute period without parental attendance. A parent must remain in the library while the storytime is in session. Storytime

sessions involve children in stories, songs and fingerplays. Choose one storytime each week. No registration is required. Sessions take place at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Thursdays.

TODDLER STORYTIMES (2-3½-year-olds) — Toddler storytimes will be the Oct. 9 Oct. 30. Storytimes last for 30 minutes and are open to children who are 2 to 3½ years old and are accompanied by an adult. Parents must

arrange for care of their other children. Choose one storytime each week and share a time of stories, songs, and fingerplays with your toddler. No registration is required. Sessions take place 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursdays.

HOMEWORK HELP TOUR — School has begun and with it comes homework and reports. The Youth Department librarians will offer training in how to use the many resources available in

the library. The hour-long, hands-on program will cover: A visit to the Information Station and Searching for books and magazine articles using the on-line catalog. Children in grades 3-6 may attend with or without a parent. Choose one session: 4:15-5:15 Monday, Sept. 11; 7:30-8:30 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 14; 7:30-8:30 Monday, Sept. 18; 4:15-5:15 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 21. Parents only: 10-11 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 19. Registration is by phone or in person.

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Library vote unlikely in 1996



For now, library officials have decided not to ask Canton voters to consider a bond request in 1996, even though the library continues to be pressed for space.

BY JOANNE MALIBZEWSKI
STAFF WRITER

Canton library trustees aren't likely to ask voters in 1996 — a year after voters turned down a similar request — for a bond issue to expand and renovate the library on Canton Center Road.

"I think the best thing you could do

is survey the community," Library Director Jean Tabor suggested to the library board Aug. 16.

The decision to not ask voters for additional tax dollars to expand the cramped library was not unanimous or without debate. Trustees David Bone and Bill Simmerer voted to put the issue before voters at the presi-

dential election.

"It is not something we should feel personally affected by. It needs to be done. We should get out there and do it," Bone said.

A number of trustees agreed with Tabor that it would be wise to find out how voters feel about the library, who uses the facility, what they use it for, what would they like to see added to the library and are they willing to pay for an expansion. Tabor expects to ask township officials when their next survey will be conducted and whether questions about the library

can be added. A survey of voters was not conducted prior to the April bond issue vote.

"We are going to try to do as much as we said we would do, especially in technology," Tabor said, in light of the April 1995 bond issue defeat.

Some trustees expressed concern about asking voters again for financial help to expand so soon after the April denial. "The downside risk is that the public will feel it gave us an answer," said library president Greg Stechara.

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Trustee Beverly Way prefers to wait until 1998. "The community has not felt the need for this library (to expand)," she said.

Tabor said the library is making the most of its existing space. Library staff Friday moved the adult non-fiction collection to make room for other materials. An office also will be transformed into a computer room for youths. And trustees are considering using the large library meeting room for quiet study — a decision expected to concern homeowners associations and other groups that use the room regularly free of charge for meetings. The children's activity room at night also will be used for quiet study.

"I don't think we'll have a problem in 1998," Way said, adding

that by then it will be apparent how cramped the library is and in need of additional space.

Bone said that waiting until 1998 doesn't really matter. "It's all going to be the same problem. My belief is that it's basically a sales job."

So far this year, the library is up to 394,303 items circulated. That's compared to 370,806 at the same time last year. Total circulation for 1994 was 627,796.

Patrons who would vote on the library issue don't necessarily use the library at night when it is most crowded. "By 1998, we will show a lot more wear," Tabor said, adding it might be wiser to wait for the new subdivisions under construction to fill with families.

Responding to concern that a vote in 1996 could hurt the library's credibility with voters, Bone offered an opposing viewpoint. "If we go in 1998, the average voters won't remember we went for a vote in 1995," he said. "I think the more you do this, the more we show the need for this."

Library officials unsuccessfully asked voters in April to support an \$8.8 million bond issue to be repaid over 10 years with an average .80-mill tax increase.

Money from the sale of bonds would have expanded the existing 31,000-square-foot library to 56,000 square feet. The expanded facility would have included more seating, more tables, more quiet study rooms, as well as group

study rooms, a genealogy room, advanced technological capabilities and a Friends of the Canton Library gift and book shop. Parking also would have been expanded.

The bond issue would have cost a homeowner with a \$100,000 house, assessed at \$50,000, about \$40 annually.

The library expansion and bond issue will be discussed in September at a library planning committee meeting. "They will talk about where do we go from here, as well as long-range strategic planning," Tabor said. "The trustees' decision doesn't rule out a vote in 1996 if something changes or they have other information."



Searching: Kristen Tierney (from left), Steven Poon, Erin Baum and Lauren Lippert do a word search. Above, Heather VanLandingham (left) and Christie Johnson seek clues.



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Swoosh! Members of the Canton Kids Club race to find clues as their team completes a scavenger hunt at the library. The prize for each team was a bag of delicious chocolates.

Young readers meet to track down clues

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What could be better than spending a night in a library and having fun without being told to "ssshhhh"?

"Do you know where it is?" Julie Kruessel shouted to her team members as she numbered off the Dewey decimal numbers on a row of books.

Her team was looking for the book "Maude Hart" — and couldn't find it.

Forty youngsters in grades 4-6 — members of the Canton Kids Club — were treated to an after-hours party at the Canton Public Library Friday night. "This is something special for the kids," said Jill Halpin, youth services librarian, who, with the help of

chaperones, ran the party for reading club members.

They started the evening off at 7 p.m. with a scavenger hunt. Actually it was a modern scavenger hunt with the kids using computers in the library to find clues.

Above the clicking of the computer keys, the fast-paced clue finders were amazed with their own prowess. "Oh, this is so cool!" one youngster shouted to her teammates.

"It's over here," announced another team member as she headed for shelves of books.

Chris Primeau and his teammates ran busily between computer termi-

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