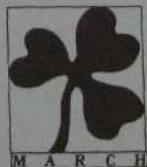




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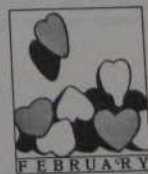
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**MOUNTAIN TALES:**

Grand Rapids storyteller Mary Hamilton will present Appalachian Mountain tales from 7-8:45 p.m. Thursday at the Canton Public Library.

Hamilton has entertained audiences throughout the U.S. and her performances have been broadcast over Michigan Public Radio Stations WJGM and WYDR. She will present a variety of tales including some ghostly ones which are sure to please. Registration begins today at the library.

The Canton Library will hold its sixth annual Summer Reading Club from June 16-24. The club is open to all children in grades 1-8 who have Canton Library cards. Members are invited to attend all four of the special programs.

The library also has a "Read To Me" program available for preschool children.

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# HORIZONTAL FILE

Ron Shubnell is now President of Pipe & Drum Corps. He was elected for the term from Jan. '86 to Jan. '88. His responsibilities are many and include: budgets, performances and answering calls from about 100 actively involved parents. If you call the Shubnell household you're sure to get a busy signal. (Or did you get that other phone line, Gerry?)



## SUCH ACADEMIC TALENT

Sandra's daughter, Susan, was accepted at U. of M. for '86.

Wendy got all A's on her report card.

Karen's son, Brad, got all A's.

Barb's daughter, Auggie, is on the Jr. National Honor Society.



Wendy will be going to Spring Training to see Cal Ripken, Jr. - - - again? (Do you think she has Spring Fever?)

The pages had a wonderful time iceskating Dec. 22nd. Scott, Candy, Wendy, Dan, Michelle, Marty and Ken went to the Plymouth Cultural Center. They worked up quite an appetite and devoured their meals at Dalys afterward. I heard Marty did NOT spill anything on Dan this time - - you can ask Marty to explain that one.



HAPPY  
VALENTINES  
DAY

Weight Watchers beware! Laura & Lynda Sebestyen have sent the order sheet in with Jean for girl scout cookies. It's by the coffee machine.

There will be a staff "LET'S EAT OUT" party at Charley's (formerly known as Mama & Pasta's), corner of Michigan Avenue and Wayne Road.....Friday, Feb. 7th at 5:30 pm. Sign up sheet is on the bulletin board. Reservations will be called in Feb. 5th.

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# Board eyes site for new library

BY DANNESS

The Canton Public Library Board wants five acres of land behind the Canton Historical Museum designated for construction of a new library building.

The Board of Trustees was to have discussed the matter last night.

In a letter to the board, Library Board Chairman John Schwartz III explained, "We are utilizing every inch of available space in our present facility and are becoming more and more aware of the need for a separate library building."

A timetable for future construction of a library building has not been set, Schwartz said. The library board is, however, accepting proposals from about 15 architects on a possible design for a new library building.

The proposals are being solicited, Schwartz said, so the library board will "have something on paper" for potential funding sources, such as private foundations or state grants. "You have to have a good, strong proposal before they start giving you money," Schwartz said.

If the Board of Trustees approves the Proctor Road site, the library board will begin narrowing down its list of architects to about five or six, Schwartz said. The board will then interview the remaining architects and choose one to design a new library building.

"This is a step for the future," he said.

Canton's growing population made it necessary to expand the library's facilities, Schwartz said. The present library is on the third floor of the Township Administration Building. According to Schwartz, 45 per cent of all Canton residents have a Canton library card, whereas in a typical community, only 25 per cent of the population has library cards.

"We're running out of space," Schwartz said. "We're just being swamped by users."

Last year, more than 26,000 library users were registered and 300,000 items were checked out.

Schwartz said adding a branch to the existing library would be too expensive.

The library board wants the new library building to be centrally located and near the other township buildings, Schwartz said. He pointed to a survey conducted by University of Michigan Research which showed a majority of Canton residents wanting a new library to be in the same vicinity as the present library.

The library board was not satisfied with a library site proposed in the Downtown Development Authority (DDA) Plan, Schwartz wrote in his letter to the board. The 2.3 acres proposed for the library in the DDA Plan is "insufficient," he wrote.

The five-acre Proctor Road site would allow for a 25,000-square-foot building with extra space for recreation and parking, Schwartz said.

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# New library site eyed for Canton

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

It appears books and other materials loaned out by the Canton Public Library will have a home of their own behind the Historical Museum on Canton Center Road along Proctor.

For the past five years the library has been crisscrossed into a 12,000-square-foot area on the third floor of the Canton Township Administration Building. The board of trustees Tuesday night agreed to target five acres of township-owned land for the library.

THE PROPOSED 25,000-square-foot library will be near the township hall, police facility and historical museum, which has been earmarked for a centralized community center.

"Basically what it all adds up to is, did we not improve our space," said John Schwartz, Canton public library board member. "The future is there for those who are prepared for it."

Before construction begins a couple of hurdles will have to be cleared. Initially a library building was included in a proposed downtown district on Ford Road. However, the change will not harm the concept of the district, said Dave Nicholson, Canton community and economic development director, for last Tuesday. Finding a developer for the targeted library land in the downtown district should be easy, Nicholson predicted.

Another glitch is that a multi-purpose community center also has been earmarked for land along Proctor west of Canton Center. But there's good news here, too. The library won't affect the five-to-seven acre complex, said Mike Gocin, Canton recreation director.

Because the library is a separate entity from the township, payment for the land is still uncertain, but initial indications are that the township will transfer the site to the library board at an anticipated minimal fee. The library is funded by a 1 mill local tax assessment as well as some state funds.

THE FIVE-MEMBER Library board wanted approval for the land to take additional steps in hiring an architect and ultimately begin construction.

The library has registered more than 25,000 patrons and is circulating more than 300,000 items annually, according to information compiled by the library board.

A plan for building construction will also open the road for grants, Schwartz predicts.

"We don't have the money for the new building in hand right now," Schwartz said. "And the only way we can raise the money is through grants or from foundations. We have to start somewhere and we have to have a site designated. Also the architects say it's impossible to draw sketches without a site."

Due to expected growth in library material circulation future expansions on the building are anticipated.

The library board has enough money for architectural sketches, and about 35 firms have applied for the job, Schwartz said.

"The reason we need the prints without having the money to go ahead is that we have had grants pass by us in past years because we didn't have something on paper," Schwartz said. "Right now we are taking the right steps and doing our homework."

## Canton Library Board Wants New Site Approval

By Lynn Harwell

It appears that the Canton Library will relocate in the future. At the last scheduled township board meeting of Tuesday, March 11, a presentation to the board regarding the need for relocation was made by Chairman John Schwartz of the library board.

Schwartz expressed that the library had become extremely busy and crowded, servicing over 26,000 patrons and having a circulation of more than 300,000 items per year.

Before the library board could pursue financing related to funds from foundations and grants, a motion designating the five-acre parcel along Proctor Road, behind the existing Historical Society building, near the recently opened police facility, was necessary from the township board, which was passed unanimously.

The five-acre plot will allow for a 25,000 square foot structure to be built and will allow growth space for the future development of services and to allow the library to respond to additional patrons.

In a proposal of the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) for the Ford Road area, a proposed location was

designated for the library. However, it was agreed by the economic development director, Dave Nicholson, that the redesignation would in no way hamper the DDA project or significantly impact the downtown site, but could easily be redeveloped in the plans.

The library board felt that the Proctor Road/Canton Center location was extremely desirable due to the response of residents who were surveyed and stated that the present site was preferred. The board also wanted to encourage and support the concept of a centralized community center complex which may include a recreation facility. In addition to these factors, the board felt adequate land was available over the 2.5 acres set aside in the DDA for future expansion.

The next step for the library board will be to begin working with an architect. Mr. Schwartz told the elected officials that a number of architects have already approached the library to be considered for the project.

The acreage that was designated currently belongs to the township. Payment, if any, for the property has not been disclosed as this time.

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# Proposed library site earns donation

A generous hand is reaching from the Far East to help fund a proposed \$2 million building housing Canton's Public Library.

Yasuhiko Yazaki, president of the international Yazaki Group, is donating \$10,000 to the Canton Public Library Board to commemorate the grand opening of the American Yazaki Corp., 6708 Bagley west of I-275 and north of Ford Road.

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Yazaki Company for a multi-cultural experience to grow."

The American Yazaki Corp. began operations in Chicago in 1966 and opened a Detroit-area branch office in 1973 which became the main U.S. office in 1976.

American Yazaki Corp. also deals with gas absorption air conditioning products.

Besides its locations in Japan, the Yazaki Group has operations in Dallas, El Paso and Nashville. Sites in other countries include Thailand, Taiwan, Australia, Philippines, Mexico, Great Britain, France, Iraq and Switzerland.

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DETROIT NEWS, March 24, 1986

**Library gets \$10,000 gift**

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# Yazaki presents \$10,000 gift

By JOAN MARY CYER  
Staff Staff Writer

Grand opening ceremonies for American Yazaki Corp. were the setting of the presentation of a \$10,000 gift to the new Canton Public Library project by the newest industry in the community.

The check was presented to John Schwartz, chairman of the Canton Library Commission, by Hiroshi Nasu, president of American Yazaki Corp. Nasu indicated that the donation was an indication of the Yazaki Group's desire to be part of each community in which it has operations. The library was chosen, Nasu said,

because it expresses the goal of the multinational corporation to increase the understanding of people of all ages for the culture, philosophy, ideas and history of people and nations.

According to Schwartz, an architect will be selected in the near future to present plans for a new facility north of the administration building where the library is presently located.

Schwartz said there is a need for expanded facilities for the library because of the frequent increase in the usage of the present site. He estimated that 1,000 books are circulated each day with a total of more than 300,000 circulated annually.

"On the average, approximately 30 to 25 percent of a community's population have a library card, compared with more than 50 percent of Canton's residents," Schwartz said. "Our people use the library - at a rate of more than twice that of most communities."

Schwartz said that the library has had tremendous support from all segments of the community and praised their efforts in its growth. He also lauded the staff and members of the Library Commission for their hard work and dedication in making the library "a place for the people of Canton to read, to work and to meet."



Hiroshi Nasu, president of American Yazaki Corp., (left) presents a check for \$10,000 to benefit the Canton Library building fund to John Schwartz, Canton Library Board chairman.

## Book Bowl quiz slated

Tonight finalists and semi-finalists in the Canton Library and Plymouth-Canton Community School-sponsored Book Bowl will vie for top honors in the district competition.

The event is scheduled between 7 and 9 p.m. at the Canton Township Hall with John M. Hoben, superintendent of schools, as moderator.

Fourth and fifth graders from the 12 elementary schools in the district will answer ques-

tions about books from a selected list. Participating schools include Field, Gallimore, Erickson, Ferrand, Fiegel, Allen, Bird, Hulking, Ishister, Miller, Smith and Tangier.

Certificates will be given to all the youngsters who competed with \$5 gift certificates being awarded to finalists and semi-finalists.

The public is invited to attend and watch the competition.

## Bowling for books

The Book Bowl finals will be held next Wednesday, April 9, at the Canton Township Hall.

Contestants from 12 Plymouth-Canton elementary schools will match wits answering questions about books during the quiz bowl program.

The fourth and fifth grade participants will vie for gift certificates and a large stuffed animal toy prize. In its sixth year, the Book Bowl is a joint effort of Plymouth-Canton Schools and the Canton Public Library. Students read books selected by a

library-school committee and are quizzed on them during the competition.

The program begins in November during Children's Book Week. Each school holds playoffs to determine a representative team. Winning school teams meet in quarterfinal matches. Superintendent John Hoben will host the semi-finals at 7-9 p.m. April 12. The public is invited.

All Book Bowl participants received certificates. Semi-finalists and finalists win a \$5 gift certificate to a book store.



## The Canton Clerk's Corner

By Linda Chohran

The Canton Library Board is composed of members of the community who are elected to a four year term which will expire on November 20, 1988. The board is elected by the general public, all of which are non-partisan positions. The existing members are James Gilling, Vice Chairman, Norma J. West, Secretary, Thomas Yack, Treasurer, Mary Felts, Katherine Baldrice, and John Schwarz, chairman. Jean Sebesyen is the current Library Director who replaced Debra O'Connor who moved to Ohio.

The first Library board was appointed by the Township Board on June 5, 1979, after the Township Board had on April 10, 1979 designated the third floor for the Library's usage. The Library does pay for the space usage, as well as for the usage of the elevator.

Canton Voters approved one mill for the formation and development of the library on May 9, 1979.

The library Board meets regularly on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room located on the third floor of the Township Administration Building at 1150 S. Canton Center Road. All meetings are open to the general public, conducted by Robert Rules of Order and comply to the Open Meeting Act, Public Act 287 of the State of Michigan Act of 1976. Meeting minutes and agenda's can be reviewed by the public in the library during normal hours.

The Library Board is a separate entity from the Canton Township Board and maintains their own budget and expenditures. The Board members do not receive any financial compensation for their work as the State laws preclude this.

The latest project of which the board is expending tremendous hours is the concept of the new location of the Canton Library. At the April 3, 1986 meeting the Board discussed the presentation of five architectural firms

and moved to approve the firm of Osler-Milling to design the new building. Mary Felts is chairing this committee.

The site that the Township Board of Trustees has designated, at the request of the Canton Library Board, is located south of Proctor Road directly behind the existing building that is utilized by the Canton Historical Society. The Downtown Development authority had included space availability for the Canton Library within the Ford Road Corridor but a survey that the library board had taken from users, indicated a preference of site location near the existing location of Canton Center Road and Proctor.

The American Yazaki Corporation, who recently held a grand opening on March 25, has donated \$10,000 to the library.

The library board is continually working toward time saving programs such as the check-out system of the new scanning, check-out procedures which records the book on a computer and allows users to eliminate the timely written slips which formerly had to be completed before any book could leave the library.

In addition, the board is responsible for offering such fine programs to the Canton residents as the Children Story Time, The Summer Reading Programs, and many, many other programs which are listed in a mass mailing booklet to hit the mail boxes of Canton by May 1, 1986.

Books are not the only items being checked out these days. The library also offers records, V.C.R. tapes, movies, puppets, and toys for a very reasonable rental fee.

The library's hours are 10:00 A.M.-9:00 P.M. Monday through Thursday and 9:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Friday and Saturday. They are closed on Sundays. Questions pertaining to the library and services provided by the board can be answered at 397-0969.

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**BOOK BOWLERS:** Field Elementary School was the first-place winner in the 1986 Book Bowl held recently at Canton Township Hall. Team members were Michelle O'Brien, Jodi Carr, Kara Fitzgerald and Melissa Koith. The runner-up team representing Erlanson Elementary consisted of Lisa Allen, Matt Wilson, Jesse Givens and Alyssa Rickard. The Book Bowl is a cooperative effort between the Canton Public Library and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools.

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### WRITING CLINIC:

Canton Public Library is sponsoring a creative writing clinic beginning 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 17. Bill Linn, professor at University of Michigan-Dearborn, has agreed to examine writing samples of those planning to attend the program if they are submitted to the library by April 5. Dr. Linn, author of the novel "Missing in Action," will give pointers to those seeking publication and will discuss the samples he has received. Sign up to attend beginning April 1 by calling 397-0969 or in person at the library.

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## Check it out!

The Canton Public Library, refusing to conform to accepted notions of a quiet and stuffy atmosphere, is a swarm of activity. Jolene Hirsch (above, left), supervisor of circulation, uses the library's computerized checkout system to assist Carol Blazic and her children Candice, 8, and Rebecca, 10, borrow books and video cassettes. At right, Judy Touchworth, children's librarian, works with first-grader Tyler Christensen of Isbister Elementary School. The library, a participant in the 60-member Wayne-Oakland Library Federation, has recently increased its evening staff to accommodate the burgeoning use of the reference desk. Opened in 1980, Canton Public Library offers a variety of public services, including pre-school and toddler reading programs and summer student reading seminars.



ASP Photos by Chief Photographer Lohar E. Partridge

## Library reading activities slated for summer fun

A number of special activities for children will be featured during the reading programs for youngsters at the Canton Public Library and at the Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth.

Canton Public Library activities will include:

- Music by Peter "Madcat" Ruth, 2-2:45 p.m. Thursday, June 26. The Moo Arber musician will play a variety of musical instruments, including the harmonica, guitar, penny whistle and others. Registration begins 10 a.m. Monday, June 23, by telephone or in person.

- "Gollywoggers' Tall Tales in the American Tradition," 2-2:45 p.m. Thursday, July 10. A cast of professional actors from Crossroads Productions will present this dramatic performance for children. The performance combines mime, song, dialogue and storytelling. Registration begins 10 a.m. Monday, July 7, by telephone or in person.

- "Appalachian Mountain Tales" with Mary Hamilton, 2-2:45 p.m. Thursday, July 17. This storyteller presents a number of Appalachian folk tales, including some ghostly tales. Registration begins 10 a.m. Monday, July 14, by telephone or in person.

"We've found that our children really enjoy storytelling a lot," said Hiberia Reeves, department head for children's services at the Canton Public Library. Canton's activities

will be in the first floor meeting room of the township's Municipal Building.

- A Skating Party, 7-9 p.m. Thursday, July 24, at the Skatin' Station, 8611 Ronda, Canton Township. Permission slips are required, and are due on or before Tuesday, July 22. (Permission slips should be given to a children's librarian at the Canton Public Library.)

The program at the Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth also will feature a number of different fun activities for children. Films for children will be shown 2-3 p.m. Thursday, June 26 and July 10.

Other activities at the Dunning-Hough Public Library will include:

- A Laser Show, 2-3 p.m. Thursday, July 3, presented by the Detroit Science Center.

- A Talent Show, 2-3 p.m. Thursday, July 17. Separate registration is required.

- "Mission: Possible," 2-3 p.m. Thursday, July 24. This program, which will be in downtown Plymouth's Bellong Park, includes an obstacle course and other games.

- Awards Party, 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 2. The party will be limited to those youngsters who have fulfilled their contracts.

For more information, call the Canton Public Library at 387-0999 or the Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth at 433-0769.

## Canton Public Library 1986 Summer Reading Program



ON BOOKS

JUNE 16 - JULY 24

for children in grades 1-8



# Adventure planned for young book enthusiasts



Michael Sawchuck, 10, peruses the books at the Canton Public Library. A summer reading program is scheduled at Plymouth and Canton libraries.

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

**C**HILDREN IN Plymouth-Canton who are looking for something to do during the summer vacation months don't have to look very far.

Both the Canton Public Library and the Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth are offering summer reading programs for local children.

The programs are designed to get local youngsters reading — and to keep them reading.

"I hope that they'll have a good feeling about the library and about reading in general," said Pam Rawlinson, Canton's librarian at the Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth. Children need to learn to enjoy reading, she said, and not to consider it a chore.

"A lot of kids, the only time they'll come into the library is when they have an assignment."

The Canton Public Library's program has similar goals.

"The Reading Club is just primarily to stimulate their enjoyment of reading and keep them reading over the summer," said Roberta Reeves, department head for children's services at the Canton facility. "It's not a contest. We just want to encourage them to keep reading for pleasure."

"We really want the experience of reading to be rewarding and not a frustrating experience," Reeves said.

**THE THEME** for both the Canton and the Plymouth programs this year is "Spotlight on Books." Both libraries belong to the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation.

The Dunning-Hough Public Library's program is open to children 4-14 who are residents of Plymouth, Plymouth Township or Canton Township. Registration for the Plymouth program began last week.

Reading will begin on Monday, June 27, with Thursday, July 31, the final day to report on books.

At one time, children participating in the Plymouth program were required to read 10 books.

"We changed it so that each child could set their own goal," Rawlinson said. "It was difficult for some kids to do that. If they didn't meet the requirements, they felt they hadn't accomplished what they'd set out."

This year, children participating in the Plymouth program will be required to read at least three books, all at their own reading level. They will sign a contract indicating how many books they will read during the six weeks.

Library staffers can help out with suggestions for reading.

"We do have suggestions. Every week, we try to highlight something different," Rawlinson said. Bookmarks available at the library in Plymouth list books in different subject areas, such as fantasy, entertainment, games and nature.

Children participating in the Plymouth program will be required to give an oral report to a library staffer on at least one book. Youngsters will pick a question slip from a jar and answer the question as it relates to that book.

"Sometimes, kids get a little tongue-tied and they don't know what to say," Rawlinson said. "We hopefully will get them to think a little more about what they want to say."

**OCCASIONALLY, AN** extremely shy child will have difficulty giving an oral report and will be allowed to submit a written report, the librarian said.

If a child participating in the Plymouth program wishes to read a book that's not in the library's collection, he or she should have that book checked first by a library staffer.

Both the Plymouth and Canton programs will include a number of special activities for children. The Plymouth program will end with a Saturday, Aug. 2, Awards Party, which will be limited to those who have fulfilled their contracts.

The Canton program will end with a Thursday, July 24, Reading Party at the Skates Station in Canton Township. All children who participate in the Summer Reading Club may attend.

The Canton program will begin on Monday, June 16, and end on Thursday, July 24. Registration may be completed at the library on or after Monday, June 18. The deadline for registration will be 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 16.

Children in grades one through eight who have Canton Public Library cards may participate. As with the Plymouth program, books chosen must be at the child's reading level.

Only book titles in the Canton Public Library will be accepted. Children who read five books will receive a certificate.

The Canton program does not require children to give book reports.

"We don't want to make it a laborious type of thing," said Reeves, the library's department head for children's services.

Both Reeves and Rawlinson agree that parents can help their children with the reading.

It's important for parents to be good role models — by reading themselves and by encouraging children to read, Reeves said.

And talking about the books they read together. "Such discussions are a big help to children in understanding what they've read."

"They often will tell us in great detail about it."

**PARENTS SHOULD** help children set realistic goals for reading, the Dunning-Hough Public Library's

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"Sometimes, they tend to say a higher number than is realistic for them."

It's also helpful to set aside some time each day — such as the time just before bedtime — for reading.

As with many adult readers, children tend to look for lighter material during the summer months.

"A lot more fiction gets read during the summer," Rawlinson said. The non-fiction shelves, however, also attract young readers.

Local children enjoy reading books about hobbies and interests, Rawlinson said, and also books about sports.

"There are always real popular." Youngsters also seek out books in the areas of history, animals and other.

Fantasy books are popular among children at the Canton Public Library, Reeves said, as are the mysteries.

Both librarians encourage children and their parents to come in and register for the summer programs, which have been popular with young readers in previous years. Registration must be completed in person.

For more information on the reading programs, call the Canton Public Library at 397-0959 or the Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth at 453-0759.

The Dunning-Hough Public Library is at 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth. The Canton Public Library is at 1159 B. Canton Center Road in Canton Township.

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**BY POPULAR DEMAND:** The Canton Public Library, by popular demand, is sponsoring a program on starting a small business beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 13. Dr. John Moore, professor of Business and Director of Wayne State University's Small Business Institute, will be the speaker. People can sign up to attend in person or by calling 397-0999.

5-12-86

**ARRANGING FLOWERS:** Canton Public Library invites residents to attend a free demonstration of flower arranging at 7 p.m. Thursday, June 19. Michelle Skirrow will describe design, color, wiring and taping by assembling an arrangement, which will be given away at the end of the evening. Sign up to attend by stopping at the library, which is on the third floor of the Township Administration Building or Canton Center Bldg or by calling the library at 397-0999.

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# Morale booster urges a yearn to live

Christine Risk  
Staff writer

Like a man who's touched hands with his personal crusade to advise teenagers that they need to learn to suicide as an answer to their problems.

Earlier this month, Canton resident Jim Tuman spoke before a substantially smaller audience. It was a man to see, though, that his work wanders even in these circles.

Tuman, an advocate of development self-esteem in teens as a method of reducing the increasing suicide rate among high school students, spoke before a crowd of 22 teens and teens June 5 in the Canton Public Library.

**THE EFFECT** was typical for these forums.

"Who's the most important person you know?" Tuman asked the audience.

The crowd hedged. Few raised their hands. Even fewer wanted to

say what they knew Tuman was expecting.

"Why is that so difficult to say?" he asked, responding to one audience member's answer that she was most important. "We are so busy working off of other people's standards that we can't see our own value."

As a promoter of three national programs aimed at women, children and Vietnam veterans, and as a nationwide speaker on teens, Tuman says he has had a lot of time to examine his own values.

He told the audience of a personal experience which led to his renewed conviction that adults and teens must set priorities in their lives and stick with them.

"I met this man in a restaurant when he sat down beside me. At first I acted disinterested but he kept talking to me. He told me he had leukemia and that he had sold everything he owned, including his business, and was traveling the



BILL BRISLER/staff photographer

Canton resident Jim Tuman advocates boosting the self-esteem of teens as a way to fight

the problem of suicide. Tuman spoke recently at a Canton Public Library program.

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# Yearn to live urged by speaker

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country before he died.

"I had this sudden sense of urgency to see and talk to him, he affected me that much.

"Everyone of you in the room has the power to influence thousands."

**TUMAN IS NOT** new to the realm of influencing people.

In what has become a typical reaction to his speeches, teens routinely gather around each other,

confessing their problems, embracing or simply crying.

Emotions were equally high in the smaller crowd as parents and teenagers wiped their eyes. Two teenagers, veterans of Tuman's earlier talks, testified to his effective approach to teen problems.

Mark Hackett and Tracy Reardon, both 15 and students at Lowell Middle School in Westland, are victims of increasing peer pressure and loss of self-esteem.

Both have attempted suicide.

Both admit now that it was Tuman who helped them gain back the confidence they had lost to continue living.

Tuman's talks have "a big effect on everybody," said Hackett. "Students really get into it."

"It lasts long after he leaves," Reardon agreed, adding that she has much closer friends now than before.

"He just senses things," Hackett said, describing Tuman as succinctly as he could.

"Kids today are overwhelmed by everything," said Tuman. "We have to realize that put-downs hurt. It means that we've stopped looking at each other's needs."

Tuman said that school curriculums are "... so curriculum centered that teachers don't look at feelings issues."

He advocated instituting support programs from "the time we begin to see the pain" in teenagers.

"Somehow we've missed the boat - nobody can really identify where they fit in."

**AT ONE POINT**, in an effort to emphasize the misplaced importance of money in today's society, he reached out into the audience and tore up a dollar bill offered by a young girl.

"I know people who have com-

promised themselves for this," Tuman said, pointing to the ripped bill on the floor. "If this is the only reason you get up everyday then there will never be enough of it."

"How do you know you don't have only six months to live? There are no guarantees. So if you're waiting for time to put priorities on the people in your life, then there may not be enough time."

Looking to the adults in the audience, Tuman said that the problems don't stop in school. "The older we get, it's just a different set of toys."

Tuman, whose talks have been captured on local television stations, showed video tapes of recent school meetings. Audience members witnessed a roller coaster of emotions as hundreds of teens at a local high school cling to each other as Tuman admonished parents and teachers for failing to reach students.

How does Tuman know he's reaching kids? He pointed to the videotape and to the look on the faces of his audience.

In what perhaps could be considered the best testimonial to his success in reaching out were Hackett's final remarks.

"I just don't feel like I have to take my own life to feel better now."

## **brevities**

### ● BREVITIES DEADLINES

Announcements for Brevities should be submitted by noon Monday for the Thursday issue and by noon Thursday for the Monday issue. Bring in or mail announcements to the Observer, 469 S. Main.

### ● TEEN SUICIDE TALK

Thursday, June 5 - Jim Tuman, a nationally known speaker on teenage self-esteem, will be at the Canton Public Library at 7 p.m. to talk about teen suicide. Sign up by calling 397-8999 or in person at the library.

# Suburban Life

Julie Brown 9850/749-2700

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## Musician keeps kids entertained

By Julie Brown  
Staff writer

**T**HESE WERE giggling last Thursday afternoon when a group of local youngsters met with Area Arbor musician Peter "Madcat" Ruth.

Ruth took some time Thursday to entertain a group of Summer Reading Club youngsters from the Canton Public Library. The youngsters in the first hour meeting room of the township's Municipal Building listened to such favorites as "Ol' Sauter" and "Finger West A Courtin'.

All eyes were on Ruth as he got things started by playing his harmonica.

"This is the instrument I like to play the most," he told the attentive youngsters.

The Area Arbor musician demonstrated the different sounds harmonica can produce. Harmonica is very both as the lead and sound, he said, and are easy to take along when traveling.

"Children need to have harmonica because it's such an easy instrument to carry around," Ruth told the youngsters just before playing an appropriate tune, "The Streets of Laredo."

RUTH USED a guitar and harmonica combination in playing "The Boss Working on the Railroad." He also showed the youngsters another instrument of his, the kalimba, which is made from a gourd.

"They're found all over Africa," he said of the instrument.

As African music is in South America, the musician encouraged the youngsters to sing along.

"I bet you can sing louder than that," he said. The children quickly

— and finally — responded to his challenge.

Ruth also played his penny whistle and bird whistle — including one tune in which he played both, putting one on each side of his mouth.

**MORE COMMON** household items can also be used as musical instruments, Ruth told his young audience. A shampoo bottle, for example, can create musical sounds — although it's important to avoid swallowing the shampoo in the process.

"You can make music out a regular old shampoo bottle," Ruth said just before putting the bottle in his mouth to demonstrate his point. "People throw those away and don't realize they're valuable instruments."

The musician's performance was interrupted regularly by abundant applause. Ruth also thanked his young audience before finishing for the day.

"Thanks for being a nice audience. I had a great time playing here."



Area Arbor musician Peter "Madcat" Ruth answers questions about his work from Canton Public Library Summer Reading Club participants.



Canton Township's Brad and Chynghorne enjoy the music created "Madcat" Ruth, Brad, 8, and Cheryl, 5, were

among those attending the Summer Reading Club program Thursday afternoon.



By plucking the metal prongs of the kalimba with his thumb, the musician was able to create musical sounds.

Staff photos  
by Rob Reed



WOB REED/Staff photographer

### **In concert**

Peter "Madcal" Ruth entertains children in a summer reading program with a variety of musical selections. Turn to Page 5B for details.

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at Proctor.

#### **GOLLIWHOPPERS:**

The live stage production of "Golliwhoppers," the telling of tall tales using mime, song and dance, will be presented from 2 to 2:45 p.m. Thursday, July 18, by the Canton Public Library. The presentation is by Crossroads Productions, a professional touring theater company now in its seventh season. The free presentation will be in the first floor meeting room at Canton Township Hall. Registration is required and may be made by calling the library at 387-0999.

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#### ● **GOLLIWHOPPERS**

Thursday, July 18 — Canton Public Library will present the live stage production of "Golliwhoppers" from 2 to 2:45 p.m. in the first-floor meeting room of the Canton Township Municipal Building, Canton Center Road just south of Proctor. "Golliwhoppers" is a presentation of Crossroads Production Ltd., a professional, non-profit touring theater company now in its seventh season. The production is a tribute to one of Early America's favorite forms of entertainment — the tall tale, combining mime, song, dance and storytelling. Registration is required and may be done by calling the library at 387-0999.



# Library fun keeps kids entertained

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

**F**OR MANY Plymouth-Canton children, the summer of 1986 has been a great time for reading.

Summer reading programs at both the Canton Public Library and the Dunning-Hough Public Library in Plymouth attracted their share of young readers this year.

At the Canton Public Library, 1,092 children participated in the Summer Reading Club for those in the first through eighth grades and the "Read to Me" program for younger children.

"That was a record for us," said Judy Teachworth, children's librarian. During the summer of 1985, 854 children participated in those programs at the Canton Public Library.

The Dunning-Hough Public Library had approximately 315 children sign up for the summer reading program for 6- to 14-year-olds this year, according to Pam Rawlinson, assistant director and children's librarian. Of that number, approximately 190 fulfilled the contracts they had signed stating how many books they would read.

THAT REGISTRATION figure is comparable to last year's, Rawlinson said, with this year's percentage of those fulfilling their contracts a bit higher than last year's.



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Actors Maggie Wysocki and John Puchalski perform for Canton Public Library Summer Reading Club children. The "Goliathoppers' Tall Tales in the American Tradition" performance was presented by actors from Crossroads Productions.

*'It was just for fun this summer and to encourage reading and use of the library, too.'*

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children's librarian

Both libraries held a number of activity sessions for children participating in the programs. Summer Reading Club youngsters at the Canton Public Library were entertained by Ann Arbor musician Peter "Madcat" Ruth and by professional actors from Crossroads Productions who presented a "Goliathoppers' Tall Tales in the American Tradition" program.

A session of "Appalachian Mountain Tales" with storyteller Mary Hamilton was also planned for the Summer Reading Club in Canton. The festivities ended July 24 with a party at the Skatin' Station in Canton.

"That was the last thing we had, the last event," the Canton facility's Teachworth said. She estimated that more than 300 participants came to the skating party.

"It was kind of different. They seemed to have a really good time." The summertime fun activities at the Dunning-Hough Public Library



BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Crossroads Productions actor Terry Hunt portrays Brother Hoot Owl during a program at the Canton Public Library.

in Plymouth included films, a talent show and a "Mission Possible" session at Kellogg Park. The "Mission Possible" session included an obstacle course and a balloon toss for youngsters in the downtown Plymouth park.

THIS YEAR'S festivities for the 6- to 14-year-olds at the Plymouth facility ended with an Aug. 2 awards party for children who had fulfilled their contracts.

The children signed contracts stating how many books they would read, with a minimum requirement of three books. Becky Uhlmann was the Plymouth program's top reader, with 223 books.

At the Aug. 2 awards party, the children played non-competitive games.

"The kids had a great time, they really did," Rawlinson said of the approximately 80 children who attended the party.

Summer Reading Club participants at the Canton Public Library who read five books received a certificate. A number of the youngsters didn't stop at five books but just kept

right on reading, Teachworth said.

"It was just for fun this summer and to encourage reading and use of the library, too."

Books about school, sports, science fiction and fantasy were popular among the young readers this year, Teachworth said, as were the Beverly Cleary books. Mysteries were also popular.

The youngsters participating in the Dunning-Hough Public Library program also liked reading mysteries, along with the Judy Blume books and those by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

"Misty" the popular fiction seemed to be the popular choice," Rawlinson said.

BOTH LIBRARIANS were pleased with the success of the programs held this summer.

"I was very busy," Teachworth said. "I think they enjoyed it too. It was a fun summer for everybody."

Rawlinson is looking forward to next year's program "after a hiatus."

"Things went real well," she said. "I think the kids really enjoyed it. It was a good program."

# A great time for reading

By Susan Ryan  
Staff writer

Readers are getting over books this summer with a preference for best sellers.

An informal survey of bookshelves and libraries in the area revealed that readers are gravitating to self-help books, as well as the hottest books featured on the New York Times best-seller list.

"We're selling a lot of motivational, self-help and self-improvement books, as well as best-selling mystery and suspense books," said Jackie Pomeroy, owner of the two-year-old Canton Public Library on Park Street, near Plymouth. "I'm not talking about the really self-help, and I don't mean the religious inspiration. At the same time, we sell a tonnage of fiction."

"Fatherhood" by Bill Carter is popular both in libraries and at bookstores. The book — which was directly named just prior to Father's Day — was over top in Plymouth and Canton. The leader on the New York Times best-seller list, the book chronicled Godly's experiences as a father of five.

**OTHER BOOKS** at Canton Public Library are "Women Who Love The Mark," a psychological self-defense book by Robin Norwood that talks about women who hang on to the wrong men for the wrong reasons; "You're Only Good Once," a bestselling adult picture and three book by Dr. Seuss and illustrators Louis and Rosemary Wiseman, such as the children's best-seller, "The Sneetch"; "The Sand Lot Traveller" by M. Scott Peck and "The Home of Paradise" by Les Broussard.

"We also sell a lot of child development books and books for children," Pomeroy said. "There are up to 30 genres. I think people are just reading that way here."

"The biggest thing about this town is parents bringing the children to the books. It's a well-educated town. We kind of cater to children's books. Children here in Plymouth are very aware of what they read."

In addition, residents bought many home improvements and gardening books in the spring, she said.

All the Book Break Bookstores in Canton, Godly's "Fatherhood" is a best-selling hard cover book priced at \$14.95, along with paperback copies of Danielle Steel's "Wednesday," going for \$12.95, and "Fork: The Story and the Method," which sells for \$24.95.

BOOKS ARE GOOD at Book Break.



Bill Pfeiffer/Staff photographer

The shelves of books in Plymouth-Canton libraries and bookstores are drawing plenty of summertime readers these days. Bill Godly's

store manager James Huggins said, but book customers have grown more frugal over the years, he said.

"People are more likely to hold off until the paperback edition comes out. Eight years ago when I became store manager at Book Break, a hard cover book cost \$12 and paperbacks just \$3.50 to \$5.50. Today, a hard cover book costs \$15-20 and a paperback only about \$4.25."

Which really, he according to Huggins is "The Notepad List" \$13.95, a diet book written by Dr. Morton Kurstin.

"It's unique because it is endorsed and co-sponsored by Great Fork, a major marketing chain."

Popular books available in paperback at the store are "Women Who Love The Mark" by Robin Norwood

(\$4.95), "Eve and Me" by Priscilla Preller and "Ladies' Crew," a compilation of suggestions and humor short stories by Stephen King, author of "The Shining."

Many people hold out on buying popular books until those books are available in paperback, Huggins said. An exception is "Lovers" by Chrysler character Lee Iacocca. For that title, sales at Book Break were better when the book was released as a hard cover priced at \$18.95 than the paperback version, which costs \$4.95.

"Normally, you would have lots of people buying it first since it had sales in paperback. My guess is that we're not far off."

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# Books entice readers

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"A sure sign a book is hot is when the library has five people on the reserve list waiting to borrow it," she said.

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"Summer is the busiest (library) season. People are running up on things they didn't read."

"People pay a lot of attention to the New York Times best-seller list. What's surprising to me is that there is no Ocean book on the best-seller list right now."

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Library Board seeks one mill

# Canton library vote Aug. 5

BY DANNESS

Canton residents could be assessed an additional one mill of taxes for their library if the Canton Library Board gets its way.

The board will announce at a Monday press conference its intention to seek an increase in the present one-mill levy by preparing a ballot proposition to be voted on August 5, according to board member Thomas Yack.

The board is seeking the millage increase to fund the construction of a new library building.

The library board is taking advantage of new legislation which permits tax-levying boards to levy up to two mills. Previously, the library board could levy up to one mill.

The library board asked, and was granted in concept on March 11, a five-acre site behind the Canton Historical Museum to build a new library building as soon as the money becomes available.

Library Board Chairman John Schwartz III said, in a letter to the Board of Trustees, that a separate library building was needed because of increased library use. "We are utilizing every inch of available space in our present facility and are becoming more and more aware of the need for a separate library building," Schwartz wrote.

The present library is on the third floor of the Township Administration Building, at 1150 S. Canton Center Rd. Canton's growing population made it necessary to expand the library's facilities, Schwartz said. 45 per cent of all Canton residents have a library card, where most communities have about 25 per cent of their residents with library cards, Schwartz said.

Last year, more than 26,000 library users were registered and 300,000 items were circulated at the Canton library.

## Library board to seek 1 mill hike

By JOHN KIBILKO  
ANP Staff Writer

The Canton Public Library Board will seek a one mill increase for library maintenance and support in the Aug. 5 primary election.

The increased revenue is slated for use on construction and operation of a new library facility. The present library, located in the Canton Township Municipal Hall and open since 1980, has grown rapidly and additional space is needed.

A one mill increase would cost the owner of a \$72,000

home an additional \$36 a year. The library currently levies one mill per year.

House Bill 5451 allows local libraries to seek a levy of up to two mills from the electorate for the funding and operation of a library. That bill was sponsored, in part, by Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, and passed June 13, 1986.

The Canton Library Board estimates that the average Canton family of four borrows 24 books a year. Based on an average cost of \$21.96 per book, a family of four would conceivably spend \$524.64 a year to purchase those same books.

### LIBRARY MILLAGE RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Directors of the Canton Public Library seek from the electorate of the Township of Canton, authority to increase the rate of the tax which may be levied for the support and maintenance of the library from one mill on the taxable property in the Township to two mills on the taxable property in the Township; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that, pursuant to the foregoing, the following ballot proposal be certified to the Clerk of the Township of Canton for submission to the electorate of the Township at the 1986 State of Michigan primary election, to wit:

### CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY MILLAGE INCREASE PROPOSITION

Shall the rate of the tax which may be levied for the support and maintenance of the Canton Public Library be increased from One (\$1.00) Dollar per One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars (one mill) to Two (\$2.00) Dollars per One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars (two mills) of the state equalized valuation of all taxable property in the Township of Canton?

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# ary? Canton voters to decide



**By GUYTON PRESS**  
"Stating "We've no place to grow," the Canton Library Board officially announced Monday its intent to vote one additional mill in an August 5 vote to build a new library building.  
The library board currently levies one mill for its operations. The board decided to seek an additional mill after the state legislature passed a bill (co-authored by Rep. James Kosteva, of Canton) allowing local libraries to levy up to two mills for operations. Libraries had previously been

restricted to levying no more than one mill.  
"We always figured someday we'd have to build another building," said board member Dr. James Gillig, "but, we didn't think this fast."  
Canton voters will read the

following proposition on August 5: "Shall the rate of the tax which may be levied for the support and maintenance of the Canton Public Library be increased from one dollar per \$1,000 (one mill) to two dollars per \$1,000 (two mills) of the state equalized valuation (SEV) of all taxable property in the Township of Canton?"  
The additional mill would be levied with its rate limit for its instrument. Board members said a new library building was necessary because the  
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## Aug. 5 vote: Will Canton build new library?

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present facility (on the third floor of the Canton Township Municipal Building) is too small to handle the increased use by Canton residents. The proposed library building would cost approximately \$2.5 million, board members said.  
The additional one mill of taxes would mean an increase of \$36 per year to a homeowner with a \$72,000 home in Canton.

The board has hired the Ann Arbor architecture firm of Osler/Milling to design a plan for a new library building. Although the board has not selected a final site for the proposed building, it has received preliminary approval from the Canton Board of Trustees to use five acres of land behind the Canton Historical Museum at Canton Center and Proctor roads.

The new building would be a one-story structure with between 25,000 and 27,000 square feet of space,

compared to the 12,000-square-foot of space the present facility has, according to John Schwartz III, library board chairman. The proposed building would also include a meeting room, Schwartz said. Final plans for the proposed library should be completed this fall, board members said.

If the millage is approved August 5, construction of the library building would be completed in one-and-a-half years, according to board members.

The library board has received \$10,000 from American Yazaki Corp., of Canton, in its bid to build a new building. The library board will continue to seek grant monies and contributions to help fund construction of the building, board members said.

If the millage fails August 5, the board would not go ahead with construction of a new library building,

Gillig said.  
Board members could be skeptical that a new building could be funded through grants and contributions alone. "It's unlikely," Gillig said.

The Canton Library Board received approval to levy one mill in May 1979. The Canton Public Library opened in 1980, and has experienced increases in library users and resource materials lent each year, board members said.

The Canton library now circulates more than 1,800 items every day, including books, video cassettes, records, cassettes, puppets, toys, annual reports and telephone directories. The Canton Public Library has the third largest circulation for an individual library in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF), which has more than 60 libraries in it.

Board members said it would "not be cost effective" to keep the present facility and open a branch library.

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# Canton library millage sought

Canton residents will have a millage proposal on the ballot in the August primary.

Seeking legislative approval to building next month, the Canton Library Board is seeking voter approval of an additional mill to finance the construction and operation of a new library.

The library board now levies 1 mill to operate the 12,000-square-foot library on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building. The millage proposal would be levied to build a new library building and to pay for the construction and operation of a new library on the

third floor of the present facility. The board has hired an architect to draw up plans, which envision a one-story library of 25,000 to 27,000 square feet, including a meeting room, and will cost about \$2.5 million.

A final decision has not been made on the location but the library directors are certain it will be somewhere near the Canton Administration Building site.

With the library board plan to apply for state and federal money, state grants require local matching funds which must be available, said John Schwartz, a library director.

One mill (2¢ per \$1,000 state equalized valuation of SEV) would result in a tax of \$36 a year for the average \$72,000 home in Canton.

THE CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY, which opened its doors in 1980, had negotiated its present space in two-story buildings owned by Tom Vark. At a recent, both the old building plan are under way in anticipation of meeting the library needs of Canton residents, in said.

The library board had been limited to 1 mill by state law. But a bill sponsored by Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, allows local library

districts to seek approval from the electorate to levy up to 2 mills.

That measure, H.R. 3461, passed the House on Jan. 13. The library board has to seek state approval and then immediately apply to the Wayne County Clerk's office for permission to place a millage proposal on the Aug. 5 ballot.

In the present Canton Public Library has been operating in a new space in the city which it now:

- Construction takes less than 1800 square feet.
- Arranges space thus 27,000 square feet.
- Offers programs to more than

1,800 residents.

Has a collection of materials which includes 28,516 books, 426 videotapes, 1,241 records, 254 cassette tapes, 115 puppets, 48 toys, 284 annual reports and 300 telephone directories.

Dr. James Gillig, another library director, described it as a "new building Middle Lane Canton, across the street from the library now located the largest operations for an individual library in the Wayne Lib-

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## Tax sought to build library

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Canton Library Federation, which is made up of six libraries.

Schwartz noted that Canton has in mind 12 or 14 private more library units that will have to be approved by commission. He added that the U.S. Census indicates that Canton residents have to provide basic infrastructure like water supply, sewerage, and so on as an active community of residents.

Schwartz noted that the library now is using up its existing capacity and has to build more capacity in the future. He said that the library has to build more capacity in the future. He said that the library has to build more capacity in the future.

library has assembled twice and can expand space on the third floor any further.

Without more space, the millage, if approved, will be unable to expand its operations.

MARY S. FELTZ, library director who chairs the committee that is to build the additional, and some of them are required to be built and they were built. The architect is well established when Oscar Milling is the architect.

The building firm of Proctor/Milling is developing the structural plan for the construction of the proposed new library, said Schwartz, who added that

the board likely would set tax proposition rates to raise the \$2.5 million and then repay with the added mill.

The requirement of the state that the mill rate about a mill over 10 years, said Feltz, with the remaining 1.5 mills needed to build and operate the library, which would be more than twice the size of the present.

The library board does not have to have the full 2 mills in any given year, said Schwartz, but will very likely the amount needed to pay the debt and operate the library. John Schwartz, library board member, said that the library board must build a structure, location, timing if it is to be a new building, and so on. He said that the library board must build a structure, location, timing if it is to be a new building, and so on.

## from our readers

Letters must be original copies and contain the signature and address of the sender. Limit letters to 300 words.

## LWV supports library millage

To the editor:

We, the League of Women Voters of Northville-Plymouth-Canton-Novi, write to inform the community of our support for the millage proposal requested by the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

The League of Women Voters endorses this mill increase, which is necessary to sustain the superior quality of library services offered to the community.

The Canton Public Library has consistently demonstrated remarkable growth since opening in 1980. It now boasts the third largest circulation in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation.

Since moving into the Canton Township Hall, the library has been remodeled twice and cannot expand any further. Without more space, the library will be unable to enlarge its

collection or expand its programs. To continue to provide adequate books for all ages, innovative book-oriented children's programs, community and handicapped services, as well as the use of advanced technology, we know this requested millage is necessary. The Northville-Plymouth-Canton-Novi League of Women Voters urges Canton residents to vote "yes" on Aug. 5 for the additional 1 mill as requested by the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees.

THE LEAGUE of Women Voters is a national, non-partisan organization. The purpose of the League is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government.

The policy of the LWV is to study and act on government issues and policies in the public interest. It does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

Cynthia Fauslow, president,  
League of Women Voters of  
Northville-Plymouth-Canton-Novi

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Vote Aug. 5th!

## Canton library seeks 1 mill increase Aug. 5

BY DANNESS

Beside voting for candidates in their respective parties, voters in Canton will vote a millage proposition on their ballot, designed to fund a new library building.

The Canton Library Board will be asking voters to increase the library millage rate from one mill to two mills. Board members said a new library building is needed because the present facility from the third floor of the Canton Municipal Building cannot adequately handle the number of readers it is servicing.

One mill levied equals \$1 of property tax per \$1,000 of state equalized value (SEV) of property. The LWV equals SEV of property. The LWV equals SEV of property. The additional one mill of taxes would mean an increase of \$20 per year to a homeowner with a \$72,000 home in Canton.

Library board members estimate that a new library building will cost between \$1.25 - \$2.5 million. The board has found the Ann Arbor W. Johnson Law firm of Chas. Manning to design a plan for a new library

building. The board is still looking at possible sites for a new building, but surveys performed at the request of the board indicate residents want the library to be located near its present site.

The library board has received preliminary approval from the Canton Board of Trustees to use five acres of land behind the Canton Historical Museum at Canton Center and Proctor roads.

The proposed facility would be a one-story structure with between 25,000 and 27,000 square feet of space, including a 12,000-square-foot ramped to the 12,000-square-foot facility now in use, according to John Schwartz III, library board chairman.

The proposed building would also include a meeting room, Schwartz said. First plans for the proposed library should be completed this fall, board members said.

The library board was able to ask for the additional one mill because of a bill that passed the state legislature in June allowing libraries to levy more than one mill (up to two mills). The bill was co-authored by Rep. James Kostelev, of Canton.

Library board members said the current library is being "overused" by users, and that needed expansion cannot take place on the current site. "When you see people lined up to the back wall waiting to sign out things that gives you an idea of how busy it is," said board member Dr. James Gills.

Board members said the library's users were very well educated, literate and young, and that the current resource collection could not keep up with the demand for resources. "We don't have an adequate collection for our population," said Jean Schwytzer, Canton library director.

Board members said private funds and public grants could also fund a new library building, although they would continue to seek grants.

A branch library system would be too expensive to operate and is not necessary in Canton, board members said. "If we had some children that people moved away because of distance, it would mean great service to build a branch library," Gills said.

If the millage were approved Aug. 5, construction of the library building would be completed in one-and-a-half years, according to the library board. If the millage fails, the board would not go ahead with construction plans for a new library building, members said.

The Canton library now circulates more than 1,000 books every day, including books, video cassettes, records, cassette tapes, and other audio and video materials. The Canton library has the third largest budget allocation for an individual library in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF), which has more than 100 libraries in it.





## Tuesday vote set

BY DAN NILES

Local officials are predicting an average turnout of voters for the Tuesday, Aug. 5 primary election, while in Canton and Plymouth, two other voters will be using the pre-printed method of voting for the first time.

Voters will be required to vote in one party only in the primary. Any ballots that have returned since - voters for both Republican and Democratic candidates - will be considered void.

Residents will be voting to determine the candidates for the Nov. 4 general election.

In Canton, residents will be voting for a one-mill increase in the millage for the Canton Public Library, for the purpose of building a new library building. Canton residents will also be choosing candidates for the following:



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## Candidates, Canton millage face primary test

(Continued from page 1)

from the 11th U.S. Congressional District Republican race, between Peter Sweeney, of Canton, and Jim Kaine, of Westfield, the 10th U.S. Congressional District Democratic race, between William J. Williams, of Taunton, and Arthur J. Adams, of North Attle, and Thomas E. Feltz, both of Weymouth, the 10th District County Commissioner race, between Joseph M. DeLoe, of Weymouth, and Robert Smith, of Lincoln.

In Plymouth and Plymouth Township, residents will be voting in the following races: the 1st U.S. Congressional District race, for Democrats, between the Kinnear and Dean Baker, both of New Bedford, and the 6th District Court Commissioner Republican race between Susan Hennes, Northville Township supervisor, Elaine Turbe, Lincoln resident, and E. Patricia Schwaner, of Lincoln.

All voters in The Plymouth-Canton Community will be voting in the following races: the 6th District State Representative race, between Susan Bennett, of Lincoln, and Thomas Mack, of Plymouth, the county treasurer race between nine Democratic candidates, and for three candidates for Western County Circuit Court judge positions out of 17 candidates. Votes in all communities will also be voting for precinct delegates for their particular party.

The Canton and Plymouth Townships voters have chosen the method of voting that is most convenient. Also before, which is more difficult than on punch-cards that are a

using machine.

Plymouth Township Clerk, Esther Hubing said she expects voters who will be satisfied by the punch-card system should call her office at 453-3848 for assistance. "We stand ready to help in any way," she said.

Hubing said the majority about 3,000 township voters will turn out for

the Aug. 5 primary in Canton. Clerk Linda Chutkan said she was hoping for a turnout of about 14,000. "Maybe we'll get more because we have the primary millage issue," she said.

City voters will be voting on matters in the primary.

Anonymous voters will get ballots by contacting their respective clerk's office. Anonymous voter ballots can be

obtained through the clerk's office through the mail until Saturday at 2 p.m. Residents can get anonymous ballots in person at the offices until Monday.

before the clerk's office closes, and the filled out ballots must be returned to the clerk's office - NOT the local precincts - by 8 p.m. on election day, Tuesday, Aug. 5.

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TO VOTE  
TUES. AUG. 5TH

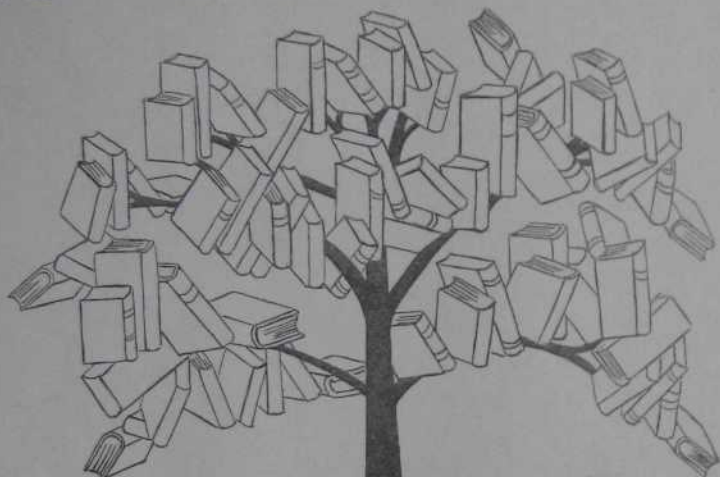
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more books  
+ more seating  
+ more quiet study area  
= Better Library Service!

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**CANTON**  
**PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Design by Paul Latour which was  
on the Tee Shirts worn by the staff  
during the millage campaign.

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ISSUE

## Library millage born from use

**T**UESDAY, Aug. 5, Canton residents will go to the polls to nominate their political party's candidates for governor, county executive, state house and senate, and county commission.

While these are all important decisions, another important vote on the ballot will be a request from the Canton Library Board for an additional 1 mill to finance the construction and operation of a new library to the tune of about \$2.5 million.

The exact wording of the ballot proposition will be: "Shall the rate of the tax which may be levied for the support and maintenance of the Canton Public Library be increased from one (\$1) dollar per one thousand (\$1,000) dollars (one mill) to two (\$2) dollars per one thousand (\$1,000) dollars (two mills) if the state equalized valuation of all taxable property in the township of Canton?"

The present library was located six years ago on the third floor of the Canton Administration building. It was clear then that the library was being housed in only temporary quarters, what was unclear was how long the library could exist in its makeshift.

The temporary period has ended.

Now the library must either expand to meet demand of users or remain at its overcrowded state unable to meet the needs of residents. Since moving onto the third floor, the library has re-modelled twice and there simply is not enough room left to provide more space.

The increased use of the library has resulted in empty chairs becoming a premium. Other services have been requested but cannot be added because space is unavailable. Many of the programs such as children's summer reading clubs and informational meetings on special topics for adults, must be held on the first floor because of demand. In fact, more meeting room space is needed in Canton.

Librarians are pressed now to sign up children for summer reading clubs and could double the number of sessions if space were available. But it's not

THE ESTIMATES are that it would cost \$2.5 million to build a single-floor library of between 21,000 to 27,000 square feet.

Of the added one mill, the library board would need about a half-mill for up to 10 years to pay off the construction debt. The remaining half of the additional 1 mill would be needed to operate the new library.

Utility, insurance and maintenance costs would increase considerably for a library that would be more than twice the size of the present 12,000 square foot the library occupies on the third floor. Some increase in staff also would be needed and money would be needed to buy computer software, audiovisual equipment and other items library users are requesting.

It doesn't take much imagination to see where the added half-mill would be needed to operate the new library. After the library is paid for in 10 years or more, the library board has the authority to levy less than 2 mills if the full authorized limit is not needed. Less than the 2 mills can be levied at any point if the taxbase increases sufficiently.

The added 1 mill will cost \$3 a year or \$3 a month for the owner of a \$72,000 home. That's like paying a \$5-a-month membership in a "book club," much like one would join a video club. A very reasonable cost in exchange for services received. The Canton Library Board directors point out that the average Canton resident borrows four books a year. Using the 1985 average cost of \$11.36 per book an adult could spend \$131.18 a year for books. Based on lower costs for children's books, the directors estimate a family of four would spend \$524.64 per year to buy the books it borrows from the library.

The library has been a very popular service for Cantonites and residents have supported the operation with 1 mill. The Observer believes current use of the library suggests the demand is there to warrant expansion. For that reason, the Observer reiterates the additional 1 mill for the library and urges its readers to vote YES on Tuesday, Aug. 5.

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# Library tax is only ballot proposal



FOR REED/WHIT PHOTOGRAPHY

Candi Murphy, Canton library page, is backed into a nook of the library with little place to move amid the books.

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Canton Township library staff are sporting T-shirts they purchased themselves to remind patrons to vote in tomorrow's primary election which contains a library millage proposal.

The T-shirt logo, designed by library monitor Paul Latour, reads, "All Booked Up and No Place to Grow - Canton Public Library."

Because the library deals with public funds, it cannot publicly endorse a "Yes" vote on the additional one-mill request library officials say is necessary for the construction and operation of a new library.

"We can't say 'Vote Yes,'" said Jean Sebestyen, library director. "We can inform but we can't persuade because we're dealing with public funds."

SEBESTYEN and library board members have been doing considerable informing, in low-key style, during the last three weeks.

Speeches have been delivered before the Canton Notary, Kiwanis, Lions, Business and Professional Women's, Republican Club and the Chamber of Commerce.

The library also has mailed 2,750 reminder postcards to every person who voted in the last primary. Fly-

ers are being distributed to patrons and telephone volunteers are getting the word out.

"Expenses have been minimal," said library board trustee Katherine Baldrice.

Sebestyen said about \$200 has been spent to inform the public.

At a press briefing, July 7, Dr. James Gilling, a library board member, discussed how Cantonites borrow books at an extraordinary rate to the point that the Canton library now boasts the third largest circulation for an individual library in the Wayne Oakland Library Federation which includes 40 libraries.

A healthy library is the sign of a well-educated community, he added.

The library board now levies 3 mill, approved by voters in 1979, to operate the 12,000-square-foot library on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building.

THE BALLOT proposal seeks approval to levy 2 mills with the additional mill to pay for the construction and operation of a library more than twice the size of the present facility.

One mill or \$1 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation (SEV) would result in a tax of \$36 a year for the average \$72,000 home in Canton.

No decision has been made on the

location, but library board members are sure that the site will be somewhere near the Canton Administration Building.

The library board had been limited to 1 mill by state law. But a bill co-sponsored by Rep. James Koozeva, D-Canton, allows library districts to seek approval from voters to levy up to 2 mills.

That measure (HD 5451) passed the House on June 13. The library board had to wait until the governor signed it and then immediately applied to the Wayne County clerk's office for permission to place a millage proposal on tomorrow's ballot.

According to Baldrice, who has been a charter library board member since 1978, more than half of Canton Township residents are registered patrons.

Baldrice recalled the days before the library was opened in 1988. "We thought we'd have to go and beg for people to come. Instead, it was like opening a floodgate."

In response to this growing popularity, the library now:

- Circulates more than 300,000 items annually.

- Answers more than 22,000 reference questions yearly.

- Offers creative programs to more than 7,000 residents.



## Stand up, be counted

Please vote next Tuesday.

Voters then will narrow the fields for a number of offices important to The Plymouth-Canton Community and decide the Canton Library District's request to double its millage.

Your vote can make a difference.

A number of the races -- even county-wide and state elections -- are expected to be close. Plymouth-Canton voters may remember the school millage issue here several years ago that failed with a tie vote.

The polls are waiting for your participation Tuesday between 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

Until more details worked out

## Vote 'no' on Canton Library

The Canton Public Library Board will be asking for an additional one mill of taxes for the construction of a new library building on the primary ballot Aug. 5.

Canton voters should ask themselves if they can support a millage increase when they do not know exactly how the money would be spent, and then they should vote "no."

The Library Board has demonstrated beyond any doubt that a new library building in Canton is needed. The Canton Public Library, which opened its doors in autumn of 1980, has been so successful that it no longer can adequately meet the needs of the well-educated Canton population.

In fact, statistics show that Canton library users depend on the library far more than do library users in neighboring communities. And with the increased use comes a need for an expanded building.

But, the manner in which the money would be obtained has not been as clearly outlined as it should have been.

Canton residents deserve to be shown how a

one-mill increase (the library currently gets one mill) would raise the estimated \$2.5 million to build the library and exactly how it would be spent. A clear, detailed financial plan for the library millage increase has not been presented to Canton residents.

No one should doubt the need for a new library building. The plan for a new facility and the library board's work to build a library deserve the community's support. But, the method is going about building the library here has not been demonstrated to be the best solution to the problem.

The library board should come back with either a more detailed proposal, or an alternative proposal to present to the voters at the next opportunity.

A new library deserves support -- but more importantly, Canton residents (including those who don't use the library) deserve to see exactly where their money is going on any proposal.

THE COMMUNITY CRIER

## LWW: vote 'yes' for library tax hike

### EDITOR:

We, the League of Women Voters of Northville-Plymouth-Canton-Nov1, write to inform the community of our support for the millage proposal requested by the Canton Public Library Board of Trustees. The League of Women Voters endorses this one-mill increase which is necessary to sustain the superior quality of library services offered to the community.

The Canton Public Library has consistently demonstrated remarkable growth since opening in 1980. It now houses the third largest collection in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation. Since moving into the

Canton Township Hall the library has been remodelled twice and cannot expand any further. Without more space the library will be unable to enlarge its collection or expand its programs.

To continue to provide adequate books for all ages, innovative book-oriented children's programs, community and handicapped services as well as the use of advanced technology, we know this requested millage is necessary. The Northville-Plymouth-Canton-Nov1 League of Women Voters urge Canton residents to vote "yes" on Aug. 5th for the additional one mill as requested by our Canton

Public Library Board of Trustees.

The League of Women Voters is a national, non-partisan organization. The purpose of the League is to promote political responsibility through informed and active participation of citizens in government. The policy of the LWW is to study and act on governmental issues and policies in the public interest. It does not support or oppose any political party or any candidate.

CYNTHIA FANSLAW,  
PRESIDENT  
LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS  
OF NORTHVILLE-PLYMOUTH-  
CANTON-NOV1

# VOTE AUGUST 5th

## LIBRARIES SAVE READERS MONEY

How many items does your family borrow per year?

The average Canton resident borrows 6 books per year. The average Canton family of 4 borrows 24 books.

Using the 1985 average cost of \$21.86 per book, a family of 4 would conceivably spend \$24.64 to purchase these same books.

	1985 averages	1985	Total
ADULT	\$31.43 x	6	\$188.58
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CHILD	12.29 x	6	73.74
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	\$21.86	24	\$224.64

With the increasing cost of printed materials, libraries have a renewed importance in American society. Libraries, which are cooperatives in the trust sense of the word, reflect a savings for the average family. However, as is frequently the case, it sometimes becomes necessary to spend money to save money.

The library currently levies one mill. On August 5, the Canton Public Library will poll the voters of the community regarding an additional one mill to build and support a new library building.

A one-mill increase on the average \$72,000 home will cost an additional \$36.00 per year—only \$3.00 per month.

We cannot continue to save residents money unless we grow!!! In our present facility there is STANDING ROOM ONLY. We have no room for adding books, materials, furniture, or staff. We are unable to expand services and programs to keep up with the increasing population and added demands for library service.

A new library building will permit us to keep up with the demand and provide residents with...

- ...MORE BOOKS
- ...MORE SEATING SPACE
- ...MORE QUIET
- ...CONTINUED GOOD LIBRARY SERVICE

Compute your own statistics:

HOW MUCH MONEY DID YOU SAVE TODAY???

1985 averages				
Adult Hardcover Books	\$31.43	x	_____	= _____
Children's Hardcover Books	12.29	x	_____	= _____
Videocassettes	79.95	x	_____	= _____
Paperbacks	4.95	x	_____	= _____
Records	8.95	x	_____	= _____
Magazines	1.75	x	_____	= _____
Book Cassettes	15.95	x	_____	= _____
			Total	_____

# WE'RE ALL BOOKED UP.....

## CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY - GROWING PAINS

Canton residents are readers and library users. Since the Canton Public Library doors opened in 1980, residents have continually shown that they love their library and they keep us busy!!!

In response to this growing popularity, the library now...

- .....circulates more than 1,000 items per day
- .....answers more than 27,000 reference questions yearly
- .....offers creative programs to more than 7,000 residents
- .....has a collection of materials that includes:



75,516 Books
450 Videocassettes
1,043 Records
854 Cassettes
110 Puppets
69 Toys
964 Annual Reports
500 Telephone Directories

- .....offers special collections such as large print, foreign language, and adult literacy
- .....inter-library loans, for Canton residents, books from 60 area libraries and from across the state
- .....maintains an information and referral file for every area club and organization.

CANTON RESIDENTS BORROW BOOKS AT AN EXTRAORDINARY RATE! As a result, the Canton Public Library boasts the **THIRD LARGEST CIRCULATION** for an individual library in the Wayne Oakland Library Federation (more than 60 libraries).

**ALL THIS GROWTH HAS OCCURRED IN ONLY 6 YEARS AND 12,000 SQUARE FEET!!!!** While we love our success, we are literally bursting at the seams! In our present facility, there is **STANDING ROOM ONLY!!!**

On August 5, 1986, the Canton Public Library will poll the voters of this community regarding a request for an additional mill to build and support a new library building.

A new library building will provide **NEEDED SPACE** for more **BOOKS**, more **SEATING**, more **QUIET**, and **CONTINUED GOOD LIBRARY SERVICE**.

**WE'VE NO PLACE TO GROW.....**  
**VOTE AUGUST 5th**

# Voters say 'Yes' to library millage

By JOHN KESLINO  
ANP Staff Writer

Now that it's official, Jean Sebestyen and her staff at the Canton Public Library can start formalizing plans for a new library in Canton. They don't know where or when yet, but they at least know that they have the funds.

Voters in the primary election approved, by a margin so close it had library millage supporters biting their nails into the wee hours of the morn-

ing, an additional mill to finance the construction and operation of a new library at a yet-to-be determined site. The final totals were 1,928 yes to 1,300 no votes.

"We were worried up until the final tally," said Sebestyen, director of the Canton Public Library. "They were counting the absentee ballots, and they (historically) vote against any tax increases."

The Canton Library Board had been seeking to levy 2 mills, a 1-mill increase, in an effort to finance the construc-

tion and operation of a new library. The crowded conditions of the present library, located on the third floor of the Township Administration Building, necessitated the drive for more book space, according to Sebestyen.

Sebestyen said plans for the new building are already underway, although the approval of the millage should give those plans a push.

"We're already working with an architect (Osler-Milling of Ann Arbor) and Dick DeBour, a library consultant," Sebestyen said. "We're working on plans for the building, and we're working with an attorney and a bonding specialist. We hope to have the bonding plan set by the end of August."

Working through the Township Bonding Authority, Sebestyen said that a public hearing is scheduled Aug. 26, at which time the new library budget will reflect the millage

increase. The millage will go into effect this year, with citizens realizing the tax hike in September. Sebestyen said the library board won't actually receive any new funds until next year.

As far as the location of the new building, Sebestyen could only speculate on where it might be built.

"We're still negotiating for the site," Sebestyen said. "But it (the new library) will definitely be in this immediate vicinity."

A 1-mill (\$1 per each \$1,000 state equalized valuation or SEV) increase would result in a \$36 per year increase in taxes for a home worth \$72,000 in Canton.

Prior to legislation introduced by Rep. James Kostera, D-Canton, the Canton Public Library had been limited to a 1 mill operating budget. But the new legislation allows library districts state-wide to seek 2 mill levies with voter approval.

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## Library millage win is one for the books

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

It's official. A brand new Canton Township library is on the way.

Voters in Tuesday's primary election approved, by a sparse 26 votes, an additional mill to finance the construction and operation of a new library. The final tally was 1,928 to 1,300.

Reacting to legislation approved in Lansing in June, the Canton Library board sought approval to levy 2 mills with the additional mill to pay for the construction and operation of a library more than twice the size of the present library, housed in the cramped third floor of the Canton Administration Building.

Members of the library board were relieved and ecstatic Tuesday night. They gathered at Dr. Jim Gillig's residence on Willow Creek to await the results.

Just before midnight, when votes became official, some board members confessed their previously unexpressed worries about the proposal's passage.

"Is it really final?" Library Director Jean Sebestyen asked wistfully over the phone when asked to comment. "I'm thrilled. We can now offer

the citizens a library they need and deserve. I think people realize how important the library is to the community. We'll be more accessible now."

Trustee John Schwartz nervously paced the hall at the administration building and watched the precinct totals fluctuate every half hour. Absentee votes were the last to be counted and Schwartz worried whether senior citizens, who traditionally make up the bulk of absentee voters, would be willing to approve an increase in taxes.

Schwartz kept fellow board members informed by telephone.

One mill (\$1 per \$1,000 state equalized valuation or SEV) will result in a tax of \$36 a year for the average \$72,000 house in Canton.

"It was a low-key campaign," Schwartz said. "We had no time to even get a campaign committee together."

The library board had been limited to 1 mill by state law. But a bill co-sponsored by Rep. James Kostera, D-Canton, allows library districts to seek approval from voters to levy up to 2 mills.

That measure (HR 3451) passed the House on June 13. The library

board had to wait until the governor signed it and then immediately applied to the Wayne County clerk's office for permission to place a millage proposal on the primary election ballot.

"We're pleased," said Gillig. "We would have liked the vote to be 2,000 to nothing. It's a good vote for the future. The absentee voters were pretty much against us."

With the opening of the new library, Gillig said the board hopes to convert the people who voted against the library. He recalled the days following the present library's opening in 1980, when voters voraciously borrowed the children's collection.

"It's a young community. Right after we opened the library our children's collection disappeared. In a way, it was frustrating."

A final decision has not been made on the location of the library but board members are certain it will be somewhere near the Canton Administration Building site. The board has hired an architect to draw up plans which feature a one-story 115,000 square foot library of 25,000 to 27,000 square feet - double the size of the present library.

OFFICIAL BALLOT  
**PRIMARY ELECTION**  
 TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1989  
 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

There are two Partisan sections on this ballot — Democratic and Republican. **YOU MAY VOTE IN ONLY ONE PARTISAN SECTION.**

**IF YOU VOTE IN MORE THAN ONE PARTISAN SECTION, YOUR BALLOT WILL BE REJECTED.**

There are also sections on your ballot for non-partisan candidates for State and County offices. **YOU MAY VOTE FOR CANDIDATES IN ANY OF THESE SECTIONS. THE ONE OFFICE FROM THE SAME POLITICAL PARTY MAY NOT BE VOTED FOR.**

**WAYS TO VOTE**

You may vote in person at the polls, vote by mail, proxy, and other ways. See the instructions on your ballot.

**WAYS TO REQUEST**

**BEFORE YOU HAVE FINISHED VOTING** place the ballot card in the envelope so that the holes you have punched cannot be seen.

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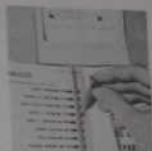
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**STEP 1**  
 Using both hands, slide the ballot card at the top into the voting device.



**STEP 2**  
 To vote, turn the hole on the top of the card to cover the box and press on the voting device.



**STEP 3**  
 To vote, hold the ballot vertically and push through the hole on the top of the card to mark the box on the back of your choice. The hole will go for each of your choices. Do not mark on the back.



**STEP 4**  
 After voting, take the card out of the device and place it inside the flap of the Official Ballot Envelope. If your ballot is invalid, ask for another ballot card.

NOTE: IF YOU SPOIL YOUR BALLOT, RETURN IT AND REQUEST A NEW ONE

OFFICIAL BALLOT FOR VOTERS

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## FOR YOUR INFORMATION TO: HEAD LIBRARIAN

August 5, 1986

FROM: Leo T. Dinnan

SUBJECT: LIBRARY MILLAGE ELECTIONS

There is good news to report for libraries in Tuesday's elections. Both millages sought by WOLF member libraries were passed.

Canton sought authority to levy up to 2 mills under the amended PA 164. The voters agreed 1,928 to 1,900. Close, but passed.

Orion sought approval for bonds for \$3,625,000 to build a new library and the voters supported the proposition 1,171 to 754.

### Canton To Build New Facility

Thanks in large part to Representative James Kosteva, D-Canton, and Representative Carl Gnodtke, R-Sawyer, co-sponsors of House Bill #5451, the Canton Public Library hopes to begin construction of a new 30,000 square foot building in 1987. Canton will be the first township library in the state to operate on 2 full mills (the second mill made possible by the recently enacted legislation).

The millage was passed with very little time or money spent and without a Ballot Question Committee being formed. It was a positive boost for the Canton Public Library which, in its short six-year existence, has grown to circulate over 200,000 items per year.

The C.P.L. Board of Trustees has retained the architectural firm of Osler/Milling of Ann Arbor as well as Dick DeBear of Library Design Associates to design its new facility.

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## Library millage squeaks by

BY DAN NESS

The Canton Library one-mill increase required passed by an incredibly close vote of 1,928 to 1,900 last night, as if unofficial results early this morning.

Canton voters used the punch-card voting system for the first time in this vote and the effect of that on this narrow margin was surprising.

"The Canton residents were the big winners," said Katherine Baldrica, Canton Public Library Board member after the results were known.

The Canton Library Board had requested the one-mill increase to fund the construction of a new library building. It currently receives one mill of taxes.

Board members said they were mildly surprised at the extremely close vote, but were pleased with getting the extra millage after campaigning since only four members said, "Winning this without even having a campaign committee is quite an endorsement," said Dr. James Gillig, board member.

Now, the board will go ahead with plans to build a new building between 25,000 and 27,000-square-foot of space on a property to be named within a few weeks.

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Jean Sebastian, Canton library director, is happy after hearing the Canton millage passed. The 1 mill

request passed by fewer than 20 votes according to unofficial results. (Crier photo by Chris Boyd)

## Canton millage passes

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weeks, according to board member John Schwartz. The site may be on five acres of land behind the Canton Historical Museum on Canton Center and Proctor roads, which the Canton Board of Trustees allowed the library board to look at.

The new building will cost between \$2.25 and \$2.5 million, according to Schwartz.

Library Board members said the current library was too small for the needs of a growing Canton, and that the needed expansion could not be done at the current facility, on the third floor of the Canton Municipal Building.

Construction on the new library facility should take about 155 years, board members said.

The Canton library now circulates more than 1,000 items every day and has the third largest circulation for an individual library in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF), which has more than 60 libraries.

### Millage approved

Canton voters yesterday cast their ballots concerning the proposed one mill increase for the purpose of building and operating a new library in Canton.

Yes	No
1,692	1,500

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### PUBLIC HEARING CANTON PUBLIC LIBRARY

A Public Hearing on the proposed 1987 budget for the Canton Public Library will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. in the Library. The Library is located at 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton, Michigan 48105. Copies of the proposed budget will be available at the Library beginning Thursday, August 14, 1986.

JEAN SEBASTIAN  
Library Director

Published August 14, 1986

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# Library fun keeps kids entertained

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

**F**OR MANY Plymouth-Canton children, the summer of 1986 has been a great time for reading.

Summer reading programs at both the Canton Public Library and the Downing-Hugh Public Library in Plymouth attracted their share of young readers this year.

At the Canton Public Library, 1,100 children participated in the Summer Reading Club for those in the first through eighth grades and the "Read to Me" program for younger children.

"That was a record for us," said Judy Teachworth, children's librarian. During the summer of 1985, 854 children participated in these programs at the Canton Public Library.

The Downing-Hugh Public Library had approximately 232 children sign up for the summer reading program for 8- to 14-year-olds this year, according to Fern Rawlinson, assistant director and children's librarian. Of that number, approximately 140 fulfilled the contracts they had signed stating how many books they would read.

THAT REGISTRATION figure is comparable to last year's, Rawlinson said, with this year's percentage of those fulfilling their contracts a bit higher than last year's.



Actress Maggie Wysocki and John Puchalski perform for Canton Public Library Summer Reading Club children. The "Gollwhoppers" Tall Tales in the Crossroads Productions performance was presented by actors from Crossroads Productions.

**'It was just for fun this summer and to encourage reading and use of the library, too.'**

—Judy Teachworth  
children's librarian

Both libraries held a number of actively engaged children participating in the programs. Summer Reading Club youngsters at the Canton Public Library were entertained by Ann Arbor musician Peter "Midcut" Ruth and by professional actors from Crossroads Productions who presented a "Gollwhoppers" Tall Tales in the American Tradition" program.

A session of "Appalachian Mountain Tales" with storyteller Mary Hamilton was also planned for the Summer Reading Club in Canton. The activities ended July 24 with a party at the Skating Station in Canton.

"That was the last thing we had, the last event," the Canton facility's Teachworth said. She estimated that more than 300 participants came to the skating party.

"It was kind of different. They seemed to have a really good time." The summertime fun activities at the Downing-Hugh Public Library



Crossroads Productions actor Terry Hunt portrays Brother Hoop Owl during a program at the Canton Public Library.

in Plymouth included Hunt, a talent show and a "Mission Possible" session at Kelling Park. The "Mission Possible" session included an athletic course and a billion sum for youngsters in the downtown Plymouth park.

THIS YEAR'S activities for the 6- to 14-year-olds at the Plymouth facility ended with an Aug. 2 awards party for children who had fulfilled their contracts.

The children signed contracts stating how many books they would read, with a minimum requirement of three books. Lucky Olinstein was the Plymouth program's top reader, with 212 books.

At the Aug. 2 awards party, the children played non-competitive games.

"The kids had a great time, they really did," Rawlinson said of the approximately 49 children who attended the party.

Summer Reading Club participants at the Canton Public Library who read five books received a certificate. A number of the youngsters didn't stop at five books but just kept

right on reading, Teachworth said.

"It was just for fun this summer and to encourage reading and use of the library, too."

Books about school, sports, science fiction and fantasy were popular among the young readers this year. Teachworth said, as were the Disney Channel books. Mysteries were also popular.

The youngsters participating in the Downing-Hugh Public Library program also had reading contracts, along with the Judy Blume books and those by Laura Ingalls Wilder.

"Mostly the popular fiction seemed to be the popular choice," Rawlinson said.

BOTH LIBRARIANS were pleased with the success of the programs held this summer. "It was very busy," Teachworth said. "I think they enjoyed it too. It was a fun summer for everybody."

Rawlinson is looking forward to next year's programs. "After a month or so."

"Things went real well" she said. "I think the kids really enjoyed it. It was a good program."



John Schwartz takes care watering plants in his greenhouse.

BILL WHEELER/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

## Community spirit is source of inspiration

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

A habit John Schwartz developed in grade school stuck.

He and some pals wanted to play baseball so they solved the problem by organizing a league. "If we wanted to do anything we had to do it ourselves."

Along the years Schwartz, 62, has filled a lot of ponds. And he gives the same reason for being involved in local groups.

"I always thought it was a great opportunity to help the community," Schwartz said of his work on the Canton Country Festival. "It's a community-spirit type of thing."

"I like what I'm doing," Schwartz said with a quick chuckle. He helped establish the original festival when it was a chicken barbecue and helped outline it as a fall-festival carnival and multi-faceted annual event.

A couple of weeks ago Schwartz, who has long been in charge of the festival grounds, announced he will not return to the board next year.

**THE LONG HOURS** Schwartz devoted to the festival were obvious as he studied his pencil-drawn blueprints of the festival grounds.

"I still enjoy it but I was running

### people

out of time for my business," Schwartz said with a smile that seemed etched on his face.

His community spirit goes deeper than that.

Schwartz was born in the same house in which he and wife, Mary, raised their two children — David, a Ford Motor Co. engineer, and Amy, a division supervisor for a medical and marketing research company based on the west coast.

His business roots also are deep. In 1946 he and his parents started Schwartz's Greenhouse on the west side of Lilley south of Joy. Mary runs the adjoining Schwartz's Greenhouse Shop. The greenhouse, shop and house are on the same 19-acre lot.

Clad in a green workshirt, heavy black shoes, baggy jeans and a cap that topped his short-cropped hair, Schwartz seemed at peace among neat rows of plants in the greenhouse.

Outside, Schwartz stopped the conversation and pointed to a tall, thin sapling in the field. Though a common sight for him, he watched

until it was out of sight. Although he can log 70 to 80 hours during festival week, Schwartz still has time for other groups. He loves to take on a cause.

**SCHWARTZ'S MOST** recent cause was the passage of the 11-hour mileage last week. The tax exempts a library soon will be built in Canton.

"What's my interest?" "I'm probably one of the loudest customers," said Schwartz, a 10-year board member. "But I don't have time to go up there a lot."

"It's in the interest of the community, and I'm interested in the community," Schwartz said.

This year Schwartz is treasurer of the Canton Chamber of Commerce. In 1968-69 he served as president of the group and spearheaded an effort to reduce restrictions on free-standing signs in the zoning ordinance.

He won that fight, too. Schwartz also served as charter president of Canton Rotary. He talks excitedly about a recent substance abuse program launched by Rotary.

The World War II veteran also helped establish the Mayflower-LI.

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## Schwartz finds time

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Gamble Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Plymouth. He served as commander and is a member.

He also is a member of the Metropolitan District Flower Growers Association and once served as president.

While his son was growing, he coached the Plymouth baseball league for eight years, and served as manager for one of those years. He also managed and played on the Plymouth Merchants inter-community league.

Schwartz's community involve-

ment, comes from his belief that "to order to do a job right you have

to put in the time." "And it's fun."



Catherine A. Baldrice, a Wayne-Westland teacher, has been named Woman of the Year by Canton Business and Professional Women.

BILL BRADSHAW/WHIP photographer

# BPW names teacher as Woman of the Year

Katherine A. Baldrice has been named Woman of the Year by the Canton Business and Professional Women.

She was honored by her fellow Canton BPW members at the Monday, Oct. 13, meeting held at the Human Forum Restaurant in Canton.

Baldrice, a Canton Township resident, teaches English, journalism and publications at Benjamin Franklin Junior High School in Wayne, one of the Wayne-Westland Community Schools.

The honoree is department chairwoman for the English and foreign language departments and faculty adviser for the student newspaper and yearbook.

Baldrice has taught English and home economics at John Glenn High School. She has been a media spe-

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—Katherine Baldrice

cialist in education, from the University of Michigan.

The honoree served as president of the Canton BPW in 1982-83 and at vice president in 1980-82. She has served as district secretary for the BPW's District IX in 1982-84.

SINCE 1976, Baldrice has served as a library trustee for the Canton Public Library. She has also been involved in the Canton Country Festival.

"As an educator, leader and volunteer, I have always sought to provide active assistance and, hopefully, a positive role model to other women," Baldrice said in describing her contributions toward helping other women.

Teresa Selak was chairwoman for the Canton BPW Woman of the Year program.

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## The Canton Connection

**ON DISCIPLINE:** Canton Public Library is presenting a program on disciplining children 6-9 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 30. Lee Burton will discuss the difference between punishment and discipline to help parents understand the roadblocks to good parent/child communication and to simplify discipline so family life can be enjoyed more. Sign up to attend by calling the library at 397-0999 or register in person.

## The Canton Connection

### NEW TAX RULES:

Reservations are being taken to attend a Saturday program on investing under the new tax bill from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Oct. 18, at the Canton Public Library.

Paul McIntyre and John Vandenburg of Prudential-Bache will explain the new tax bill's effect on personal money management. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. Register in person or by calling the library at 397-0999.

**GETTING IN:** The Canton Public Library is presenting "College: Getting In/Getting Back In" at 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 18.

A senior admissions counselor from the University of Michigan-Dearborn will discuss choosing the right institution, college entrance examinations, course selection, and special concerns of adults returning to school as well as answers to questions from young people just beginning to think about college. Sign up to attend by calling the library at 397-0999 or stop by the library on the third floor of Canton Township Administration Building on Canton Center Road just south of Proctor.

# Off the bookshelf

## Librarians have data on their minds

By GABRIEL WOODWARD  
Staff Writer

The place where Cheryl Mass-Brookins, Carol Kuchta and Claire McLaughlin work is, essentially, filled with roomers, brightly decorated and just about as busy as any.

These job-studies assessing just about any question imaginable, and they get scores in a day. They are called on to answer the queries efficiently and pleasantly.

Few people would guess, given that description, the place where these women work is a library. More specifically, it is the Canton Township Library which is only about 5 years old.

Mass-Brookins, 29, Kuchta, 33, and McLaughlin, 39, are reference librarians in addition to performing other duties. All three agree that the public's stereotypical image of a librarian as a prim, bespectacled, desk-bound bookworm with a few volumes for noise is just that — a stereotypical image.

"Do you ever 'stink anybody'?" McLaughlin was asked recently on a typically busy day in the Canton Library.

"No, we don't do that," the Ann Arbor member of two responded. "This library is very inviting."

Another little-known truth about librarians: Most must have a master's degree in library science, a challenging curriculum.

"Yes, you go to library school," affirmed Mass-Brookins, who is the mother of one and actively involved in 100 other activities of the Canton Library. All three of the Canton librarians have master's degrees from the University of Michigan. Kuchta lives in Canton and is single.

The atmosphere where the three work is not unusual from the atmosphere in other libraries located in various western Wayne County communities. The Canton Library is a place in motion. The walls are brightly colored, and anyone seeking some peace and quiet would



It is Librarian Carol Kuchta's job to find the answers to all kinds of questions. Canton resident Marge Sillies is shown here taking advantage of Kuchta's problem-solving skills at the Canton Library. She poses by June 4, 1989, at the Canton Library.

head for the door in about five or six seconds. The reference desk could well be the hottest spot in the library, if not the most interesting to hang around and check out the activity.

Mass-Brookins and Kuchta sit at the reference desk usually for only two minutes at a stretch before they are up on their feet in search of the answer to yet another question.

Questions overheard at the reference desk included:

“We try not to send them away with nothing. Some people have expectations that librarians know everything.”

“Where can I find some information on how to take the civil service exam? I need it for a job I'm applying for.”

“What is the life span of a snail?”

For those who are curious about the answer to the last question, it is two to 20 years, depending on the kind of snail.

Sometimes the librarians have to ask questions of the questioner who is not quite sure of the question they have in mind. Contested? Imagine how the librarians must feel.

You know there's a question in there, said Mass-Brookins. “You have to pull the question out sometimes.”

At other times the question is hard to get to because the asker may be too shy or embarrassed to ask the librarian, said McLaughlin.

Don't be. That's what the librarians do there for, and at least 95 percent of the time they make their work.

I really feel sad when they walk out without an answer,” McLaughlin, a five-year veteran at the Canton Library, said.

The toughest question she has been asked had “anno-

ying to do with turtles,” she said. A tough question “only because I didn't know what they were talking about.”

She later learned turtles is a term used in physics, and has to do with twisting, force and rotation.

Rarely does Mass-Brookins get an impossible question, she said, because she can usually refer the person to at least a reference source which can supply the answer.

“We try not to send them away with nothing,” she said. “Some people have expectations that librarians know everything.”

These people get frustrated sometimes if the librarian can't help them, both Kuchta and Mass-Brookins agreed. Still, Mass-Brookins says she and her colleagues hold onto their good humor because “you're doing a public service, and you try to be pleasant.”

Even if the question “How many battles rations in the United States?” sends them on a wild goose chase that leads to the U.S. Department of Interior somewhere in Utah.

Kuchta reviewed that question once. Believe it or not, she has forgotten the answer, she confessed with a laugh. However, she would at least know where to look for the answer next time.

Excuse me, what time do you have? Just another reference desk customer inquired.

Not counting this reporter's query of “What are your hours?” that was the easiest question the librarians had been handed all day.

Staff photos  
by Bill Bresler

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The songs and stories sung and told by Pamela Vander Ploeg keep Juli Zlotkowski, Elizabeth Leone, 4, and Andrew Zlotkowski, 2, listening.



Pamela Vander Ploeg tells stories to preschool children at the Canton Public Library program. Vander Ploeg, a Grand Haven, Mich., resident, is a former children's librarian.

(See below)

# Libraries offer Halloween fun

By John Brown  
staff writer

**H**ALLOWEEN FUN was easy to find as recent days at the Canton Public Library and at the Denning-Hoogh Library in Plymouth.

Both libraries held special Halloween programs for local youngsters. At the Canton Public Library, Pamela Vander Plog entertained children with songs and stories.

Vander Plog has appeared at the library in the past, said Barbara Brown, department head for children's services.

"She was very successful," Vander Plog's contribution of songs and stories appealed to the youngsters.

"It's really nice to have that kind," Brown said.

Vander Plog, who is from Grand Haven, Mich., is a former children's librarian. She experienced with children in an ad. Brown said, as is her extensive experience of Michigan schools.

"Having Pamela in just a really special treat for us."

Vander Plog held two sessions last Wednesday at the Canton Public Library. The first session was for preschool children, who attended with a parent or other adult. A second session was held later that afternoon for school-age children.

**THE SESSION** for school-age children drew approximately 30 participants. Brown said, with approximately 30 attending the earlier sessions for younger children.

During the session for preschoolers, Vander Plog told the story of a little girl named Rose who went for a long long walk. Rose soon came to a part of the countryside she didn't recognize and found a house there.

"And, oh, she was so curious about that house," Vander Plog told the youngsters.

Getting no answer to her knocks on the door, Rose opened the door and went into the house. She found

that everything inside was small, just like Rose was.

The mysterious house had a mirror over the fireplace. When Rose looked into the mirror, she saw a face that was different from her own.

"The face that looked back at her was a grown-up person," Vander Plog said. Rose figured out that she was looking at her own grown-up face.

"At any rate, she realized she was looking into the future."

Rose didn't have too much time to think about that future, however. She found herself disappearing.

The little girl tried to hide from the footstep, but she didn't have much luck. Rose was discovered by the house's occupant — a witch dressed in green with a cat all around of the window peering on her shoulder.

"You've looked in my mirror, and you're going to stay with me now," the witch told Rose.

**THE WITCH** put Rose to work at her house. Rose soon discovered another surprise. When she was in the room, the witch's cat brushed by her and said, "You may ask me three questions."

Rose asked for her first question asking how it was that the cat could speak (the result of the witch's spells). She asked for her second question asking why the witch didn't want Rose to look into the mirror.

The cat told Rose that the witch, at the witch of the future, realized that Rose got because the little girl had looked into the mirror that told of the future. At that point, the witch came in, interrupting the conversation.

One day, when Rose was out in the garden planting flowers, the cat brushed by her again. "One question left, make it a good one," the cat told Rose.

Rose thought and thought about what question to ask. She was still worrying about it the next day when a bird flew into the garden and got

caught in one of the witch's bird trees. Rose opened the trap and the bird flew away free. Vander Plog told the children.

The bird flew back, landed on Rose's shoulder and whispered the magical question to her ear. "Why do I have to stay here? Why is it that I can't go home? Why can't I choose my own fate?"

**THE CAT** told Rose that she would need to go into the witch's house and break the magic mirror. "If you break the mirror, you can go free," the cat told the little girl.

Rose then went into the house and threw the mirror to the floor, where it broke into a thousand pieces. The witch fell to the floor dead, Vander Plog said.

The witch's house turned into dust and disappeared in the wind. As Rose ran away, a plump old man in a red coat brushed by her. The cat's only words to the little girl were "Home."

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Halloween's the theme for Pamela Vander Plog's program at the Canton Public Library.

## Ghosts, goblins, games, goodies

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"And she never went into that part of the countryside again," Vander Plog said.

Vander Plog told other stories that afternoon, combining the stories with songs. The Grand Haven resident's two daughters came along for the Canton Public Library program, helping their mother tell stories and sing songs.

At the Denning-Hoogh Library in Plymouth, separate sessions were also held for younger children and older children. Younger children met at the library for a session of story-telling and other fun Saturday, Oct. 15. The older children met at the library Thursday, Oct. 23, for a session of Halloween fun.

"They were a lot of fun," children's librarian Mary Curtis said of the program, which attracted approximately 30 older children and 15 younger children.

"So it was really quite successful."

**THE HALLOWEEN** activities at the Denning-Hoogh Library included funny stories, games and relay races for the younger children. The stories were a bit easier for the older children.

Curtis and children's librarian Ka



Beverly Brown, 5, reacts to a slightly scary story. The youngster and her mom, Kathy, were among those attending a Canton Public

Library program given by Pamela Vander Plog last week.

Oy Petrowski was the storyteller for the Halloween programs at the Denning-Hoogh Library.

The older children also enjoyed passing around a bag containing the "ghost's remains" of one Mr. Brown's. Such items as liver and peeled grapes were used in the so-called remains of the late Mr. Brown.

"They were just yuckus!" Curtis

said of the children's reaction. Both parties at the Denning-Hoogh Library ended with refreshments of cookies and "witch's brew" punch. Hallowe'en balloons were also passed out, courtesy of Midway Wedding Supply in Plymouth.

"They brought the tank and used their bag brought the balloons," Curtis said.

"I know the kids enjoyed it, and we librarians enjoyed it."

L.B. Brown  
Plymouth

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# Land deal finalized for new library building

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

A dream to build a library in Canton looks more and more like reality. A purchase agreement for the land south of the Canton Township Administration building was finalized by the Canton Library Board Tuesday afternoon. The 7.5 acres of land was purchased at \$9,000 an acre, or \$67,500.

Also, a \$5,000 grant was given Nov. 8 to the Canton Public Library for the new facility.

The library received the Herrick Foundation money which is earmarked for construction and operation of Canton's new, one-story, 30,000-square-foot building. Construction is to begin April 1.

"We're planning a library that will be able to respond to the new technology and developments in librarianship," said Jean Sebestyen, Canton library director.

The completed building, including furnishings but not counting the land expense, is expected to cost between \$3.2 and \$3.5 million.

**THIS IS THE second donation given for library construction.**

The first was an unolicited \$10,000 from the American Yazaki Corp. on Haggerty near Warren in Canton, according to Claire McLaughlin, Canton library grants coordinator.

However, Canton voters gave the most by passing a millage proposal in August allowing the library board to levy 2 mills. A slim 23 votes gave approval for the additional mill to finance the construction and operation of the library.

"The millage allows us to go ahead with our plans," Sebestyen

said. "It is allowing us to design a library we think will meet the needs of Canton Township."

The library board hopes to expand the library to 40,000 square feet within 10 years, she added.

McLaughlin said she is actively seeking other grants for the project. The architectural firm of Osler

Milling is preparing drawings for the building.

The Canton Library is presently located in a 12,000-square-foot area on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building. Early this year, the library had registered more than 24,000 patrons and had been circulating more than 300,000 items annually.

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## Boom for books

### New library site is selected

By SHERRY WOODARD  
ANP Staff Writer

The Canton Library Board has decided to buy 7.5 acres of land on which a new library will be built. The land is located near the present home of the library in the Canton Township Administration Building.

The land, just south of the township building, costs \$67,500; upon it will sit a building worth \$3-million, said Library Director Jean Sebestyen.

The architectural firm of Osler Milling is presently drawing the plans for the new building, which Sebestyen says will be more than twice the size of the present third floor facility in the township building.

"It'll be double in size," Sebestyen said. The new building will measure about 30,000 square feet. The present library, by comparison, measures 12,000 square feet.

"It was so popular right from the beginning we knew there would come a time we would outgrow our space," Sebestyen said.

*"It was so popular right from the beginning we knew there would come a time we would outgrow our space."*

"We've circulated over 300,000 books last year," she added.

Out of 60 libraries in the region, Sebestyen said, the Canton Library is the third-highest circulating one on an individual basis.

Construction on the new, larger library should begin in April, according to the director, perhaps as early as April 1.

In addition to selecting and purchasing a site for the new

facility, the library board has also received a \$5,000 gift from the Herrick Foundation of Detroit.

The money is to be used for

the construction and operation of Canton's new library.

The gift is the second sum received for the new building. The first came from American Yazaki Corporation in the amount of \$10,000.

Back in August, voters elected to increase the funding of the library from township coffers by approving an additional mill. The library is now funded by 2 mills, in addition to receiving state aid.

## Canton library has site

The new Canton Public Library will be located south of the Township Municipal Building on Canton Center Road.

The Canton Public Library Board announced last week that it had purchased a 7.5-acre parcel of property immediately south of the present library location, which is on the third floor of the Municipal Building, at 4150 S. Canton Center Rd.

The Ann Arbor design-engineering firm of Osler Milling designed plans for the 30,000-square-foot facility,

which is double the space of the current library. In August, Canton voters approved the levying of an additional mill to build a new library.

The Canton library is the third largest library facility in the Wayne-G Oakland Library Federation (WOLF).

The library board has received donations from the Herrick Foundation of Detroit (\$5,000), and American Yazaki Corp. of Canton, (\$10,000) to help fund construction of the new facility.



Children's librarian Mary Lou Curtin helps the children with the craft project, making key rings.



Monica Morse (left) and Becky Uhlmann work on the craft project during one of the holiday programs at the Dunning-Hough Library.



John Lewis made this key ring during the library program.

## Fun at the libraries

**T**HE HOLIDAY season is a special time for children at the libraries in Plymouth and Canton.

Several fun-filled programs for children were held at the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth last week.

On Tuesday, Dec. 14, 3- to 6-year-olds met at the library for an evening of Christmas and "sleepy time" stories. The youngsters were their pajamas for the program.

"They were really cute," said Mary Lou Curtin, children's librarian at the Dunning-Hough Library. Approximately 40 children signed up for that program.

Thursday, two programs for older children were held at the library in Plymouth, with approximately 25 to 40 signed up for each.

Children ages 6 to 8 met at the library in the afternoon, with the program for 9- to 12-year-olds held in the evening.

The 6- to 8-year-olds listened to holiday stories and watched a film. They also enjoyed a relay race — each child racing across the room while balancing a cotton ball on a spoon in his or her mouth — and sang Christmas carols.

MARY FURMAN led the afternoon's musical session, playing her guitar and singing for the youngsters. "Frosty the Snowman" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer" were among the carols sang.

Furman, who lives in Central America, is visiting her parents in Northville. She lives in Belize with her husband and three children and will return there in January.

Although life in Belize is quite a bit different from life in the United States, Christmas is also celebrated there.

"They definitely celebrate Christmas," said Furman, a Michigan native and Wayne State University graduate. "Christmas is a big celebration."

Activities for the older group of children at the Dunning-Hough Library were a bit different. They saw a film and worked on a craft project, making key chains suitable for holiday gift-giving.

"Kids are always looking for something to make for their parents," said Curtin, who worked on the programs along with Betty Felkowski, children's librarian.

At the Canton Public Library, the Marjorie Brown and the Shirleyblers troupe entertained children during a Dec. 2 program.

"She did a variety of interpretations of different children's stories," said Roberta Reeves, department head for children's services.

MARJORIE BROWN and the other performers from New York City presented the program to



Kim Donica (left) and Leah Michaelson design key rings perfect for holiday gift-giving.

approximately 60 local children kindergarten age and older.

The Dec. 3 program included the use of puppets, creative drama, storytelling and dance. The puppets used by Brown were developed by Jim Henson, creator of The Muppet.

The performers did an excellent job of holding the youngsters' attention, Reeves said.

"It was wonderful. The children really enjoyed it."

Those planning the Canton program decided to hold it in early December, to avoid the holiday crunch.

"It's difficult to get a good attendance" close to the holidays, Reeves said. "That's why we wanted to do it early."



Alice Chase paints her key ring during one of the programs at the Dunning-Hough Library.





# Community opinions

Community figures respond

## What was big in '86?

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What was the most important single event in the Plymouth-Canton Community in 1986?

It all depends on who you ask.

No one did. School officials were asked what issue affected the schools in the past year. Canton and Plymouth officials told us of the issues that faced their respective governmental units.

The responses varied, as the circumstances unique to each group allow. You've probably already heard or read of the really big things that happened in 1986. Here's what those who are involved in the issues had to say about the big issues of 1986.

### Plymouth-Canton Schools

Keel Burkema, director of secondary education, and Michael Hooper, assistant superintendent for instruction, offered these issues as having the most impact on the schools in 1986.

- 1) The passage of the \$13-million bond issue in June.
  - 2) A lot of changes of school principals.
  - 3) The implementation of an attendance office at CEP.
  - 4) The phase-in of 9th graders to CEP.
  - 5) MEAP scores that were encouraging.
  - 6) The appointment of four curriculum directors within the district — science, math, language arts and social studies.
  - 7) School building improvement projects.
  - 8) Staff development, training and re-training.
  - 9) The formation of the Education Excellence Foundation.
  - 10) No major labor/administration issues this year.
  - 11) Growth in the school district and the resulting budget sting.
  - 12) The CEP Marching Band's honors in 1986.
  - 13) Canton complaints regarding teaching materials.
- Hooper and Burkema did not rate the issues in order of impact, but agreed that the passage of the bond issue was the biggest issue for the schools.

### Canton

Supervisor James Piche ranked the top eight issues that faced Canton in 1986 after getting input from the executive department heads.

- 1) Super Sewer.
- 2) Completion of FWD Road improvements.
- 3) Recent approval of funding for road improvements in Canton.
- 4) Adoption of the Master Land Use Plan.
- 5) Sheldon Road improvements.
- 6) Haggerty Road pavement agreement with Wayne County.
- 7) Passage of the library millage.
- 8) Preparation of reports by the Superintendent Implementation Committee and the City/Township Study Committee.

### City of Plymouth

Plymouth's City Attorney Ron Lowe shared six thoughts on some of the issues within the city during the last year that he believed made the greatest impact on Plymouth, small and his law practice. He chose to rank these issues, and categorize them as well.

- 1—(Miss impact) The Plymouth Cruise on the Crier's pages in July.
- 2—(Big success) The Jaycees last minute Fourth of July parade and fireworks display.
- 3—(Big loss) The loss of "The Counselor," Bob Delaney. His death in November shook the whole town.
- 4—(Big relief) The pigeon problem of last winter being resolved.
- 5—(Overall) The growth of the community in business and commercial, a banner year for both.
- 6—(Pat-on-the-back) The service clubs in Plymouth for their continual work in the city.
- 7—(Personal highlight) Lowe's proposal to his future wife last October.
- 8—(Men fan) Fred Hill's Drill Team that gave the whole town a day-long smile.

## The Canton Connection

**SUNDAY HOURS!** The Canton Public Library is adding a new service to its library by making public libraries — Sunday hours starting Jan. 4, 1987. Library Director Jean Sebastian, the library will be open 1-5 p.m. Sundays to help meet increased demands from users at convenient times. The new library staffing for the Sunday hours was made possible by additional operating income generated by the additional mill approved by voters earlier this year.

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Will be open...

## Canton Public Library

Beginning Jan. 4, 1987, the Canton Public Library will be open on Sundays from one to five p.m. Sunday hours will be in effect for the remainder of the school year.



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# Suburban Life

Julie Brown editor/459-2700

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Youngsters from the Dunning-Hough Public Library program participate in a balloon toss, with Linda Ragan (left) and Angels Johnson, both 10, leading the lines. The balloon toss was part of

a "Mission: Possible" program held in downtown Plymouth's Kellogg Park.

JULIE BROWN/staff photographer

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January 28, 1987

To: All Canton Public Library Employees

The final 1986 circulation figures are in and they show that you circulated slightly over 351,000 items to our patrons in 1986. This represents an increase of 17% over 1985!

It is clear to all of us on the Board that this increase is due in very large part to the dedication and hard work of the best library staff in all of M.O.L.F. While we are most appreciative of your efforts, your patrons have recognized you in the most concrete way possible - by passing the additional millage which will make our new library possible.

The Board is trying hard to live up to your example by working as effectively as we can to see to it that our new library is a good place to work and a facility in which we can all take pride.

We look forward to the next 18 months with anticipation, secure in knowing that our staff accepts the challenge of change and growth with great dedication and energy.

Thank you for an excellent 1986 and best wishes to you all in 1987.

From the Board and Chairman,

Jim Gilling

JG:kf

MEMO TO ALL STAFF:

As of January 1, 1987, there will be no smoking on the third floor.

From Library Board 12/18/86

Jean



### ***New members***

The Canton Business and Professional Women's Club has a new set of members for 1987. Recently inducted into the organization are (standing, from left) Joan Bower, Erika Wisk, Barbara Conjonte, Jean Sebastyen, Kathy Lyman and Kathy

Mular. Seated are current officers (from left) Shirley Clappert, President CBPW; Nancy Zimmerman, Second Vice President-Michigan Federation BPW; and Cheryl Kirby, new member.

Library Director, Jean Sebastyen

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# New library building gets bond-issue approval

By SHERRY WOODARD  
AOP Staff Writer

The Canton Township Building Authority has received the go-ahead from the Board of Trustees to issue bonds that will cover the \$3.5 million price tag on a new library building.

In August of last year voters approved an extra mill for the library. The additional tax levy will finance the cost of the new building.

The new structure will be located on Canton Center Road and will have the Township Administration Building, said Library Director Jean Sebestyen.

"Right now the architects are in the process of doing technical drawings," she said. The building will be "quite modern."

"It's going to be beautiful. It's contemporary. They are going to have several monitors, what we call sky lights," Sebestyen said.

The new library will be a one-story building containing 31,000 square feet. The structure will be built to allow for expansion up to 40,000 square feet.

"This doubles our space," Sebestyen said. More room, however, is not the only attractive feature the library will have.

"It's going to have a fireplace... right in the adult reading area," the head librarian pointed out. "There will (also) be a really neat young adults area right by the fireplace."

The young adults area will also be decorated with posters.

The present library is separated into various sections but because of the limited space there is no clear, or effective division of the sections.

"The library's just one big room," said Sebestyen, de-

scribing the present third-floor facility located in the Township Administration Building.

The new library will be divided into two main rooms. "We're kind of excited," said Sebestyen, "because we will have two departments. There will be a children's department."

Within the children's department will be a "climb on" toy for children to crawl through or climb upon. Located outside of the department will be one of two courtyards. It will contain a reading nook for youngsters.

"In the summer when there's good weather they can go outside and read," Sebestyen said. The other courtyard will be used by adult and young adult patrons.

Another added feature of the new library will be an enlarged meeting room. A functional kitchen will be located in an adjoining area. The room will also be divisible by using a sliding partition. The space will accommodate 150 people.

"Any community group" will have access to the meeting room, Sebestyen said. Availability will be on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Overall, library use should rise dramatically, the librarian predicted. "We're expecting that our use will increase 40 percent," she said.

"We're expecting that people will have a place to sit in the Canton Library," Sebestyen said with a chuckle.

During peak periods, Monday nights for example, the Canton Library has "standing room only" and long lines at the reference and check-out desks are not unusual.

Sebestyen joked, it is fortunate all of the books checked out from the library are not returned at the same time. "We'd never find room for them," she said.

When the time comes to move the books, Sebestyen said, a library moving firm will be called in. The new building should be ready for move-in by August or September of 1988.

"We're hoping May or early June... to break ground," the library director said.

No plans have been announced for the space the library will be vacating. But, Sebestyen said, "I'm sure we'll be gone long before used."

## Canton reads more in '86

Canton's Public Library is getting busier every day — literally.

Circulation figures for 1986 show a 17 per cent increase over 1985 in the number of resources checked out by residents including books, video-cassettes, records, magazines, puppets and toys.

January figures for the last three years confirm the trend. The volume of checked out material went from 26,156 in 1985 to 29,947 in 1986 and 33,290 in 1987.

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## Canton's new library

This is an artist's rendering of the Canton Public Library, which will be built just south of the Township Administration Building on Canton

Center Road. Canton voters approved a one-mill increase in August to fund the building of a new library facility. Construction at the site should begin this spring.

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# Suburban Life

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## Sleuths

### Librarians track down elusive information

By Julia Brown  
staff writer

Librarians, it seems, have heard it all.

During the course of a typical working day, librarians handle plenty of "reference" questions. Some of those questions are, to say the least, a bit unusual; other queries are those down-to-earth

Carol Kuchta, an adult services librarian at the Canton Public Library, has heard her share of offbeat questions. Her colleagues at the library have also handled their share of unusual queries.

"We do have a lot of interesting questions. Most of them we can find."

The things that inquiring minds want to know run the gamut. There was, for example, the library patron who wanted to know what sound a fishbone makes. The librarians weren't able to answer that one.

"We've answered a lot of those, but not all of them." The librarians you weren't able to find out how to determine the age of a turtle.

ANOTHER CANTON Public Library patron asked if any mutant camps were located in Michigan.

"I think we answered that one," Kuchta said with a chuckle.

The librarians in Canton were able to answer the question about what a group of hippos is known as. The answer? "A school."

Yet another patron wanted to know where dragage nymphs could be purchased.

"That's baby dragagelles, I think."

The librarians also didn't have information readily available on how to build a dogpile. They didn't have an address on file for Kermit the Frog — although they were able to give the address of Jim Henson, creator of the Muppet.

A query about the dimensions of the Alaskan pipeline was one the librarians did find the answer for. The question of "How to you build a model bridge out of toothpicks?" is yet another of the slightly more unusual ones.

"We've had that a couple of times," Kuchta said.

The librarians at the Denning-Hough Library in Plymouth also get their share of unusual questions. There was, for example, the young patron who wanted to know about "sexes chirping."

The librarians thought the youngster was referring to a person with the first name of Brian; it turned out to be "sexes chirping" instead.

"The child had heard Brian," said Pam Rawlinson, deputy director of the Denning-Hough Library. "Once we realized the error of our ways, we thought it was a little humorous."

ANOTHER TIME, a student at the library in Plymouth had a school project to do on "medieval manners." It turned out the actual assignment was on a "medieval dinner."

One child at the library in Plymouth was looking for a book for her own. The subject of that obscure book was "how to get rich before the age of 25."

Sometimes, the librarians feel a

bit like sleuths as they go searching for that needed piece of information.

"There are so many sources to look for things," Rawlinson said. "Questions about stock reports and other financial information are common ones at the Denning-Hough Library. A number of patrons also ask if certain books are available at the library."

"Our computers really help us with that now." The computers help keep track of what materials the library in Plymouth has and if those items are on the shelves or checked out.

"The computers can also be used to track down books or other items not in the Plymouth library; those items may be available through the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation."

IN SOME cases, the patron has a bit of trouble explaining just what it is he or she is after.

"A lot of people have trouble asking you what they really want," the Canton Public Library's Kuchta said. In those cases, the librarians end up playing "20 questions," trying to ascertain just what it is the patron's after.

"You have to make sure that you have it clear in your mind," the librarians said. "A lot of people just need some direction."

Some library patrons will describe an unfamiliar item over the telephone and ask the librarians just what it is.

"It's kind of hard," Kuchta said. "You can't see it."

Librarians get some questions from people doing crossword puzzles. Trivia questions are also common ones.

"So you can get some really off-the-wall things."

Library science students take interest in general reference work and in more specialized subject areas, Kuchta said. That, however, is a far cry from having the day-to-day responsibility of answering reference questions; often, those librarians exit, particularly when the library is busy.

THE QUESTIONS librarians respond to vary from season to season. School assignments have a lot to do with the questions librarians get from the younger patrons.

"Right now, we have a lot of questions on Michigan history," Kuchta said. Some of the questions asked about Michigan history in this inconsequential year are a bit obscure.

Questions about Indians are common in the fall when students do class assignments on Indians. Some class assignments are related to specific holidays, such as Co-

Staff photos  
by Bill Bresler

lumbia Day.

At the time of year, the librarians also get the questions. Although they can't answer those specific questions, librarians can refer the patron to sources of help. The forms are also available in the library.

The Canton Public Library staff answers some 1,200 questions a month.

"That's an average for the last couple of months," Kuchta said. "We record every question that we're asked."

For questions they can't answer, librarians at both facilities can refer patrons to other sources of information. One time, Kuchta called the Department of Justice to help find out how and when to obtain a U.S. passport. "We finally got the answer in October."

# Places to be

## Youth Art Month

### Illustrator contest

As a part of Youth Art Month, Canton's Public Library is sponsoring the Fourth Annual Illustrator's Contest.

Entries must be original and should capture the spirit of a novel chosen by the illustrator. Entries should be unsigned and accompanied by an entry blank, which will be available at the library beginning March 1. The illustrations will be on display in the library throughout March.

The first, second and third will be selected in separate categories for grades seven and eight, nine and 10 and 11 and 12.

The winners will receive \$100, \$75 and \$50 U.S. Savings Bonds which will

be awarded during National Library Week. The ceremonies will be on April 8 at an open house hosted by the library.

The contest is open to all students in grade seven through 12.

The minimum — and preferred — entry size is eight and a half inches by 11 inches.

Any medium may be used — pen, charcoal, watercolor.

Judging will be based on originality, quality of visual interpretation and effectiveness of the media used.

Entry deadline is March 31. Call 397-0999 for further information.

PLACES TO BE: CANTON CITY CENTER, FEBRUARY 28, 1987

## The Canton Connection

**COPY CATS:** Canton Public Library recently purchased two photocopying machines to meet residents' demands for convenient, self-service photocopying.

Both machines are capable of enlarging and reducing on both legal and letter size paper at 10 cents a copy.

The library's board of trustees authorized the purchase after it became evident that the copies the library had since it opened in 1980 no longer could handle the amount of photocopying required by patrons and staff.

The library, on the third floor of Canton Township Administration Building, is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sundays.

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## The Canton Connection

**DOG DAYS:** If you have heard "I'm tired, there's nothing to do" so often you can't stand it anymore, stop by the Canton Public Library to pick up a free copy of "What To Do With Your Kids During The Dog Days."

The booklet, compiled by the library's adult services department, lists day trips in the metropolitan area and includes hours, admission costs and other pertinent information for each. The booklet is available during regular library hours, which are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

Beyond the traditional attractions, some of the suggestions in the booklet are the Children's Museum, Detroit Fire Department Museum, Dossin Great Lakes Museum, Eastern Market, Fort Wayne, Kensington Farm Center, Livid A. Stage Outdoor Education Center in Troy, Maybury Library Farm, Money Museum, the Moross House, Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum, Argo Park Canoe Livery in Ann Arbor, Daviessburg Candle Factory, Donino's Farms, Fort Malden in Amherstburg, Ontario, Mattias Botanical Gardens, Michigan Space Center in Jackson, or the U-M Planetarium.

**BUYING VIDEO?:** If you are thinking about buying a camcorder or VCR, consider attending the "What to Look for Video Equipment" program 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Canton Public Library. Fred Alexander of New York Video World will explain the various features available and demonstrate several pieces of equipment. If you plan to attend, call the library at 397-0999.

### ASK YOUR LIBRARY:

This is "Ask Your Library" Week in Canton, the culmination of Library Action Month as proclaimed by Gov. Blanchard and a joint resolution of the state legislature.

You can find a New Reader Collection at the Canton Public Library, and if you are looking for more information on programs for adult literacy, ask your library.

The Canton Public Library is located on Canton Center Road south of Frontier in the township administration building. Hours are 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday, and noon to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. Call the reference desk at 397-0982 to ask about library programs.

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## The Canton Connection

### PRO TO SPEAK:

Professional race car driver Howdy Holmes will speak on his experiences in the Indianapolis 500 and other racing events at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Canton Public Library. Adults and children (accompanied by an adult) are welcome to attend. Reserve a seat beginning today by calling 397-0999 or by stopping by the library on Canton Center Road just south of Frontier.

### WHITE-WATER

**RAFTING:** The Canton Public Library is hosting "White-Water Rafting on the Colorado River" at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Wadsworth Community College instructor Dave Thomas will show slides and discuss the geological and biological specimens found in the Grand Canyon, as well as the thrill of rafting. All ages are welcome to attend. Reserve by phoning the library at 397-0999 or make a reservation in person during regular library hours — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 1-5 p.m. Sunday.

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**ALL ABUZZ:** The Canton Public Library is getting busier every day — literally.

Circulation figures for 1986 show a 17 percent increase over 1985 in number of items checked out. Included are books, magazines, pamphlets, videocassettes, records, puppets, toys — all materials the library checks out to patrons.

January figures for the last three years (1985-87) confirm the trend: 28,156 in 1985 increased to 29,947 in 1986, to 33,209 items checked out in January 1987. The January 1987 figure can be attributed, in part, to the new hours Canton began offering. The library now is open 1-5 p.m. Sundays during the school year. Library director Jean Sebastian is delighted that so many residents are using the library and look forward to when the new library building, now in the planning stage, is open.

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## The Canton Connection

### ON DISCIPLINE:

The Canton Public Library is presenting another program on disciplining your children because of the popularity of the program when it was held last spring. Lee Burton will present "Discipline — Keeping Problems from Happening" from 5-9 p.m. Dessert and coffee will be served. Register by calling 397-0999 or in person at the library.

2-9-87

Events sponsored by the Library which were publicized in the "Canton Connection" of the CANTON OBSERVER.

## The Canton Connection

**EASTER SWEETS:** A chocolate-making demonstration will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday, April 1, in the Canton Public Library by June Bohan of June's Cakes Decorating Supplies in the city of Wayne.

Bohan will show what you need to make your own pasenatic eggs, bunnies on a stick and other holiday goodies in time for Easter. Register at Canton Library or by calling 397-0999.

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# The Canton Connection

**ILLUSTRATOR:** Canton Public Library is sponsoring its fourth annual Illustrator's Contest for students in grades 7-12 in recognition of Youth Art Month.

Entries must be original and should capture the spirit of a novel chosen by the Illustrator. The novel chosen must be owned by a library in the Wayne Oakland Library Federation or verified in Books in Print. To assure anonymous judging, entries must be unsigned and accompanied by an entry blank which is available in the library.

Illustrations will be on display in the library throughout the month of March. There will be first, second and third place winners for grades 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12. Winners will receive \$100, \$75 and \$50 U.S. Government Bonds respectively to be awarded during National Library Week at 8 p.m. April 8 for the Canton Public Library Open House.

Rules are available in the library. Deadline for submitting entries is March 31, 1987.

**TAX FORMS:** Income tax forms are again available at Canton Public Library, on the third floor of Canton Administration Building on Canton Center Road just south of Proctor. Frequently used forms are ready to be picked up, and forms less commonly used can be photocopied from reproducible sets. Both federal and state of Michigan reproducible forms are at the library's reference desk. The library is open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 1-5 p.m. Sundays during the school year.

**CANTON HISTORY:** Mark Tuesday, April 21, on your calendar as a good time to find out what Canton was like before you arrived. Dorothy West, first president of the Canton Historical Society, will speak at 7 a.m. at the Canton Public Library. Register to attend by calling the library or make a reservation in person. 4-13-87

**BLUM ON BLOOMS:** Leo Blum, public affairs coordinator of Frank's Nursery and Crafts Inc. will speak on home landscaping beginning at 7 p.m. Thursday, May 7, in the Canton Public Library.

Blum will discuss criteria for selecting annuals and perennials for your yard and will have a gift for everyone, compliments of Frank's. Sign up to attend by calling the library at 397-0999 or make a reservation in person at the library on the third floor of Canton Administration Building, Canton Center Road just south of Proctor.

**ANOTHER RECORD:** As anyone who uses the Canton Public Library probably knows, the library is becoming more and more popular with residents.

The number of materials borrowed during March set a new record for a single month (37,977) which is an increase of almost 7,500 over March 1986.

Residents may sign up for a library card any time between 10 and 8 Monday-Thursday, 9 to 5 Friday and Saturday, and 1 to 5 p.m. Sunday during the school year. Borrowers will receive a copy of Canton Public Library's new services brochure which describes all the materials and services available.

Presently located on the third floor of Canton Administration Building, the library is building a facility to be completed in fall 1988.

# The Canton Connection

**CRITIC'S DEADLINE:** William K. Kienzle, author of the Father Koeler mystery series set in Detroit's Catholic community, will speak in the first floor meeting room at Canton Township Hall beginning 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 19. The appearance is being sponsored by the Canton Public Library.

Kienzle's ninth mystery, "Deadline for a Catholic," recently was published and is available at the library. Kienzle also is author of "Rosary Murders," which was made into a motion picture starring Donald Sutherland. For 20 years Kienzle was a priest for the Archdiocese of Detroit, and he uses that knowledge in his mysteries. Registration, which begins today, can be done by phoning the library at 397-0999.

# The Canton Connection

**ON SUICIDE:** Jim Tamas, a nationally known speaker on teen-age self-esteem, will be at the Canton Public Library to speak to teen-agers and parents about teen suicide beginning 7 p.m. Thursday, June 5. Tamas, who lives in Canton, was part of Margie Rowley's teen suicide feature on Channel 4 in mid-May. Persons may sign up by calling the 397-0999 or in person at the library.

# The Canton Connection

## NEW ASSISTANT:

Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin has been appointed assistant director of the Canton Public Library. Her appointment to this newly created position became effective April 27, 1987.

Havenstein-Coughlin began work at the Canton Public Library prior to its opening in October 1986. She earned her bachelor's degree in English language and literature from Eastern Michigan University and her master's in library science from University of Michigan. Carol Kuchta, an adult services librarian at the Canton Public Library since January 1982, has assumed Havenstein-Coughlin's duties as head of the reference department. Kuchta received both bachelor's and master's degrees from University of Michigan.

**LEISURE UPDATE:** Come to the third floor meeting room of the Canton Public Library at 7 p.m. Tuesday, June 16, if you want to find out what leisure-time activities are available in Canton.

Bob Dates, Canton Township Recreation supervisor, will describe activities the recreation department plans for ages preschool to senior citizens. Sign up to attend this free program by calling the library at 397-0999.

**SUMMER BOOKS:** The Canton Public Library is the place for high schoolers to check for the books Plymouth-Canton Humanities teachers have recommended students read over the summer.

Multiple copies have been acquired of "Lord of the Flies," "1984," "Fate of the Earth," "Brave New World," and "Catcher in the Rye." The library is on the third floor of the Canton Administration Building on Canton Center Road south of Cherry Hill. Hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.

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**GAB ON GLITZ:** The monthly evening book discussion at Canton Public Library is a chance to share reactions to well-known books, make new friends, and having an enjoyable evening out of the house. The next meeting begins 7 p.m. tomorrow in the library on the third floor of Canton Administration Building, Canton Center Road at Proctor. The book to be discussed is "Glitz" by Elaine Leonard.

**ON THE LAW:** Historian Richard Miles will be at the Canton Public Library 7-8 p.m. Thursday -- 200 years to the day after the U.S. Constitution was approved -- to discuss its relevance today. Miles will expound on the document's principles, which were put to test in the Iran hearings. Sign up to attend by calling 397-0999.

**READING RAP:** Canton Public Library's monthly evening book discussion meets at 7 p.m. Aug. 4 at the library on the third floor of township hall, Canton Center Road, south of Proctor. Everyone is invited. The book to be discussed is "Iacocca," the autobiography of Lee Iacocca. No reservation is necessary. Call the library at 397-0999 for more information.

# The Canton Connection

**LIBRARY GRANT:** Canton Public Library has been awarded a \$2,000 grant from the Gannett Foundation for audio visual equipment which will be installed in the library's new facility on South Canton Center Road.

Claire McLaughlin, grants coordinator for the library, noted that Benjamin Burns, chief administrative editor of The Detroit News, described the grant as "recognition of the fine work your organization is doing for our community." The News is Gannett's property and agent for the foundation.

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## JOB PLACEMENT SERVICE

March 6, 1987

Ms. JoLene Hersch  
Canton Public Library  
1150 South Canton Center Road  
Canton, MI 48188

Dear Ms. Hersch:

Just a note to thank you for your "hiring" Dave Cwickla. Last time I talked with him he seemed very enthusiastic about his time volunteering at the library.

Our goal at Community Education is to hook up the local business community and our adult students to provide job placement services that are mutually beneficial and free.

If you have any job needs please feel free to call.

Very truly,

*Elizabeth Barker*  
Elizabeth Barker  
Coordinator



# Friends & Neighbors

## MS changes your life, outlook

BY MARTY TUNGATE

Michelle Scherer (MS), is a divorcee who was 30 when she was diagnosed with MS.

MS affects people who are physically fit, it affects the athletes, businessmen, MBAs, teachers, fathers — and could even affect you.

Almost 17 years ago, Joan Cullin of Canton was diagnosed with MS — an incurable disease for which doctors are still searching for a cure.

Before he learned of his disease, Dave worked in a local bank in the metropolitan Lansing field. The ongoing disease has made it impossible for him to work at the bank.

Today, the only work Dave does is volunteer work with the Canton Public Library in the circulation department. "I can't see Dave's work without also seeing a tremendous pride in and love of a job," Dave says.

"When I first discovered I had MS, I went to a doctor. MS changes your whole life, and what changes your whole outlook on life."

The disease has also affected Dave's speech and vision.

Dave, who is 37 years old and

### Station hosts skate-a-thon

For the sixth consecutive year Canton's Skatin' Station is sponsoring the "Wheels for Easter Seals" skate-a-thon. This Saturday night, beginning at 11:30 p.m., more than 400 skaters will bring pillows, sleeping bags and pledge sheets to the rink to skate in support of Easter Seals.

Last year organizers report that they raised \$42,000 for the event, and that more than \$125,000 has been raised since the skate-a-thon began six years ago.

This year, as in the past, WDIV television crews will be on hand throughout the event for hourly coverage.

During the 16-hour, 30-minute event skaters will be asked to skate 100 miles. People are also asked to collect at least \$25 in pledges to participate. But there will be prizes awarded throughout the night, including a trip to Arizona, camera, compact disc player and free roller skating for a year.

divorcee, lives alone in his Canton apartment. He is still able to do most everyday tasks on his own.

"I can still carry on my own, but I do get some help from my brother and mother, who live nearby," Dave adds.

Dave, who can be contacted by the Canton Health Department, 2700 1/2

Street, understands that life can be the same, with a few adjustments.

"What you see and feel isn't reflected in MS. I don't know why Dave, in contact with MS, doesn't get looked at and cared of like this."

The single fact is, there is not one a cure for MS. The disease can be managed, but doctors have not

discovered a cure.

According to the Easter Seal Society, 250,000 Americans currently have the neurological disease — which attacks the message-carrying neural fibers in the brain and spinal cord — and an additional 10,000 are expected each year.

Dave's advice for a wife who has MS is, "Be patient, and be strong. It will be hard, but you can try."

Dave also would like people who suffer or consider with an MS victim to know, "Don't they should be patient, and just show like you would become able."

Dave also said if he could have anything in the world, his thing he wants the money to his health.

"I don't want money, if I could have anything, all I want is my health."

The 1987 Easter Seals Television support service for Dave and Michelle Scherer on the television air. The schedule, hosted by WDIV-TV news anchor Mike Child and co-host Janice Gandy, starts Saturday, March 7, 11:30 p.m. (broadcast through Monday, March 8, 10:30 p.m.).

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## Witchcraft books spirited away?

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

It seems a book on witchcraft is hard to find in local libraries.

Geoffrey Gladden, a Canton Township eighth-grader, was riding the bus home one day and noticed a friend had "some books about witchcraft that looked really neat."

"I wanted some books on it, so I went to the Canton Public Library. They had about 20 cards in the catalog, but not one single book there," said Gladden.

Controversy over R-rated films and materials dealing with witchcraft and the occult has surfaced with the filing of complaints by one-time school board candidate Diane Daakalakis. See accompanying story.

When Gladden spoke with the librarian, "She hesitated at first. . . . She said a lot of people

take them out and steal them or something, because a lot of people worship the devil. People check them out and no one brings them back," said Gladden.

JUST AS it's not unusual for car repair books to be returned dirty, no eyebrows are raised when witchcraft books are off the shelves, said librarian Claire McLaughlin.

McLaughlin said the Canton Public Library owns 11 non-fiction books on witchcraft. Eight are out in circulation, two are missing and one is on the shelf, she said.

"They were popular even before Diane Daakalakis," said library director Jean Sebestyen Tabor.

"My first impulse would be to say kids are fascinated by the subject. We can't buy enough of them." The video "The Breakfast Club" and the book "Rules for Radicals"

are missing," added Sebestyen Tabor. Both were the subject of Daakalakis complaints.

Daakalakis knows nothing about their disappearance.

"It's unfortunate that this should prompt someone to steal books," Daakalakis, who recently resigned from the 1,600-member Citizens for Better Education.

AT PLYMOUTH'S Dunning-Hough library, four of nine non-fiction witchcraft titles are accounted for," said library director Pamela Rawlinson.

One non-fiction book was on the shelf.

Of 95 children's books on witchcraft, 66 were off the shelves, and 29 on the shelves.

"People think the only one interested in a subject is themselves," said another Plymouth librarian.

"Whatever is popular you'll find less of."

April 22, 1987

## New library sign must be removed

By SHERRY WOODARD  
ANP Staff Writer

Officials of the Canton Public Library have been breaking the law, and Township Trustee Loren Bennett wants it discontinued immediately.

The illegal acts at the library have centered on a sign, which for months has been prominently displayed next to the Township Administration Building, announcing the site of a new library building.

The sign, however, is prohibited under a municipal ordinance which regulates such postings.

"I don't want to cause any ill feelings, but I just can't ignore it," Bennett said. "It goes against our ordinance."

In brief, the ordinance states that signs announcing the location of structures yet to be built cannot be erected unless a building permit has been "pulled," Bennett explained.

"Pulling" means all necessary approvals from the township have been gained and there is nothing left to do but put the first shovel in the ground and start construction.

Although the library sign has been in place for at least four months, Bennett said the matter came to his attention after a local business owner contacted him about it.

The businessman had

wanted to erect a sign announcing the location of his establishment but the township refused permission, Bennett revealed. He did not divulge the businessman's name.

"I take very seriously my oath of office," Bennett said. "As much as I want the library to have the sign I cannot bend the rules. For anybody."

No official board action has been taken regarding the sign, although Bennett said Supervisor Jim Poole has been asked to contact the library and advise officials there to remove the sign.

Poole has expressed the opinion that the sign should remain in place because it lets residents know a new and much needed \$2.5 million library is on the way. Library Director Jean Sebestyen has previously said ground breaking should occur in May or early June.

Along with the library sign, the legibilities of a sign near the Fellows Creek Golf Club have also been under examination.

One sign is in place at Michigan Avenue and Lotz which directs visitors to the golf club. Another is planned for installation at the front of the facility.

The directional golf club sign is within the letter of the law, according to Bennett, because it is there for directional purposes. He is not sure, however, about the sign in front of the club on Lotz.

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G&E Thursday, April 22, 1987

## Libraries concerned over video rental bills

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Two state library bills that would prohibit public libraries from charging video rental fees have sparked local concern.

Sen. Doug Croce, R-Trey, sponsored identical bills which cleared the Senate April 9. The bills feature a one-sentence amendment to two state laws.

Croce's SB132 (approved 26-9) and SB195 (approved 26-11) would amend two laws, the 1877 public libraries law and the Home Rule City Act.

The laws say public libraries "established under this act shall not charge a fee for the loan of a videocassette tape to a resident of the city, village or township which established the library."

The bills in the bills do not address other library special matters.

Croce's argues any public libraries that charge a fee to compete with taxing stores.

The bills are headed for the state house following the two-week Easter break.

SEN. ROBERT GEARKE, R-Northville, whose district includes Canton, Plymouth and Livonia opposed both bills.

"I voted against them because I felt libraries should be able to collect revenues by renting videos," Gearke said. "The question of unfair competition was discussed."

"I feel that there is no more competition with this than there is with libraries competing with bookstores or, as other examples, private schools competing with public schools or private golf courses with public golf courses. I have always been a strong supporter of libraries. I don't feel it's right to pass these laws. It's the kind passed by a large margin."

Pat Thomas, director of Plymouth's Dunning-Hough Library, shared Gearke's sentiments.

"We would no longer be able to support the video collection if the bills pass. We would just have to stop."

Thomas said the library began developing its video collection two years ago with a \$2,000 gift from the Friends of the Library. "We didn't have money in the budget and so we're receiving requests from patrons."

The library decided to use the revenues from popular titles to help develop other types of video collections - National Geographic, home gardening, art education, chess, gardening, art education, home, home care and how to do child safety classes and how to do home care.

Thomas said the library would like to develop specific video collections like Black and White Fiction films.

"We received \$1,000 in revenues last year from all videos," Thomas said. "We took 500 items. We're getting revenues of \$1 for the first full day and \$1 for each day thereafter."

Jean Sebestyen, Canton Township library director, stated a similar view. She said she contacted Rep. James Keeney D-Canton Township to relay her views.

"Many of our patrons are very concerned," she said.

The Canton library began video lending videos two years ago and has been successful. Revenue generated last year was approximately \$20,000 which is used to purchase and develop the video collection.

Jean Sebestyen said.

Revised (by for Canton is a bill day with a three-day loan.)



These entries were winning ones for Angela Cipolletti (illustration at bottom) and Michael Park.

## Contest honors student artists

Winners have been announced for the Canton Public Library's fourth annual illustration contest.

The contest was held in recognition of Youth Art Month in March. It was open to students in grades seven through 12. 333 entries were submitted.

Students were asked to submit illustrations that captured the spirit of an entire novel or of a scene from a novel.

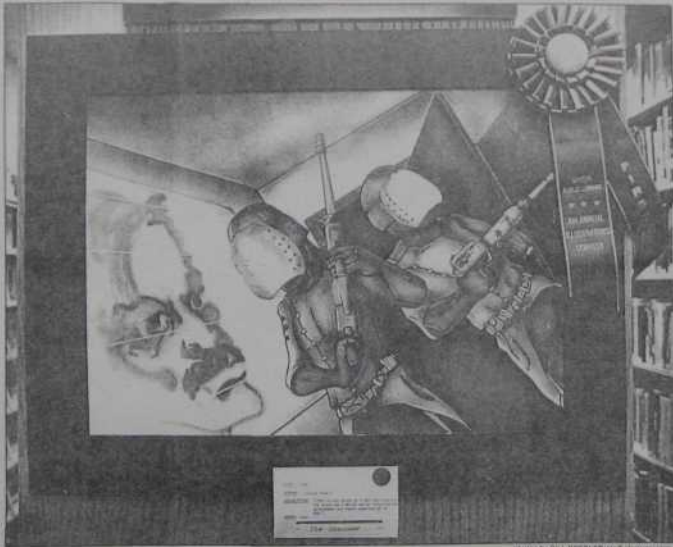
"It has to be original," said Beverly Mason-Sorenson, youth arts librarian. "We accepted any kind of media."

Judging of illustrations was based

on originality, effectiveness of medium and quality of visual interpretation. Winners received U.S. Savings Bonds.

Seventh- and eighth-grade winners were Gary Pritchard, for "Treasure Island" by Robert Louis Stevenson, first place; Mike Booth, for "Time of the Twins" by Margaret Wise and Tracy Hickman, second place; and Andrew Allan, for "The Earthsea Trilogy" by Ursula K. LeGuin, third place.

WINNERS from the sixth and fifth grades were Nora Renee West, for "On a Pale Horse" by Flannery



Tom Sherman was the first-place winner among students in 11th and 12th grades with this entry, based on George Orwell's "1984."

photo by BILL BRIDGES for staff photographer

oey, first place; Shannon Cornell, for "White Fang" by Jack London, second place; Michelle Tules, for "Shards" by Richard Adams, third place; Steven Simmons, for "The

Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy" by Douglas Adams, honorable mention. Winners in 11th and 12th grades were Tom Sherman, for "1984" by George Orwell, first place; Angela

Cipolletti, for "The Three Musketeers" by Alexandre Dumas, second place; Michael Park, for "Confessions of a Teenage Haboon" by Paul Zindel, third place; Richard Mosch,

for "Dragon Rising" by Wade Barbery, honorable mention; Kevin C. Longfellow, for "Dragonriders of Pern" by Anne McCaffrey, honorable mention.

Wednesday, April 15, 1987

## Student artists win bonds

By STACY WOODARD  
A Staff Writer

Nine young Canton area artists have picked up a total of \$675 in United States Savings Bonds for their creations.

The Canton Public Library sponsored a contest during the month of March in which teens were asked to illustrate their interpretations of their favorite novels.

The winners of the competition are:

**CATEGORY 1, GRADES 11 and 12**  
• First place—Tom Sherman, Canton High School, selected novel—"1984"  
• Second place—Angela Cipolletti, Canton High School, selected novel—"The Three Musketeers"  
• Third place—Michael Park, Canton High School, selected novel—"Confessions of a Teenage Haboon"

**CATEGORY 2, GRADES 9 and 10**

• First place—Nora Renee West, Pioneer Middle School, selected novel—"On a Pale Horse"  
• Second place—Shannon Cornell, Canton High School, selected novel—"White Fang"  
• Third place—Michelle Tules, Canton High School, selected novel—"Shards"

**CATEGORY 3, GRADES 7 and 8**

• First place—Gary Pritchard, Adams Junior High (Westland), selected novel—"Treasure Island"  
• Second place—Mike Booth, Pioneer Middle School, selected novel—"Time of the Twins"  
• Third place—Andrew Alban, Central Middle School, selected novel—"The Earthsea Trilogy"



Winning student artists included Andrea Alban, 14, at left, Angela Cipolletti, 17, Nora West, 15, Shannon Cornell, 15, and Michelle Tules, 14. In the back row, from left, are Mike Booth, 14, Gary Pritchard, 12, and Tom Sherman.



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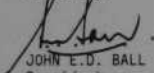
Dear Video Retailer:

The National Captioning Institute, (NCI) is deeply appreciative of the role you have played in making the closed-captioning service accessible to even more hearing-impaired people.

Video Trend, Inc. has donated \$1.00 to NCI for every copy you have purchased of the Paramount Home Video release, "Children of a Lesser god." NCI, the nonprofit organization that provides and promotes closed captioning, will use these funds to donate TeleCaption II decoders for use in schools, senior citizen centers, libraries, hospitals and other groups where special programs are provided for the hearing-impaired.

According to many hearing-impaired leaders, closed-captioned television has been "one of the greatest technological advances for the hearing impaired in the 20th century." With the use of a TeleCaption decoder, hearing-impaired people are able to read the program's dialogue, narration and even sound effects. Closed captioning has opened up a whole new world of entertainment to hundreds of thousands of people who otherwise would miss out on all that television and home video have to offer. Your role in Video Trend's exemplary program will ensure that many deaf and hard-of-hearing people in your area will benefit from this unique service. Thank you for your support.

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In recognition and appreciation of its support of the TeleCaption Donation  
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***Children of a Lesser god***

Your participation has opened the world of home video entertainment  
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# Shelves hold a wealth of reading fun

By Julie Brown  
Staff writer

The summer reading club at the Canton Public Library is popular with local youngsters.

"We've already had calls about it," said Judy Teachworth, department head for children's services at the Canton Public Library. "People are eager to start."

The club begins June 22 and ends July 30. Registration starts June 22 and continues until July 22. Registration must be completed in person at the library, 1280 S. Canton Center Road, Canton.

"We're just about set," Teachworth said of preparation for the program. Flyers on the summer reading club have been distributed to area schools.

The club is for boys and girls in grades one through eight who have Canton Public Library cards. Only books from the Canton Public Library will be accepted, so cartoon or comic books will not be accepted.

THIS YEAR'S theme is based on Michigan's sesquicentennial celebration. Children who read five books will receive a reading club certificate.

Children will receive a "Read-A-Lottery" ticket for each book read. A lottery drawing for prizes will be held at the end of the program. Children will also participate in other contests for which prizes will be given.

Participants pick books on their own reading level. The six-week program is designed to keep children reading during the summer months. It's also designed to encourage use of the library.

"They read their favorite books," Teachworth said. "They read what ever they're interested in."

Larger fiction is a popular summer choice for the youngsters, although some of their read non-fiction," she said. Sports books and books about animals are among the popular choices.

A reading record will be used to keep track of what books each child has read. Librarians try to take time to talk with the children about what they've read.

But they don't have to give a formal report," Teachworth said. "It's not like school."

In addition to the club for children in grades one through eight, the library has a summer "Read to Me" program for preschool children.

THAT PROGRAM will include a "Musical Rainbows" session with Brenda MacDonald, scheduled for 2 to 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, July 21. The program of music and movement is for preschoolers and adults; each preschooler must attend with an adult.

Registration for the "Musical Rainbows" session will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday, July 18, by phone or in person.

Preschool children are interested in library programs, Teachworth has found.

"When their brothers and sisters sign up, they want to sign up, too. We want to encourage them, but our main thrust is the school-age during the summertime."

The summer reading club for first through eighth graders at the Canton Public Library will include several



Librarian Sheryl Mason-Brookers looks through some of the books available for young readers at the Canton Public Library.

## Reading program's a popular one

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activity sessions. From 2 to 2:45 p.m. Thursday, July 8, Patricia Judd of the Stone Workshop of Birmingham will perform for the youngsters.

Judd will present dramatic interpretations of ethnic folk and fairy tales. Registration for the program

begins at 10 a.m. Monday, July 8, by phone or in person.

From 2 to 2:45 p.m. Thursday, July 16, a program on "Paul Bunyan's Great American Folk Tales" will be presented. The presentation will feature actor John Puchalski as Paul Bunyan.

THE PROGRAM is a "Storytime

Theatre" presentation of Cranston Productions, now in its eighth season as a professional, non-profit touring company. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Monday, July 13, by phone or in person.

From 2 to 2:45 p.m. Thursday, July 22, Ann Archer's Betty Cook and Roger Marcus will present a blend of new and familiar songs played on a variety of folk and string instruments.

The program will include a singing along. Registration begins at 10 a.m. Monday, July 18, by phone or in person.

The final program, a skating party, will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, July 20, at the Skating Rink, 9411 Bowers Drive, Canton.

Permission slips are required for the skating party; they are due on or before Tuesday, July 22, and must be given to a children's librarian at the Canton Public Library.

Last year, the "Read to Me" program and the summer reading club for school-age children attracted about 1,000 participants, Teachworth said.

For more information on the summer reading club or on the "Read to Me" program, call the Canton Public Library, 888 East Liberty Street, at 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday.



Sorting through the books at the Canton Public Library keeps librarian Sheryl Mason-Brookers busy.





Librarian, Claire McLaughlin



Candid shots of Library in 1987.  
Located on 3rd floor of Township Hall



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MARTIN T. MAHER  
JUDGE

August 6, 1987

Canton Public Library  
1150 S. Canton Center Rd.  
Canton Township, Michigan 48187


Dear Librarian:

On August 4, 1987, I returned a movie without the blue sheet in the jacket. I was charged twenty-five cents and requested to please try and find the blue sheet for your records.

Upon returning home, I located the sheet and am returning same.

Please buy yourself a coffee with the twenty-five cents.

Respectfully,

  
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## PEOPLE, PLACES & THINGS

**Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin** has been appointed as Assistant Director of the Canton Public Library. Her appointment in this newly created position became effective on April 27, 1987. Ms. Havenstein-Coughlin, who has been with the Canton Public Library since 1980, is currently a member of the Michigan Library Association Public Relations Committee. An active MLA member, Havenstein-Coughlin was previously a member of the MLA Interfactual Finance Committee, the MLA Reference Caucus, and has served as the MLA-IMRT Secretary-Treasurer.

**Carol Kuchta**, also a librarian at the Canton Public Library, will assume Ms. Havenstein-Coughlin's

**Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin** has been appointed Assistant Director of the Canton Public Library.

Her appointment in this newly created position became effective April 27. Havenstein-Coughlin began work at the Canton Public Library prior to its opening in October, 1986. She received her bachelor's degree in English Language and Literature from Eastern Michigan University and her master's degree in Library Science from the University of Michigan. Havenstein-Coughlin has been active in the Michigan Library Association for several years.

**Carol Kuchta**, an Adult Services Librarian at the Canton Public Library since January, 1982, has assumed Havenstein-Coughlin's duties as head of the Reference Department. Kuchta received both bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Michigan.

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## Clowning around

Youngsters in Canton Township last Thursday were treated to a performance of one of the oldest forms of entertainment — mime. Patricia Judd of the Mime Workshop entertained the youngsters in the Canton Public Library by presenting her dramatic interpretations of ethnic folk and fairy tales. Richie, 6, at left above, and Jenny Kugiera, 8, enjoy a 'chat' with Patricia Judd. (APR photos by Guy Wannenstatt photographer)





CHILDREN'S STORY HOUR

Children's Librarian, Sally  
DeCraft.

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The performers encourage the children to sing along and to clap with the music.



Brian, Lindsay and Sara Wegner enjoy the musical presentation.

## Musicians offer learning and fun

**T**HERE ARE plenty of hard-working moms in this area — and their children have a pretty good idea about just what it is their moms do.

A song, "What Does Your Mama Do While You're at School?" was among those performed by musicians Betsy Cook and Roger Marcus during a recent Canton Public Library program. The program was among several offered for this year's summer reading club participants.

The children's hard-working moms can be found in such places as banks, other moms work as dentists or as nurses.

Ann Arbor musicians Cook and Marcus sang a variety of songs during the Thursday, July 23, program. They played a number of musical instruments, including the harp, guitar and dulcimer.

One song performed that afternoon incorporated the names of

some of the children in the room; other songs included phrases in Swedish and Hebrew. The song "Froggie Went A-Courting" told a tale of romance between Froggie and Miss Mouse.

**DURING THE** performance, the children were encouraged to sing along and to clap some of the songs included hand gestures that helped in telling a story.

The Ann Arbor couple brought their daughter, 3-year-old Amalia, along for the trip to Canton.

"We have a 3-year-old at home," Cook said after the performance. Although the musicians enjoy performing for children, they aren't able to perform quite as much as they used to.

"We're going to get back into it again," she said.

While they're performing, the musicians keep an eye on the young

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## Rock 'n reading

Ann Arbor singers Betsy Cook and Roger Marcus performed at the Canton Township Library Thursday as a part of the summer reading program. The two entertained young readers with new and familiar songs, library officials said. The song session was another of the reading program highlights, which in the past have featured a portrayal of Paul Bunyan and mime demonstration. The grand finale for the reading club will be from 7 to 9 p.m. tomorrow when participants enjoy a skating party at the Skatin' Station in Canton Township. AHP photo by Guy Wamsvold photographer

## Singers entertain kids

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audience. They decide whether it would be best to play a fast song or a slower one.

"I think we just have to be having a fun time," Cook said. It's also important to be aware of what else the kids are doing.

Marcus said. If the rest of the children's daily activities are busy or quiet ones, the musicians plan their performance accordingly.

"You really have to be thinking about what the kids are doing," he said. "If it's just before lunch, they get really noisy."

# Library, Hoben School plans approved

BY DANNISS

The new Canton Public Library and the new Hoben Elementary School projects both received unanimous site plan approval at the June 30 Canton Board of Trustees meeting.

The John M. Hoben Elementary School, with construction just getting underway now, will be located on Saltz Road between Sheldon and Canton Center roads.

The new library for Canton will be located on the west side of Canton Center Road just south of the Township Administration Building. Although the site plan was approved unanimously, the bid for construction of the project was the subject of

discussion at the June 30 board meeting.

The Canton Public Library Board had recommended the construction bid go to the DeMaria Building Company, Inc., "based primarily upon the time for completion of construction and the base bid amount," according to the library board's minutes.

The owner of a construction firm that did not get the bid urged the trustees to disregard the library board's recommendation and award the bid to his firm, TKI Construction Management, Inc., which submitted a bid that was more than \$36,000 less than DeMaria's base bid. DeMaria's base bid was \$2,874,500.

"We feel the people of Canton can save some money here," John Talbot said, regarding TKI Construction's bid.

Library Board member Dr. James Gillig said the board favored DeMaria Construction because that firm could complete the job in less time. "Time was an important consideration for us," Gillig said. "We were very satisfied with the decision we made."

Ultimately, the board agreed with the library board on a 4-3 vote backing its decision. Supervisor James Poole, Clerk Linda Chubb and Trustee Gerald Brown voted against the library board's recommendation.

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## Board awards new library contract

By SHERRY WOODARD  
ANP Staff Writer

The new \$2.8 million Canton Public Library will be built by a Novi general contractor, much to the displeasure of a builder in Ann Arbor who offered to do the job at a lower price.

The Canton Township Board awarded the library construction project to De Maria Building Company last week at the regular meeting of the board.

Before the final vote was taken, John Talbot, president of TKI Construction Management in Ann Arbor, argued that his company should receive the contract.

TKI submitted a bid that was \$37,000 lower than the \$2,876,000 bid submitted by De Maria.

"I'm the only person to come out here who wants to save Canton some money," Talbot said to the board. "We're as qualified as De Maria... We had outstanding recommendations." One had come from the chief architect at the University of Michigan," he said.

"The major reason for rejecting his company had to do with construction time," said library board member Dr. James Gillig. "The construction bid that we received from De Maria was 65 days faster."

It was the recommendation of the library board to the township board that De Maria be selected to build the library.

"I personally have an obligation to accept the recommendation," Poole said to Talbot.

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## Library

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But De Maria cannot guarantee it will build the library 65 days faster than TKI, Talbot argued.

"We can guarantee that we'll build it for \$37,000 cheaper but they can't guarantee they will build it in 365 days," Talbot said. "No one knows what the weather will be like in November or December."

Following Talbot's appeal, the board voted 4 to 3 in favor of awarding the library contract to De Maria. The new facility, which will be located next door to the Township Administration Building on Canton Center Road, is scheduled for completion by early next fall.

The Canton Township Board has also approved site plans for a new bed and breakfast inn planned for the Michigan Avenue corridor.

Developers of the Country Hearth Inn plan to locate a franchise at the northeast corner of Michigan Avenue and E-275.

Robert Stutz, director of site acquisitions for the Marietta, Ohio company, said he hopes the 86-room inn will "serve as a catalyst for (more development) at that intersection."

"The thing that will make us different from other economy rate hotels is an exterior pool," said Stutz.

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# Contract is awarded for new library

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Canton library patrons will be frequenting a state-of-the-art 31,000-square-foot facility, replete with extensive compact disc, videocassette and book collections, and possibly computers, movie projectors, typewriters and a dish antenna in the not-so-distant future.

By a 4-3 vote, Canton trustees voted Tuesday to award a \$2.8 million construction contract to DeMaris Building Company, Inc. of Novi. The board unanimously approved a site plan for the building, which will triple the library's space.

Money for the project became available when township voters approved a millage proposal last year.

Currently, the library occupies 12,000 square feet on the third floor of township hall.

**THE LIBRARY**, to be built immediately south of the Canton Administration Building off Canton Center Road, will be completed by August 1988.

"We're real excited about the prospect of a new building. We're looking forward to giving the public a lot of support. We will be able to house a compact disc collection and double the size of our video cassette collection," said Rebecca Havens-Complin, assistant director of the library.

"We'll be able to offer a children's department two-to-three times our current size. And we finally will have a special section for young adults to hang out and study."

"We also are going to be able to offer larger programs because we'll have a meeting room that can be split off with screens."

A great deal of importance is being placed on aesthetics and atmosphere, said Dr. James Gillig, library board member.

**THE ONE-STORY** brick structure will feature skylights, courtyards with benches, segregated, carpeted areas for adults and children, and lots of glass.

"We'd like it to be kind of a community center," said Gillig, adding that the building's design will permit expansion on three sides.

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## Library contract OK'd

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"I think it will have everything we hoped it would. We may even have enough money as we go along to add some things to it to make it a little better." Possibilities include extending the lawn sprinkling system, buying more computer equipment and installing a dish antenna for net-

worked computer programming.

Also on the horizon is a library foundation.

"We're in the process of forming a foundation to support the library. Our hope is that in the far future, it will endow the library so that it won't require tax support," said Gillig.

## Low bid didn't get contract

By M.B. Dillon  
staff writer

Not everyone was smiling about the \$2.8 million library contract awarded by the Canton Township Board Tuesday.

John Talbot, president of Ann Arbor's TKI Construction Management Inc., was the low bidder on the project. But the award went to DeMaris Building Company Inc. of Novi, whose bid was \$37,000 higher.

Voting for DeMaris and following the township library board's recommendation were trustees Bob Padgett, Steve Larson, John Proniczky and Loren Bennett. Dissenters were supervisor James Poole, treasurer Jerry Brown and clerk Linda Chuhman.

"Not to go with the low bidder is almost unheard of. There have to be extremely strong circumstances for public money not to be spent on the low bidder, and no one in the world

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## Low bidder not happy

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could say those circumstances existed here," said Talbot.

DeMaris was chosen "based primarily upon the time for completion of construction (360 days), the base bid amount . . . and the requisite skill and experience," said Canton finance director John Spencer.

TKI "wasn't real happy, but from our standpoint the big thing was the construction schedule. Had we accepted their bid, we probably couldn't have moved until October. Once school has begun we are far, far busier," said Jim Gillig, library board member.

"Despite the fact we didn't take the low bidder, we're quite confident we took the best one."

DeMaris is completing the \$2.8 million Macomb County Jail, and sheriffs there are pleased with the firm's performance, added Gillig.

"Jim Poole has an amazing talent

to make everything adversarial," said Talbot.

"We didn't want to have, and don't have, an adversarial issue in this. Our feeling is basically that the board was inexperienced in contractor selection and panicked."

Canton officials gave TKI, which built the Environmental Research Institute of Michigan in Ann Arbor and has restored Gothic buildings at the University of Michigan, "the stipulation as to how time was a factor, even after the bids were opened," said Talbot.

More importantly, nothing in the contract binds DeMaris to a construction deadline, said Talbot. And construction "may be delayed due to some DNR issues," he added.

"Canton is going to get a good library. DeMaris will do a good job, but the people will be paying more than they needed to. They also haven't treated someone fair."

# Programs offer summer fun for kids

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

**I**F YOU were to sit at the books (Plymouth children read) in my library program, those books wouldn't teach all the way to the moon.

The stack of books would, however, cover a considerable distance closer to home. The books read during the summer have allowed area youngsters to travel to the ends of the earth — and even beyond.

The summer reading program at the Canton Public Library and at the Danning-Hough Library in Plymouth attracted plenty of readers this year.

In Canton, 883 youngsters participated in the summer reading club for children in first through eighth grades. An additional 295 preschool children participated in the "Read to Me" program.

"It went very well," said Judy Teachworth, department head for children's services at the Canton Public Library. "All the programs were well-attended."

"It ran smoothly and it was a lot of fun. There were a lot of kids here, and we had a success."

**AT THE Danning-Hough Library,** 22 children participated in the program for children ages 4 to 14. There's an increase of 25 percent from last year.

"It was excellent," said Mary Lou Curtis, children's librarian. "I was more than pleased with that."

Children participating in the Danning-Hough summer reading program signed contracts stating how many books they would read during the six-week program. They were required to read at least three books.

**At the Danning-Hough Library,** 126 children fulfilled their contracts. More than 2,000 books were read by children participating in the summer's program, Curtis said.

"We were very pleased with it. It's a terrific motivation for the kids to get in and complete their contracts."

The summer reading program for school-age youngsters included a variety of hand-drawn activity sessions. At the Canton Public Library, a music performance, 800 three-

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started. Subsequent activity sessions included an actor telling Paul Bunyan folk tales and two Ann Arbor musicians presenting new and familiar songs.

**THE CANTON** program ended

with a skating party for youngsters held at the Skatin' Station in Canton. Canton Public Library participants who read five books or more received a certificate.

The Canton program also included poster contests and "Head-a-Lot-

tery" competition. For that competition, children were given a "Head-a-Lottery" ticket for each library book read. Names were then drawn for prizes of paperback books.

There were 80 winners for the poster contests, 76 winners were

chosen in the "Head-a-Lottery" competition.

The summer program generated a great deal of interest, Teachworth said.

"The library was extremely busy all six weeks." The library activity sessions were wellattended, she said, as was the skating party. Some of the children brought their parents along for the skating party.

"So it became a family event. They really have a good time too."

"I did go by very fast this year," Teachworth said. "And I know we all had a good time, too."

At the Danning-Hough Library, activity sessions included a Paul Bunyan actor, films and a visit from Ming the Magician, a magician. A "Lairs and Tail Tales Contest" was held the same afternoon as a Michigan products program.

A MICHIGAN Department of Natural Resources representative gave a presentation on wildlife.

"They were well-attended," Curtis said of the activity sessions. "I don't think we had a program with less than 80 children."

The Plymouth program ended with a Saturday, Aug. 1, awards birthday party for the children who had fulfilled their reading contracts.

That party included a drawing for prizes. Jeanne Bellaire baked three cakes of different flavors for the party.

"She was kind enough to do three cakes big enough to feed all those children," Curtis said.

At the Danning-Hough Library, reading program participants also worked on a wall hanging made of colorful squares with Michigan themes. Jean Curtis, assistant, sewed the wall hanging together. It will be on display at the library for at least the next several months.

At both libraries, staff members are already planning next year's program.

"We're starting on it," the Canton Public Library's Teachworth said. "We're also planning on the fall program."

The theme planned for next year's summer program is "Passport to Adventure."

"That'll be interesting," Curtis said. "I don't think we've done that."

Staff photos  
by Bill Bresler



The wall hanging at the library in Plymouth features a variety of designs with Michigan themes.



Ann Arbor musician Betsy Cook entertains a group of summer reading club participants during a Canton Public Library program.

## Reading choices vary

Despite having the best of intentions, not all summer readers finish or read through "War and Peace" or other such weighty material.

Many readers, in fact, prefer lighter material during the summer months. That's true not only of adult

readers but also of younger ones. School-age children participating in this summer's reading program at the libraries in Plymouth and Canton read a variety of books.

"They were reading fiction mainly," said Judy Teachworth, department head for children's services at the Canton Public Library. "Books,

mysteries, a lot of sports books."

School stories were popular among the Canton program participants. Children also read the Encyclopaedia Brown books, and books by Beverly Cleary and Judy Blume.

Tastes were similar among children participating in this year's summer reading program at the Danning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

"Sports books of course, are always popular," said Mary Lou Curtis, children's librarian. Musicians were also popular choices, as were

the books written by Judy Blume.

"Anything she writes is very popular," Curtis said.

The Danning-Hough Library program participants seemed to prefer paperbacks to hard-cover books, possibly because paperbacks are easier to carry, she said.

Among older girls participating in the Danning-Hough program, the "Sweet Valley High" and "Sweet Valley Twins" books were favorites.

"That series is extremely popular," Curtis said.

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### Diggin' in

Barah Rosenberg, 8, of Canton digs in to get a full shovel of dirt as a participant Tuesday afternoon in groundbreaking ceremonies for the Canton Public Library now under construction near the Canton Center and Proctor roads. Katherine Baldrice, a friend on the Canton Library Board, helps Barah who is a stocky, week-old customer at the Canton Library which now operates on the third floor of township hall.



### Digging for books

Canton Library Board members Dr. James Gillig, Katherine Baldrice and five-year-old Pam West in breaking ground for the new Canton Public Library building Monday. Voters approved a bond issue last August for the library. (Crier photo by Dennis Bakker)



# Moving along

## Library construction right on schedule

By SHERRY WOODARD  
ANP Staff Writer

Ten months and counting. That is the sentiment at the Canton Public Library where officials have but to look out their window to check on the progress of their future new facility.

The foundation of the building and the basement are more than halfway finished, reported Jean Sebestyen, Canton Library Director.

"We should be making a selection on the brick this week. It'll be compatible. We're not trying to match the township building but it will blend."

Presently, the library is housed on the third floor of the Canton Township Administration Building. The new library is being built next door on the south side of the administration building.

Quarters at the facility have been cramped for quite some time, officials said. There is only about 15,000 square feet of space on the third floor of the administration building.

The new library will have 31,000 square feet in a one-story building. Plans also include a fireplace in an adult reading area, a poster-decorated young adults' area, two courtyards

and skylights in the ceiling.

"In the near future we should be selecting our colors."

"There are a lot of people who will be glad the new building will only be one story," Sebestyen said, especially handicapped patrons who sometimes find the present library off-limits whenever the township building elevator is broken.

The move from the old to the new facility is expected to take place early next September and it may prove to be quite complicated, Sebestyen said. A game plan to accomplish the task is already being formulated.

"We may have to involve the community." Patrons may be asked to check out books in order to ease the moving load.

There are about 85,000 materials in the Canton Library, Sebestyen said, and there are 35, 238 patrons on the rolls. That means each and every patron would only have to check out two or three items in order to completely wipe out the library inventory.

"It might be a fun way to promote the move and the new building," Sebestyen chuckled.

If patrons are not asked to help clean off the shelves, then a professional moving com-



Jean Sebestyen

pany will do it, library officials have said in the past. Books must first be removed from shelves, then the shelves must be painted to match the color scheme in the new library and

lastly, books and repainted shelves must be moved next door.

"It's going to be a complicated move," Sebestyen repeated.

Wednesday, November 25, 1987

### canton country

A \$3,000 GRANT was awarded to the Canton Library by the Gannett Foundation for the purchase of new audiovisual equipment. With the money, the library recently added a second microfilm reader/printer.

DR. JAMES GILLIG, trustee on the Canton Library Board, was elected to the Wayne County Oakland Library Board. Gillig has been active with the Canton Library since it began. He helped pass the first millage and plan for the new library, according to a library spokesperson.

THE CANTON LIBRARY established a new group called Friends of the Library and selected Marcia Barker as group coordinator. Barker has devoted many years to civic activities including PTA, Brownies, Cub Scouts and the Plymouth Symphony. Anyone interested in becoming one of the first members of the Friends, call 397-0099.

## The Canton Connection

**CKCKOO'S NEST:** The book reading group that meets once a month in the Canton Public Library to discuss a book they have read, will discuss "One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest" 7 p.m. Thursday. You are welcome to come if you have read the book, seen the movie, or neither. Reservations are not necessary.

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## The Canton Connection

**RED OCTOBER:** Residents are invited to Canton Public Library tomorrow (Tuesday) at 7 p.m. to share their reaction to Tom Clancy's book, "The Hunt for Red October." All are welcome.

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## The Canton Connection

**SAVE A LITTLE SUMMER:** Michele Bigson will demonstrate how to dry and preserve wild flowers, weeds and garden flowers at the Canton Public Library beginning 7 p.m. Thursday. To sign up to attend, call the library at 397-0999 or register in person. The library is on the third floor of the Canton Township Administration Building, Canton Center at Pictor.

10-6-87

## The Canton Connection

**FINANCIAL PLANNING:** Two financial planners from IDS Financial Services will be offered beginning 7 p.m. Thursday at the Canton Public Library to give tips on how the changing tax laws affect your family's financial future. The speakers will share information about the Uniform Gift to Minors Act and benefit plans as well. For reservations, call the library at 397-0999.

**MYSTERIOUS BEGINNING:** A new book discussion group, sponsored by Canton Public Library and the Canton Senior Citizens, will meet from 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Oct. 26, in the Canton Recreation Center, Michigan Avenue at Sheldon. This month's selection will be a murder mystery, "Motor City Blue," by Loren Eiseleman. There is no charge. Copies of the book are available by calling Canton Seniors at 397-1000, Ext. 278, before Oct. 19.

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## The Canton Connection

**MEASURING RADON:** Research scientist Howard Blair will be at the Canton Library at 7 p.m. tomorrow (Tuesday) to explain how radon can be measured and what can be done if high levels are detected in the home. To make a reservation stop by the library or call at 397-0999.

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## The Canton Connection

**AUDIO RENTALS:** The Canton Public Library has a variety of audiovisual equipment, which can be rented to individuals, businesses and organizations in Canton. Equipment available includes a 16mm sound projector, several slide projectors and several audio recorders. Rental charges are \$5 a day for most.

Borrowers need a valid Canton Public Library card and must be at least 18. The rental fee is paid when the equipment is checked out. The library has begun renting the equipment to make it more accessible to the community, said library director Jean Sebestyen-Taber.

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## The Canton Connection

**MASK:** The Canton Public Library welcomes the Mask Puppet Theatre to Canton this Wednesday from 7-7:30 p.m. in the first floor meeting room of Canton Township Hall. Mask, an Ann Arbor-based puppet troupe, will present "The Troublemaker Goes to Camp" starring Willy the Weasel. Mask gears its productions toward children in grades K-4 who can sit still for a half-hour performance. Registration begins today by phone or in person after 10 a.m.

11-5-87

**CHINESE NUTRITION:** Christine Lin, an internationally recognized authority on regional Chinese cooking and on the nutritional value of Chinese cuisine, will give a cooking demonstration beginning at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 1, in the Canton Public Library. A native of Shanghai, Lin has a background in science and is a frequent guest on radio and television shows. Sign up to attend by calling the library at 397-0999.

## The Canton Connection

**ON SHIPWRECKS:** For the third year in a row Canton Public Library is sponsoring "Great Lakes Shipwrecks" at 7 o'clock tonight in the library. Popular every year, Thursday's program will relate the search for different ships than previously seen in other years at the library. Sign up to attend by calling the library at 397-0999. The program is free and open to the public.

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## The Canton Connection

**MAKING SWEETS:** Canton Public Library's annual holiday program takes place at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 16. This year Jane Baker will demonstrate cookie and candy-making, and Christine Lin will show how to make several kinds of ornaments and decorative arrangements. Registration is closed by calling the library at 397-0999.

## The Canton Connection

**LIBRARY TECH:** State-of-the-art technology is being used at the Canton Public Library to speed patron reference services.

A new computer system, called InfoTrac II, allows patrons to search more than three years of issues of 400 magazines and three current months of the New York Times for articles written on a specific topic. In seconds, the listings of relevant articles are displayed on the computer screen and all or any parts of the listings

can be printed out for future reference.

Developed by Information Access Co. of Belmont, Calif., InfoTrac II always is up-to-date because additions to the database are delivered monthly. The database is recorded by laser on a compact disc, which is similar to those used for audio recordings. This marriage of the laser disc with a small computer has revolutionized library research.

Instead of thumbing through numerous print indexes, library patrons now simply sit at the terminal, type in a subject they wish to search, press a button and almost instantly see a listing of articles on that subject.

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Librarians Sally DeGraff (left) and Mary Lou Curtin recently completed work on a day care/preschool booklet. The project was co-sponsored by the Canton Public Library and the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

BILL WHEELER/Staff photographer

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## Guide's a boon for busy parents

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

Librarians Sally DeGraff and Mary Lou Curtin hope their efforts in recent months will help parents in their search for quality day care.

DeGraff is a children's librarian at the Canton Public Library, Curtin is a children's librarian at the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth. They recently completed work on a day care/preschool guide for the Canton and Plymouth areas.

"This was our first time, so we were experimenting," DeGraff said of their work on the booklet.

It includes information on day care centers, homes and preschool programs. It is available free of charge at the Canton Public Library and at the Dunning-Hough Library during library hours.

Information in the booklet was collected through questionnaires sent in local facilities.

"We discussed what we thought mothers and fathers would want to know about day care centers in the area," DeGraff said. The librarians also asked their colleagues who have children for advice.

WORK ON the joint project began with discussions involving Judy Treasborth of the Canton Public Library and Pam Richardson of the Dunning-Hough Library. Treasborth and Richardson direct children's services at the libraries; they'd seen similar publications done at other area libraries.

DeGraff and Curtin started collecting information for the booklet at the end of June. They asked respondents to the questionnaire to return the form to either the Dunning-Hough Library or the Canton Public Library.

"We got a pretty good response rate," DeGraff said. Some programs were not in session during the summer, so the librarians also used information gleaned from other sources.

The librarians started with lists of day care homes and centers licensed through the Wayne County Department of Social Services and the Michigan Department of Social Services. They also checked the Yellow Pages.

"We wouldn't recommend anything that isn't licensed," the Dunning-Hough Library's Curtin said. In the booklet, the librarians don't recommend specific programs.

"We'll let them make their own decision," DeGraff said.

Information in the booklet includes location, telephone number and contact person, type of school, hours, ages of children accepted, cost, adult/child ratio, program description, teacher qualifications, any transportation arrangements, field trip information and recommended time to apply.

THE BEGINNING section of the booklet includes a day care/pre-school checklist. That list was taken from "A Parent's Guide to Day Care," a U.S. Department of Health and Human Services publication.

A total of 750 copies of the Plymouth-Canton booklet were printed. Printing, typesetting and layout were done by the Wayne Oakland Library Federation.

The Dunning-Hough Library's Curtin has contacted the Plymouth-Dunwoody, the administrative office of the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Plymouth Community Center to distribute the booklet to their members. An additional distribution of the booklets.

The librarians are considering updating the booklet next year; the information is an ongoing one which will help them do the update. They'd appreciate hearing from staffers if they have suggestions they missed.

It would have been helpful to have their detailed responses on the questionnaire, DeGraff said.

"We take it very seriously and we think readers do too."

Both librarians noted that they had a lot of help in putting the booklet together. DeGraff says she was a regular at the University of Michigan while she was a graduate student. She has since earned her master's degree in education. Curtin has her M.A. in education from the University of Michigan.

CURTIN said she was surprised to find that the way respondents will come to the day care centers. The booklet is available at the Canton Public Library and the Dunning-Hough Library.

Curtin and DeGraff hope the parents of the booklet will find it helpful. They encourage parents to call them if they have any questions or suggestions.

"I've been very busy," DeGraff said. "I know it's hard to find time to do this, but we're just glad to be here."

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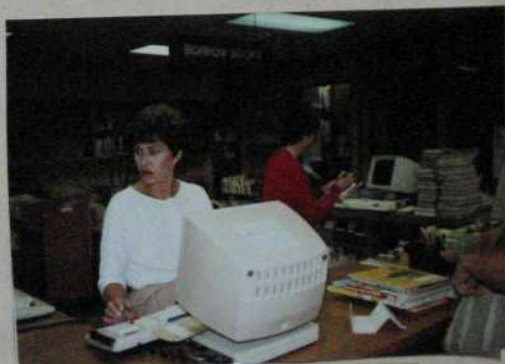


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Candid photos of staff and patrons in  
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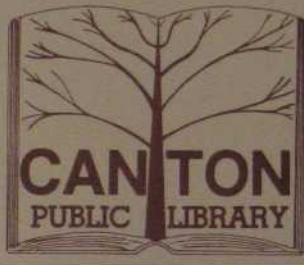
August, 1987



Program by Lorraine Justice.

December, 1987

A LOOK AT THE



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CHILDREN'S  
WOLF

*Information booklet  
published on March 1957*



## Library work ahead of schedule

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Construction of the new Canton Public Library is running ahead of schedule, according to library director Jean Sebestyen-Tabor.

"The target date was originally mid-November but with the nice spring we've been having it's been moved up to mid-August," said Sebestyen-Tabor. "Barring any unforeseen problems, we should be all moved in by mid-September. We won't go over the budget."

The brick work on the new library, south of the Canton Township Hall, is almost completed and installation of windows was scheduled for Wednesday, she said. The skylights still need to be installed.

"They have almost completed the storm sewer and water main and soon they will be starting on the sanitary sewer," said Sebestyen-Tabor.

The new library's total cost is \$4.5 million, she said.

REACTING TO legislation approved in Lansing in June 1986, the

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Jim Manning secures an anchor for a partition wall at the new Canton public library.

BILL BRECHER/staff photographer



Jim Fagan (left) and Dick LaComb go over plans for grading the parking lot.

Staff photos by BILL BREITLER

## Target date closer

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Canton library board sought approval to levy 2 mills with the additional mill to pay for the construction and operation of a library more than three times the size of the present library.

The library board had been limited to 1 mill by state law. But a bill co-sponsored by Rep. James Kosteva, D-Canton, allowed library districts to seek approval from voters to levy up to 2 mills.

Voters approved an additional mill in August 1986 by a sparse 28 votes.

The old library on the third floor

of Township Hall has 9-10,000 square feet of space; the new library will have 31,500 square feet, said Sebastian-Tabor.

The Canton Public Library has the sixth largest circulation in the 60-member Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF) system, according to Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, assistant director. In 1987, the library circulated 383,590 volumes.

The library also has a collection of materials that includes: 90,000 books, 1,000 videocassettes, 4,000 records, 400 college catalogs, 100 seed catalogs, 75 educational toys for preschool children and 150 puppets.



Construction of the new library is ahead of schedule, and it could open in August.





Fall Staff Meeting, 1988

Jean Tabor, Sally DeGraff, Carol Kuchta,  
 Judy Teachworth,  
 Gerri Foxworthy, Mary Jane Foster, Cecelia  
 Kummert, Karin Fisch, Judy England, Gerry  
 Schubnell, Joleen Hirsch, Kathy Schettler,  
 Claire McLaughlin, Barbara Rashke,

Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, Barbara  
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## Long overdue

Workers are diligently completing the structure for the new multi-million dollar library on Canton Center Road in Canton Township. Harry Aretz, right, braved the strong winds and subfreezing temperatures while framing some metal studs. Jim McBride, below left, a carpenter and Warren Bosko, below right, a welder and iron worker, hope to complete the structure on schedule. A grand opening is expected sometime this fall.



Staff photos by Ann Grider/Staff Photographer

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Community leaders set resolutions as calendar is turned for new year



## JANUARY 1988

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THE CANTON OBSERVER



### LIBRARY HOURS

Monday	10 - 9
Tuesday	10 - 9
Wednesday	10 - 9
Thursday	10 - 9
Friday	9 - 5
Saturday	9 - 5
Sunday	12 - 5

During school year

### LIBRARY PHONE NUMBERS

General	397-0999
Hours and Location	397-0998
Reference	397-0062



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GUIDE

## P-C-N libraries

# Try these for resources

When it comes to finding sources of information, residents of Plymouth-Canton-Northville don't have to travel far.

There are three public libraries in P-C-N, all of which are members of the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation (WOLF). Members of any of the WOLF libraries can use the resources of other member libraries in Wayne and Oakland counties.

And the resources abound in our local libraries. Besides books, the libraries house videotapes, record albums, microfilmed documents and other sources of information. The three libraries also staff reference librarians to answer questions over the phone or in person.

In addition, the libraries sponsor educational programs for children and adults throughout the year.

Residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township are served by the Dunning Hough Library, at 223 S. Main St. in Plymouth. It is open from 9:30 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and 1 - 5 p.m. Sunday during the school year. In the summer, the library is closed on Sunday.

The phone number for the Dunning Hough Library is 453-0750.

Residents of Plymouth and Plymouth Township pay for the library through the Plymouth Library District. The district board has levied 1.1727 mills for the library's use and upkeep. One mill levied equals \$1 of property tax per \$1,000 of state equalized value (SEV) of property. SEV equals about one-half the property's market value.

**Plymouth District Library Board:** library director, Patricia Thomas; Carol Davis (1990), 11750 Parkview, 453-7432; Karen Jallo (1988), 505 McKinley, 455-3707; Stephen Harper (1990), 11835 Appletree Dr., 455-8484; Judy Morgan (1988), 1440 Woodland Place, 453-6099; Janet Campbell (1988), 47950 Ann Arbor Trail, 459-1178; Jack Kenyon (1988), 1400 Harrisough St., 459-4764; Mary Ann Prehlik (1988), 700 Karmada, 459-3437; Catherine Doetsch (1988), 551 N. Evergreen, 455-1739.

The Canton Public Library is projected to move into its new library building, just south of the Township Administration Building, in November, 1988. Until then, the library is on the third floor of the Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Rd.

The library is open from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday; and noon - 5 p.m. on Sunday.

The phone number for the Canton library is 397-0999.

Canton residents pay two mills for the operation of the library, which includes the construction of the new library building.

**Canton Public Library Board:** library director, Jean Sebestyen-Tabor; Katherine Baldrice (1988), 43057 Devon Lane, 981-5102; Thomas Yack (1988), 43850 Brandywine, 455-5827; Mary Feltz (1988), 42183 Fairview, 981-2088; James Gillig (1988), 5674 Willow Creek, 981-4647; John Schwartz, III (1988), 8157 N. Lilley Rd., 453-2284; Norma West (1988), 1199 S. Sheldon Rd., 453-0419.

The Northville Library services residents of Northville and Northville Township. It is located on the lower level of the city's Municipal Building at 215 W. Main St.

The library is open from 10 a.m. - 9 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday; and closed on Sunday. Summer hours are: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday; and closed Saturday and Sunday.

The phone number of the Northville Library is 349-3020.

Residents of Northville and Northville Township pay for the library operation, but the funds are appropriated through the general fund budgets of each government. There is no special millage levied to operate the library.

**Northville Library Advisory Commission:** library director, Patricia Orr; Barbara Gougeon (1989), Anne Lauer (1991), Paul Dausson (1990), Janice Stevenson (1991), Michelle Conquest (1989), Frances Manison (1990), Dora Rubenstein (1990).



Author, Loren Estleman  
January 12, 1988 at Canton Public  
Library.

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**WRITING FICTION:**

Award-winning author Loren Estleman will speak at the Canton Public Library beginning at 7 p.m. tomorrow. Estleman will discuss writing fiction with the Detroit area used as a setting, and how to work with a publisher to get writing into print. You may register or attend by calling the library at 397-0993.

**AUTHOR TO SPEAK**

Loren Estleman, award-winning author of westerns and the Amos Walker mystery series, will be at the library Tuesday, January 12th. He will discuss writing fiction with the Detroit area as the setting and how to work with a publisher to get your writing into print.

Date: Tuesday, January 12th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Third Floor Meeting Room

Registration: Begins on Monday, January 4th in person or by phone after 10:00 a.m.

**BOOK DISCUSSION**

Our evening discussion group has chosen *Motor City Blue* by Loren Estleman as its January book, in honor of a visit to the library by this author the week prior to the group's meeting. The February selection is *Situation in Flushing* by Edmund Love, a book suggested by a member as one everyone would enjoy.

Date: Thursday, January 19th & February 6th

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Place: Third Floor Meeting Room

Registration: None is necessary -- Just Come!

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**The  
Canton  
Connection**

**BOOK TALK:** The monthly book discussion at Canton Public Library will convene at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The work of Loren Estleman, who appeared at the library on Jan. 12, will be discussed. No reservation is required and all book lovers are invited.

**THE GOOD DAYS:** If your days get long and your spirits get low while caring for

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your young children, come hear Marie Bensch speak at the Canton Public Library on how wonderful this period of life can be. Sign up starts today for the talk, which begins at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 24, in the Canton Public Library. To register, call the library, 397-0993. The program was planned by the library's adult services department. Admission is free and open to the public.

# Librarian shortage threatens services

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Technology, pay scales and a decline in the popularity of public service jobs are creating a shortage of public librarians in the nation, experts say.

In the past five years, public librarians have seen a dwindling of job applicants especially in children's librarian positions and those positions that require extensive technical knowledge.

As computer databases, cassette tapes and compact discs join newspapers, magazines and books, the United States is encountering a shortage of public librarians to help sort through the glut of information.

In Livonia, Farmington Hills, Plymouth, Canton and Redford, library heads say they have not had to cut back on services, but fewer qualified applicants limits the selection process.

"Eight years ago when I first came here, there were as many as 200 applicants for a full-time reference librarian," said Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, assistant director of the Canton Public Library. "I interviewed for days. Last year, we received 15 applications for a full-time children's librarian position, which is a similar professional position."

THE CANTON Library has seven full-time and 10 part-time librarian positions, Havenstein-Coughlin said.

Canton's young families create many demands for library resources. "If we should have even one librarian leave, we would have difficulties filling the position," she said.

Plans for the opening of a new Livonia Public Library in June place that city in an enviable position especially when compared to Westland, which has no public libraries within its city limits. The Wayne-Westland Library operates from a location in Wayne.

Westland, with a population of 85,000, is the only city among Michigan's 15 largest cities that does not have its own public library.

The Livonia Public Library will hire eight to 12 librarians for its new library. Among these positions, there will be two full-time and two part-time children's librarian positions. "I would expect that we will have

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Canton Public Library

relatively few people applying for the children's librarian position," said Michael Deller, director.

Livonia has three other branch libraries.

In the past, children's librarians were paid about 20 percent less than their counterparts in some areas, Deller said.

Historically, librarians was considered one of the few acceptable positions that women could hold.

"People felt that a children's librarian position was a dead-end position with no opportunity for advancement. The problem isn't finding children's librarians. The problem is finding children's librarians of the quality we want to work with," Deller said.

THE REDFORD Public Library and the Wayne-Westland Public Library are part of the Wayne County Public Library, which has 15 member libraries. The Wayne County Human Resources Department is responsible for hiring, according to Barbara Gray, assistant director of the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation who administers the Wayne County Library.

The Redford Public Library has been without a young adult librarian since September when that person was promoted to head librarian for the Lincoln Park Public Library, said Marjorie Hoag.

Hiring is expected soon from the three applicants who applied for the position, said Gray.

In the meantime, Hoag and a children's librarian have taken over responsibilities.

No vacancies exist in the Wayne-Westland Library, according to Gray.

In Plymouth, a part-time children's librarian position has been unfilled since Jan. 1, according to Pat Thorsen, director of the Donning-Haugh Library. The person who previously held the position took a job in

a public school library, she said.

"Of seven applicants, only two had the background and experience that we were looking for, and they have already found other positions. I plan to repost the position," Thomas said.

According to the American Library Association, national average salaries in 1986 for those with master's degrees in library science were \$29,874 as an average starting salary, \$25,593 for reference workers, \$28,390 for school librarians and \$23,843 for corporate and other special librarians.

IN MICHIGAN, the closing of the library science department at Western Michigan University less than a decade ago left the state with only two universities that offered library science studies: the University of Michigan and Wayne State University.

And the word is getting out at the U-M that a librarian shortage exists, according to Mary Cary, director of student admission in the Information and Library Studies Department.

In fall 1987, the university registered 203 students seeking a master's degree in information and library studies — the highest ever at the University, she said. In 1984 only 172 students were enrolled in the program.

And library directors are going the extra mile to find the person most qualified for the job.

In 1988, for example, Farmington Community Library director Beverly Papaj posted a head of children's services position for the Farmington branch in national library journals. Also, two people were hired for children's positions at the Farmington Hills branch, as a result of an American Library Association Conference in North Carolina, she said.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

## ILLUSTRATOR'S CONTEST

In recognition of Youth Art Month, the Canton Public Library is sponsoring its 5th Annual Illustrator's Contest. Entries must be original (not copied from an existing illustration) and should capture the spirit of a novel chosen by the illustrator. In order to assure anonymous judging, entries must be unsigned and accompanied by an entry blank, which will be available at the library beginning March 1, 1988.

Illustrations will be on display in the library throughout the month of March. There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners in each of the following categories: grades 7 & 8, 9 & 10, and 11 & 12. Winners will receive \$100, \$75, and \$50 U.S. Government Savings Bonds, respectively, to be awarded during National Library Week at the Canton Public Library Open House on Tuesday, April 19th at 7:30 p.m.

## ATTENTION SENIORS

The book discussion co-sponsored by the Canton Recreation Department and the library takes place the last Monday of each month at the Recreation Center on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Sheldon. The book to be discussed in January is *Lincoln* by Gore Vidal and in February is *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns. The starting time is 9:30 a.m., and you need not make a reservation.

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The minimum and preferred entry size is 8 1/2 inches by 11 inches. Students may use pen and ink, charcoal or watercolors.

The deadline for submitting entries is Thursday.

## Library is source of tax forms, news

The Canton Public Library has federal, state of Michigan and city of Detroit tax forms. The forms can be picked up during library hours — 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Thursday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

The library is located on the third floor of the township administration building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road. Call 397-0062 for more information.

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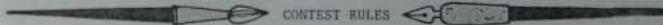
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CONTEST RULES

- The contest is open to all students in grades 7-12.
- Illustrations must be original (please do not copy from the book).
- The illustration should capture the spirit of a chosen novel or a scene from that novel. The novel chosen must be owned by a library in the Wayne Oakland Library Federation or verified in Books in Print. The book must be fiction.
- The minimum, and preferred, entry size is 8½" by 11".
- Any medium may be used, including pen & ink, charcoal, watercolors, etc.
- Judging will be based on originality, effectiveness of media used, and quality of visual interpretation.
- The deadline for submitting entries is March 31st, 1988.
- Prizes:
 

		1st	2nd	3rd	
Grades	7 & 8	\$100	\$75	\$50	U.S. Govt.
Grades	9 & 10	100	75	50	Savings Bonds
Grades	11 & 12	100	75	50	
- Winners will be announced and prizes awarded on Tuesday, April 19th, at the Canton Public Library Open House, 7:30 p.m.
- Entries may be reclaimed after April 30th.
- GOOD LUCK!



Winners--5th Annual Illustrator's  
Contest, Canton Public Library

- grades 11 & 12: 1st place -- YEVETTE RIEGAL  
for Step on a Crack  
by Mary Anderson
- 2nd place -- JOHN GOMEZ  
for Christine  
by Stephen King
- 3rd place -- DAWN CAMPBELL  
for A Clown Like Me  
by Joan Oppenheimer
- grades 9 & 10: 1st place -- KIM TYBURSKI  
for Pet Semetary  
by Stephen King
- 2nd place -- JEREMY RHEAULT  
for Lord of the Flies  
by William Golding
- 3rd place -- ANDREW TURNER  
for Stormbringer  
by Michael Moorcock
- hon. mention -- CRAIG EICHNER  
for Stand on it  
by Stroker Ace
- grades 7 & 8: 1st place -- CHRIS VARTY  
for The Hobbit  
by J.R.R. Tolkien
- 2nd place -- NATHAN KETCHAM  
for Cycle of the Werewolf  
by Stephen King
- 3rd place -- NEIL DIXON  
for Huckleberry Finn  
by Mark Twain



James Gillig, President of Library Board  
and Sheryl Mano-Brookens, Children's  
Librarian, presenting awards to the winners  
of 5th Annual Illustrator's Contest.

April 19, 1988



## Library volunteer honored with Flossie Tonda award

By Ethene Gahn  
staff writer

David Cwikla will appreciate the extra space at Canton's new library. The 38-year-old Canton volunteer uses a battery-powered chair to open through the tight aisles often blocked by book carts in the library on the top floor of Canton Township Hall.

"I realize how big the machine is and how wide the aisles are," Cwikla said smiling. "That's why I'm looking forward to the new building. It will be easier to maneuver."

THE SOUND of construction workers pounding next door are harbingers of the November opening. It will be twice the size of the present library where Cwikla volunteers 22 hours weekly.

"I have an obligation to do a fine job," Cwikla said. "It makes me feel good. I'm self-satisfied. I hope they're satisfied."

The staff cheered Cwikla they were more than satisfied last week when they gave him the Flossie Tonda Award for "irreplaceable service to the Canton Public Library."

His philosophy: "Have patients and try to maintain a positive attitude about life. I've been saying this for ages... even once in after being handicapped."

"I notice people who have problems and complain about their lives," he said. "I don't have a lot of sympathy for them. They are in pain and realize that things in life could be much more difficult."

CWIKLA'S LIFE took a drastic turn at 26 when he was diagnosed as

### people

having multiple sclerosis. He later learned he had encephalitis.

Now he's confined to the battery-powered chair and his vision, speech and balance are impaired.

"You have to watch where you go," he said. "Some things that you need to do you have to come in grips that you can't do anymore."

He used to play more sports than he could easily name. Now even being a spectator can be tough.

The Western Michigan University graduate has a degree in business administration and in 1975 worked in management training at Michigan National Bank.

"I had no idea I would end up working in a library," he said.

Tall, with a full brown beard, Cwikla has a quick wit, listens carefully and smiles with understanding eyes.

He lives alone in a handicapped-equipped apartment and doesn't pursue a paying job because it would jeopardize his government and health benefits.

"When you have certain limitations it's difficult to get a full-time job," said Cwikla adding he couldn't make it financially on part-time pay.

"I do 95 percent of everything on my own," he said. He needs help lifting heavy and awkward items.

"People are very understanding about helping out."

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Bill Mitchell/Franklin photo agency

David Cwikla was given an outstanding volunteer award for the work he does processing incoming magazines and newspapers at the Canton Public Library.

Dave at work in the Library's Circulation Work Room.

## 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 Lakeland.

"With all the considerations that I have, this presents the best opportunity for me — health wise and performing 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. "The library depends on it, and it's important, too."





David Cwikla was presented with the Florence Tonda Award at a ceremony in the Canton Public Library on April 19, 1988.





Book Discussion Group, April, 1988



Pre-School Story Hour - April, 1988



Judy Teachworth, Head, Children's Dept. 1988



Sally DeGraff, Children's Librarian, 1988

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Marcia Barker heats the stylus to apply designs to the egg.



Denise Szydowski shows off her shell art.

## Eggs take on new meaning

Easter, Ukraine-style arrived early in Canton Township.

Friends of the Library coordinator Marcia Barker demonstrated the art of Ukrainian egg decorating last week at the Canton Public Library.

"The egg essentially becomes a miniature greeting card," said Barker, who learned about the Eastern Orthodox custom through her husband's family.

"The egg contains a message, indicated by the geometric and plant and animal designs on the egg after they're designed," said the Canton resident.

"Each egg tells a little story

when it's finished. The dye is permanent and poisonous, so the egg aren't eaten.

"Of course after you've spent five hours decorating it, you wouldn't care to eat the egg anyway," Barker said.

Egg artists use unbleached beeswax and a drawing stylus called a kista. Ukrainians exchange eggs on Easter, but there are other uses for pysankys.

"Farmers bury them in the first and last furrow when they're planting to ensure a good harvest," said Barker. "Families keep a bowl of pysankys out year round to keep peace and happiness in the home."



# Libraries: A source of help

School libraries and public libraries are excellent sources of information for student job-hunters.

"We have a lot on resumes," said Sally DeGraff, a children's librarian at the Canton Public Library. The library also has books and other materials on interviewing and job hunting.

Among the items that are available are:

- Betsy Bauer, "Getting Work Experience: The Student's Directory of Professional Internship Programs."

- "The Summer Employment Directory of the United States."

- Jan W. Greenberg, "The Teenager's Guide to the Best Summer Opportunities."

- Allan B. Goldenthal, "The

Teenage Employment Guide."

- Sarah L. Huhns, "The Teenage Entrepreneur's Guide: 50 Money-Making Business Ideas."

- Lawrence Graham, "Jobs in the Real World: The Student Job-Search Handbook."

- "What You Need to Know About Getting a Job and Filling Out Forms."

- Jacob Israel Biegeleisen, "Job Resumes: How To Write Them, How To Present Them."

- Tom Washington, "Resume Power: Selling Yourself on Paper."

- "Resumes That Get Jobs: How To Write Your Best Resume."

- Deborah Perlmutter Bloch, "How To Have a Winning Job Interview."

- Caryl Rae Krannich, "Interview for Success."

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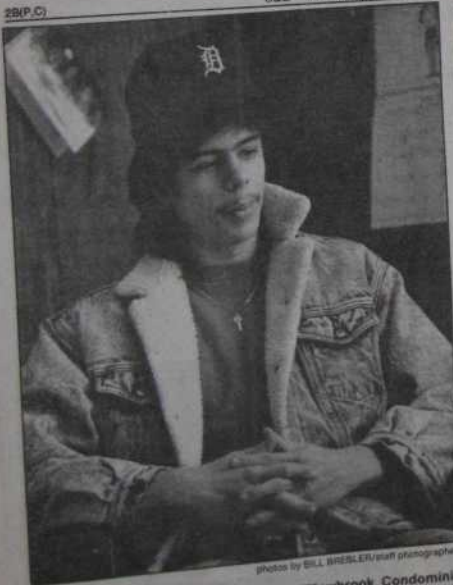


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Bill Clark works in maintenance at Willowbrook Condominiums and McCool Apartments, fixing "anything that's broken."



Kathy Yudit advises other student job-seekers "to be serious about what you're doing. To be prepared, and to know what you want."



Volunteer Luncheon  
April, 1988

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Library week  
is under way

The Canton Public Library is observing National Library Week until Saturday, with a variety of activities.

This year's theme is "The card with a charge...use your library."

The staged an open house on Tuesday evening.

A contest is also being staged this week. How far does a reference librarian walk in one week? is the question being posed. Entrants have until Saturday to give an answer.

A book bowl is to be staged Thursday. Also all week stickers will be given to children visiting the library.

"The library is a place to charge up you life," said Library Director Jean Sebestyen-Tabor.

"If you're having a baby, buying a car, changing careers or starting an exercise program, the library has books and other materials to help. We also have special programs for children and adults, popular magazines, records, compact discs, cassettes and videos," Sebestyen-Tabor said.

Those who don't have a library card are encouraged to sign up for one this week. Identification is required, such as a driver's license, which shows a current address.

For more information, call the library at 397-0999 or visit the library, which is located at 1150 South Canton Center Road in Canton. It is on the third floor of the township administration building.

Canton library planning events for special week

The Canton Public Library will be a busy place next week.

An open house is scheduled at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. The Friends of the Library will host the festivities and will provide refreshments during the evening.

James Gillig, president of the library's board of trustees, will present an update on construction progress at the new facility.

Marcia Barker, coordinator for the Friends, will discuss the group and how to get involved.

Winners of the illustrator's contest also will be named with savings bonds given to the winners.

And the outstanding volunteer for the library, the Flosie Tonds

Award, will be presented.

Other activities are also planned to spotlight the library and its programs.

Book Bowl, the annual competition sponsored by the library and Plymouth-Canton Community Schools, is set for 7 p.m. Thursday.

The special reading program is for fourth and fifth graders and winners of this playoff will compete for the 1988 Book Bowl Championship.

The library also plans to take part in "A Day in the Life of Michigan Libraries." Libraries throughout the state will record the day's events. The information will be compiled to illustrate the types of services available in the state's libraries.

4-18-88  
Book Bowl set for Thursday

The 1988 Book Bowl sponsored by the Plymouth-Canton Community Schools and the Canton Public Library is scheduled for Thursday.

The semi-final playoffs will be staged from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the meeting hall on the first floor of the township building.

The program is for fourth and fifth graders of all the district's elementary schools.

The public is invited to attend. For more information call the library at 397-0962.

4-18-88  
Canton Observer  
Book walking

"There can I find a directory of state agencies?" "I need information on dinosaurs." "Aargh, I missed the IRS filing deadline. How do I get an extension?"

The reference librarian gets a lot of requests. And her job requires a fair amount of walking to answer those requests. How far?

As part of National Library Week, the library is asking patrons to guess how far. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from Book Break. Information on the contest is available at the reference desk.

Biz news

Tired of working for that grumpy old boss who doesn't treat you well or pay you enough? Well, you can quit and start your own business.

People interested in going out on their own can get some tax help at a one-day seminar sponsored by the Canton Public Library and the Internal Revenue Service.

The seminar is scheduled 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Friday at the library. Fees and publications required will be distributed and computing various taxes will be explained. For more information, call 397-0999.

4-25-88  
Friends

The Canton Public Library needs some friends. The Friends of the Library, a newly formed support group, is looking for interested residents willing to lend a hand at the facility.

For more information about the group and its work, call 397-0999.



WOLF

# News Lines

from the Director, Wayne Oakland Library Federation

March, 1988

PA 89 BECAME LAW AUGUST 2, 1977

## WOLF - TEN YEARS OLD - LOOKING BACK

WOLF BOARD MET FOR THE FIRST TIME MARCH 28, 1978

August 2, 1977, was a day of rejoicing for public libraries in Michigan. Six years of planning, compromising and politicking had finally paid off. PA 89 had become law. Michigan had a new state aid law which rather clearly outlined a structure for organization and support for sharing resources. It also committed the State to support the structure in exchange for separating the regional support agencies called cooperatives from their previous local connections.



The Wayne County Federated Library System which had been evolving in that direction since 1960 was the first to take advantage of the new law and applied for continuity recognition nine days later. It had been involved for two years already in litigation to clarify its independent status from Wayne County. The case had already been reviewed by the Supreme Court and remanded to the Appeals Court but the passage of PA 89 and the subsequent reorganization cleared the way to moot-out part of the question and affirm without reservation that the cooperative formed under the new law was completely independent for all purposes. Legal matters seldom move swiftly and it was 1979 before the final judgement was rendered. The second Supreme Court remand in February, 1978, was the key that resulted in the final decision.

All local libraries including some not part of the Federated System at the time were called together to begin work on preparing a cooperative plan. Decisions were made by consensus and there were few problems. The plan submitted to the State in December, 1977 was objected to by only one member library. That library disagreed with the method for allocating costs which all other members approved.

Upon approval of the plan by the State Board in March, 1978, the new WOLF Board took office and met for the first time on March 28, 1978. Two members of that original board are still serving, Mr. Dohany and Dr. Simmons.

The disengagement from Wayne County still required a lot of negotiating which included moving employees over to WOLF payroll, accounting in detail for all funds, and negotiating a lease of the building. This was essentially completed by October 1, 1978. A great deal of credit must go the statesmanship of the Wayne County Public Library Board and, starting in March, to the new WOLF Board. Both groups seemed to believe that anything could be resolved with the good-will which prevailed once the legal action was set to wind up with Wayne County.

Some of the changes were radical. The new WOLF no longer had a governmen-

tal parent to fall back on if emergencies came. It had assumed all at once the full scope of a rather large and complex operation. The labor relations and employer responsibilities formerly shared with Wayne County were now all its own as was the full accounting responsibility. These added administrative duties were taken on without adding staff as necessary training was acquired and duties reassigned.

The operating concepts were also changed considerably. The expanded Board gave more direct representation to the service areas than had the Wayne County Board before. Contractual membership was changed to direct participation. Basic decisions formerly made only by the Board now had to be presented to the membership. Broad based membership committees were formed to provide communication between WOLF and member libraries. The operation of WOLF became more responsive and more complex.

When the first year's appropriation for state aid came in at 54% of the authorized amount nobody was too upset. After all, as the expression goes, you have to creep before you can walk and the State is committed to backing the reorganized statewide plan. The creeping continued for two years and then, in 1981, the figure was reduced to 50% and in 1983 to 48%. We seemed halfway through the first decade to be crawling backward. This was reversed starting in 1984 and continued with modest annual increases up to 62% in 1987. Of course, inflation had actually cancelled the value of the increases but at least we were not being abandoned completely at the end of the first decade. 1988's appropriation gave a spurt to begin the new decade by bringing the appropriation up to 75% of the 1977 authorization. (continued)

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# Award For Outstanding Service



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May 12, 1988

Date

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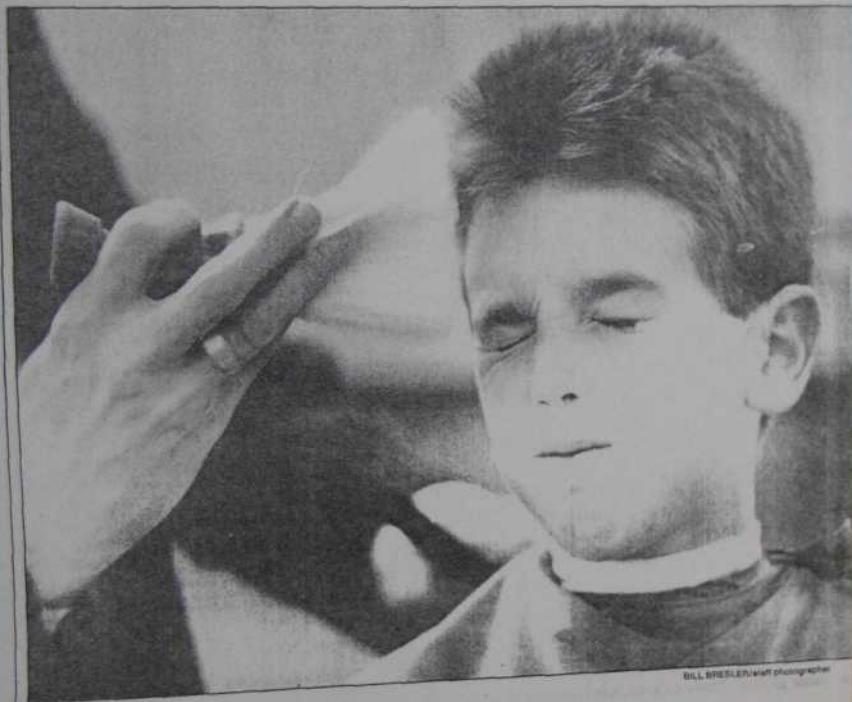
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## Hair today . . .

Michael Jurcisin receives a brushing off from Richard Asztalos. Hair cutting was the topic of a recent program at the Canton Public Library. Parents attending received some tips

on saving money by clipping locks. For more on the program please turn to Page 4A.

## Parents hear cutting remarks

Some Canton area youngsters are glad their parents attended a recent program at the Canton Public Library.

New the cereal bowl will be used for breakfast and not for cutting hair.

The library invited stylist Richard Ashtalos of Charisma Salon, Livonia, to demonstrate some of the fundamentals of cutting hair.

"We had a program in February that was packed, and we turned away some people," said Claire McLaughlin, adult services librarian. "So we decided to do it again."

About 40 people showed up for the demonstration and came away with some tips about hair cutting.

"Some of these people have tried cheap and nasty" hair-cutting firms, Ashtalos said, and "found out they could do a better job."

The program was aimed at parents who have children 2 to 10 years



Interested moms pay close attention to the demonstration.

old and included demonstrations on a boy and girl.

"WE TRIED to show them some fundamentals," he said. "We'd rather teach them how to give a good haircut so they can appreciate a good haircut."

The session also included questions and answers about common hair-cutting problems parents face.

"I was really impressed" with those attending, Ashtalos said. "I would like to see some of them cut hair."

And that chance could be coming when the new library opens. A hands-on program where parents

bring in their children and then cut their hair with professional supervision is being discussed, he said.



Staff photos by BILL GRELLER

Ken Short trims Sarah Dickey's hair during the demonstration.

Monday, May 18, 1988

### The Canton Connection

#### Boat safety

Canton may be a little water from a sportsman's perspective, but it should not miss out on the fun of participating in a water sport. The event is scheduled at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Canton Public Library. Members of the Plymouth Canton Boat Club will give an overview of boating regulations and precautions. Registration for this program is held at 6:45 p.m.

# Baby-sitting story not sad one at local libraries

By Susan Buck  
staff writer

Libraries are not baby-sitting services.

Throughout the country, librarians are wringing their hands as they search for solutions to a recurring problem — parents dropping their children off at a library rather than seeking out a baby sitter, latchkey program or day care center.

It's difficult for librarians to determine whether a child is there merely to hide time until a parent can pick him or her up.

For many parents, the quiet neighborhood library seems an ideal, safe place to leave a child. But these same parents fail to realize that library staff simply is not big enough to supervise children in this respect adequately.

Librarians at both the Canton Public Library and the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth said this

is an infrequent problem.

"OCCASIONALLY IT is a problem. It's a big issue in the library profession itself," said Jean Sebestyen-Tabor, director of the Canton Public Library.

"Occasionally we have children running up and down stairwells, but we have building monitors that supervise. Kids can't walk home from our location. Most of the time our kids are pretty good."

Sometimes parents misjudge the time, forget what time the library closes or get stuck in a grocery line. That's understandable, Sebestyen-Tabor said.

A librarian or building monitor will sit with a child if he has to wait for his parents after closing time or the child's parents are called.

"We're hoping to hire a security person for the new library," Sebestyen-Tabor said. "We want the library to be a safe place where fami-

lies are welcome."

Sebestyen-Tabor also finds comfortable knowing that the police department is nearby should a major problem develop.

A SIMILAR situation exists at the Dunning-Hough Library.

"It's not a major problem at this library," said Peggy Morgan, who has been a children's librarian there since January. "The only children I've seen here are kids who are doing their homework. Parents here are pretty responsible. Parents accompany their children to the library."

However, problems existed at her previous position at a main branch library in Jackson's inner city, Morgan said.

"Parents operate under the assumption that a library is a safe place. A library is also a public place. There are many different people who come to the library," she said.

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Thursday, June 2, 1988 O&E

## The Observer

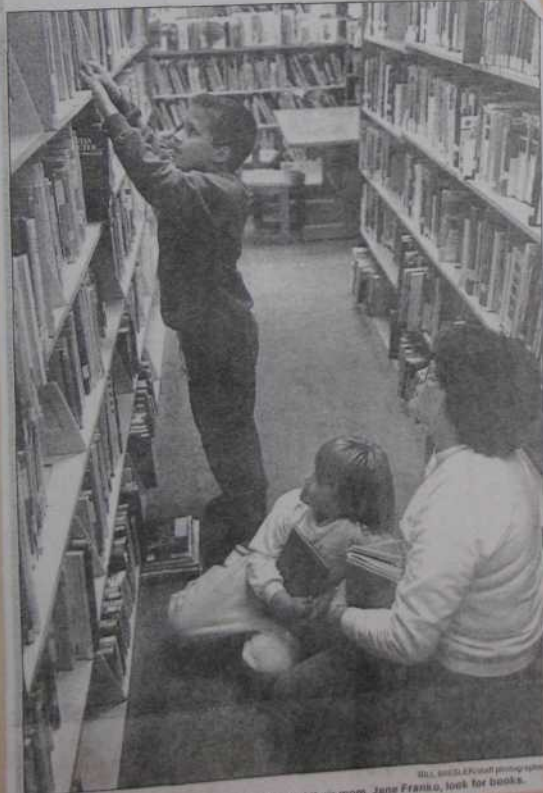


Photo by Susan Buck  
Becky and her mom, Jane Franko, look for books.

# Library: a place for summer adventures

**D**URING THE summer, students look for a variety of books to read at the Canton Public Library.

"They seem to look for the mysteries," said Judy Teachworth, department head for children's services. Many children enjoy the Encyclopedia Brown mysteries.

Family-type stories by such authors as Beverly Cleary and Betty Beers are also popular.

"Mainly, they're reading about kids their age," Teachworth said.

Boys enjoy the sports stories written by Matt Christopher. Classics, such as E.B. White's "Charlotte's Web," are perennial favorites.

"They still read them, they still like them."

Participants in the library's "Passport to Adventure" summer reading program will read those books and others.

Registration for the program starts Monday, June 26, and continues through Wednesday, July 27. The program is open to children in first through eighth grades.

**REGISTRATION FOR** the summer reading program must be done in person at the library, 1150 S. Canton Center Road, Canton. For more information, call 227-0969.

Librarians encourage program participants to try new authors. Students may tend to read books by the same authors.

"So do adults," Teachworth said. Librarians encourage children to read books they enjoy.

Although lighter fiction is popular with summer reading program participants, students also read non-fiction. Books about animals and how to write books are popular choices.

Participants in the summer reading program will keep a reading record, indicating what books they've read. Those who read at least five books will receive a certificate.

The program at the Canton Public Library will include a "Read A Lottery" contest. For each book read a student may submit a ticket. A drawing for the "Read A Lottery" contest will be held Thursday, July 28, winners will be notified and their names posted.

Poster contests, designed for the "Passport to Adventure" theme, will also be part of this year's program at the Canton Public Library.

"It's to be done here in the library. They like to do it, and it's fun."

**THOSE POSTER** contests will include a variety of activities. Posters will be set up at the beginning of the program, students will have the duration of the program to complete the contests.

A family souvenir hunt will be included as an extra activity for this year's program. Students and their families will look for such items as blueberries, a camera, a scale picture and others.

Students will bring four to six of those items into the library at a time. After items are checked, students are to take them home "so that we don't accumulate a garage sale here," Teachworth said.

Students who complete the family souvenir hunt will receive a certificate and a prize.

Several activity sessions will be offered as part of this year's summer reading program at the Canton Public Library. Programs will be held in the first floor meeting room of Canton Township Hall, advance registration is required for all programs and may be completed by telephone or in person.

This year's programs are:

- 2-4:45 p.m. Thursday, July 7, Comandis Productions will present original dramatic adaptations of "The Frog Prince," "The Old Man and His Children" and "Four Fishy People." Registration may be done after 10 a.m. Thursday, June 26.
- 2-4:45 p.m. Thursday, July 14, Patricia Juhl of the Mirne Work-

shop will present a mime program. Registration may be done after 10 a.m. Monday, July 13.

• 2-4:45 p.m. Thursday, July 21, Master magician Daryl Hand will present easy-to-follow magic, with plenty of audience participation. Registration may be done after 10 a.m. Monday, July 16.

• 2-7:45 p.m. or 2-10:30 p.m. Wednesday, July 27, The Songsters, Chris Barton and Julie Kautz, will perform children's music on a variety of folk instruments, including the guitar, banjo, dulcimer, recorder and flute.

This will be the "Grand Finale" for the summer reading club. Two performance items are offered, family attendance is encouraged. Registration may be done after 10 a.m. Friday, July 22, by telephone or in person.

Finding entertainers for the summer program isn't much of a problem, Teachworth said. Some of the entertainers have participated in previous summer reading programs. They have a rapport with the children.

"The kids really do seem to like the live part of it."

"I think it's good to expose them to that kind of situation. They seem to enjoy it."

**MEMBERS OF** the Friends of the Library and library volunteers will assist with this year's program. Volunteers and librarians enjoy working on the program, Teachworth said.

"It's one of our favorite times because we get to be out there with the children."

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# Kids all set to read

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*The program is designed to be fun; to broaden students' interests and to expose them to good literature.*

The Canton Public Library will also offer a "Read to Me" program for preschoolers this summer. Reading record sheets are available at the library; each child will receive a certificate when done with the program.

Registration for the "Read to Me" program starts Monday, June 20, and ends Wednesday, July 26.

Last year, just over 1,000 children participated in the two programs, Teachworth said.

"There's a tremendous involvement," she anticipates that this year's programs will also draw a crowd.

"I think it will be a popular theme."

# 1st woman in Canton Rotary treated as 'another member'

By Diane Gale  
staff writer

The first woman Canton Rotarian said she appreciates the fact that other members didn't make an issue of her being female when she joined.

"They downplayed that and I was just another member," said Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin, Canton Public Library assistant public director.

Mary Gyorko, manager of Canton's Community Federal Credit Union, the club's second female member, also joined this year.

John Schwartz, first Canton Rotary president, nominated both women.

A third woman has been nominated to the club with "Service Above Self" as one of its mottos.

"THEY WERE interested in Rotary and we were interested in them because Rotary is made up of a cross section of people in the community

and they seem to be tops in their professions and trades," Schwartz said.

Havenstein-Coughlin said she liked the philosophy of Rotary.

"I like the service orientation and being involved in the community is important to me," she said.

She was interested in getting involved in Rotary's literacy program. She also wants to be active in Public Plus — a Rotary program working to wipe out polio by the year 2000.

"It's community oriented," said Gyorko, adding she likes the group's "helping" attitude.

"The programs they get involved in are really worthy enterprises and worth the time and effort of all the people who take part in it," Gyorko said. "And I like meeting the people involved. That is definitely a plus."

SHE SAID SHE was a "little apprehensive" about being one of the first female members.

The Canton group has been eager,

*'They downplayed that and I was just another member.'*

— Rebecca

Havenstein-Coughlin  
Canton's first woman  
Rotary member

they have all been friendly and amicable and pleasant," she said.

Schwartz, a 12-year Rotary member, said he was prompted to make the nominations after the 1987 Supreme Court's decision mandating that Rotary admit women. After the ruling, the service clubs followed the lead and also inducted women.

Noting the community service goal, Richard Thomas, a Canton Rotary member for five years said, "What that has to do with gender is nothing."

# He's doing what he likes

By Julia Brown  
staff writer

**WHEN HE** was a teenager, Daryl Hurst got a full-time summer job performing magic.

Hurst enjoyed that job. He decides being a magician would be a great way to earn a living.

Not everyone encouraged him, however. Some people told Hurst he

wouldn't be able to earn a living as a magician.

"And that made me mad. So I said, why not?"

Hurst, a 24-year-old Ann Arbor resident, now works as a magician. He was in Canton last week for a summer reading program, held at the Canton Public Library.

During the program, Hurst presented a variety of magic tricks for children participating in the li-

brary's reading club.

**THIS SUMMER** there are just over 1,000 children in the library's summer reading program. Approximately 700 have signed up for the "Passport to Adventure" program for children in grades one through eight. There are about 300 in the preschool "Read to Me" program.

Last week's performance by Hurst was one of several programs held as part of the "Passport to Adventure" program.

"I have natural interest in it," Hurst said of his work as a magician. "Mostly because I enjoy it. It's a good challenge."

Hurst is a University of Michigan graduate. He received an honors degree in speech/communication, specializing in radio and television, and did his honors work in magic.

Hurst has been working as a magician for about 20 years.

He's noticed his 21-month-old daughter has to work hard just to learn to eat a bowl of cereal. "So magic's the same way. It's tough because you haven't done it," Hurst lives with his wife, Kay, and daughter Angelina Grace.

**WHEN PERFORMING** for children, the imagery Hurst tries to use is what he remembers from his childhood. "They do a lot of simple associations," he said, referring to the children.

"They like silliness, they like action. I'm constantly watching what it is they like."

Hurst changes his performances with the times. He's had toy muskets in his performances, break dancing, moon walking or riding skateboards, depending on what's popular at the time.

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Magician Daryl Hurst and Kari Jackson, 11, of Canton present a slightly scary magic trick.



Daryl Hurst uses hoops to present a magic trick for youngsters at the Canton Public Library program.

## Magician casts spell on crowd



Magician Daryl Hurst keeps the crowd entertained.

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"But some of the staff is classic stuff." Children enjoy the clown-type gags, he does. "And then just that sense of mystery. They're fascinated by how that could happen."

People who've seen Hurst's performances ask him the secrets behind his magic tricks. He's reluctant to do so.

"You do spoil the fun. Suddenly, it's not magic anymore."

Hurst isn't willing to reveal the secrets of his trade. However, he's happy to tell children how to learn more about magic.

Reading books is one of the best ways. Some books are available at the library, more specialized books are available at magic shops.

"You have to learn to be able to interact with the audience."

### Computer update

A sophisticated computer system is planned for Canton's new library, to open mid-September, next to township hall on Canton Center Road. The new library will have 31,500 square feet.

But technology is quickly outdated, said James Gilling, Canton library board member.

"When we open the doors of the library it will be the most modern library in the state," he said.

A year later, however, new systems probably will be on the market and a lot of the technology will be outdated, he said.

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Among those enjoying the Canton Public Library program are Kyle Tinker, 6, Stephanie Place, 7, and Lindsey Root, 7.

# Resource

## Guide covers day care and preschools

Information on day care and preschools is available for the asking at the Canton Public Library and at the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth.

Copies of the 1988 "Canton and Plymouth Area Day Care/Preschool Guide" are available free of charge at both libraries.

Copies of the 1988 guide have just arrived at the Canton Public Library, said Sally DeGraff, children's librarian. Information on Plymouth-Canton area day care and preschool programs is included.

Last year, DeGraff and Mary Lou Curtin, then a children's librarian at the Dunning-Hough Library, worked together on the 1987 edi-

tion of the guide. The joint effort was a first-time project for staffers of the libraries.

This year's guide includes corrections and updates, along with a few additions, DeGraff said.

LAST YEAR'S guide was popular with area parents, she said.

"It went over real well. We've already had a few requests (for the new edition)," she said.

Mothers make most of the requests for the booklet, DeGraff has found. Many are working outside of the home either part time or full time.

"They're concerned about the quality of the child care," DeGraff said. "There is a great concern out

there about quality child care."

LIBRARIANS AREN'T able to endorse or recommend any day care facility or preschool. Decisions about what facility is suitable are left to parents to make. Information in the booklet was gathered through the use of a questionnaire.

Among the items listed are: location, telephone number and contact person, type of school, hours, ages of children accepted, cost, adult/child ratio, program description, teacher qualifications, transportation arrangements and recommended time to apply.

Work on this year's guide wasn't as involved, DeGraff said.

"But it was still a satisfying

project to work on."

Most likely, the guide will continue to be updated each year, she said.

STAFFERS AT the Dunning-Hough Library are also encouraging parents to pick up copies of the guide.

"We have quite a few," said Pam Rawlinson, assistant director. "We do have it available if anyone needs it."

Last year's day care and preschool guide was popular at the library in Plymouth, she said.

"So most people are aware of it." (For more information, call the Canton Public Library, 327-0999, or the Dunning-Hough Library, 433-0750.)



### Mc-donation

One Canton Township businessman knows how to keep several community leaders happy. Bob Card, owner of the McDonald's restaurant on Ford Road, donated two \$1,000 checks to the Canton Public Library and the Canton Chamber of Commerce. Card (right) made the check presentation during the 10th-year anniversary celebration of the local McDonald's Sunday. Receiving the check for the library from Ronald McDonald and Card was Rebecca Havenstein-Coughlin (left), assistant library director.

AMP Photo by Debra Proulx

### McDonald's to donate \$2,000

In honor of its 10th anniversary, McDonald's of Canton, 40241 Michigan Avenue, will present a check for \$1,000 to the Canton Chamber of Commerce building fund and a check for \$1,000 to the Canton Public Library building fund.

Presentation of these checks will be made by Mr. and Mrs. Robert Card, owner/operators of McDonald's of Canton.

These contributions are to take place Oct. 16 at 2:30 p.m. at the restaurant.

Ronald McDonald will be present to join in the fun.

October 12, 1988

### Canton library closes Oct. 17

The Canton Public Library will close Monday, Oct. 17 in preparation for a move to brand new headquarters.

Currently located on the third floor of the Canton Township Municipal Building, 1150 Canton Center Road, the library will be moving into a brand new facility just south of the old location.

Books may still be returned in the book drop at township hall, according to library officials, however, the library will not reopen at its new location until Monday, Nov. 14.



# Director of library goes extra distance

By Ariene Funks  
special writer

10-27-88

THE CANTON OBSERVER

Jean Tabor leads by example. Tabor directs the highly successful Canton Township Library. She supports community groups that seek to help young adults remain drug-free. And she is an active, involved wife and mother of four teenagers.

"I have a full life," said Tabor, a Canton resident since 1976. "I think it's important to maintain balance between your job, your leisure and your family. It's pushing, sometimes, going the extra distance."

Tabor, an immaculately groomed woman in her 40s, has quiet dignity and an air of purpose. She's friendly, but slightly uncomfortable talking about herself. She'd much rather discuss the new library soon to open.

## people

The months of construction have been an "active, positive time," Tabor said. "We're so proud of it. There is something for everybody."

TABOR WAS born in Romeo and raised in South Haven, near Kalamazoo. After receiving a bachelor's degree from Central Michigan University in 1965 she taught English and history at the secondary level.

For several years, she remained at home raising her children. In the early 1980s, she obtained a master's

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BILL BRESLER/staff photographer

Jean Tabor is director of the Canton library.

# Library director stays active

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in library science from the University of Michigan.

Coming to work at the Canton Public Library, in 1982, was a "stroke of luck," according to Tabor.

"I had intended to use the degree in a school library, but there were no jobs," she said. "I like working in the public library. I am much happier. You get to work with people from all different ages, with varied interests. The public library provides more flexibility."

Originally hired to replace a woman on maternity leave, Tabor worked into full-time employment. She served as the librarian for the adults and young adults collections. She implemented the transfer of library records to automated systems.

In 1985, Canton's library board tapped Tabor to be the library director. She replaced Deborah O'Connor, who moved to Ohio.

**TABOR GIVES** a lot of credit to her staff, which she describes as supportive, and a community which is enthusiastically pro-library. After voters approved a 1-mill library tax, the library opened in 1986 on the third floor of township hall.

"This library has been a success from day one," Tabor said. "Our community is highly literate. We serve people of all ages, but we have a lot of people in their 30s and 40s who enjoy having their children use

the library and are very receptive to our programming for themselves and their children."

With approximately 30,000 registered users, the Canton Public Library is the third-busiest single library (no branches) in the Wayne-Oakland Library Federation, a library cooperative of most local public libraries. The Canton library draws primarily from Canton and Plymouth.

In March 1986, library officials began planning for a new library, "hoping we could obtain the funding," Tabor said. Their wishes came true later that year when, by a 28-vote margin, residents approved an additional 1-mill tax for the library.

**THE NEW** library is a 31,000-square-foot building adjacent to township hall. It will be dedicated Sunday, Nov. 13, and open the next day.

"We can provide the services that the community needs and deserves," Tabor said.

Although Tabor expressed a love of books, she has scant time to read for pleasure. The image of the librarian with his or her nose stuck in a book makes her laugh.

"We're just too busy for that," Tabor said. "Technology is changing constantly. We have to keep up."

Most of her reading is confined to technical materials and reviews of new publications. When she does read for pleasure, it's usually the

works of Marge Piercy and Doris Lessing. She also reads Time and Newsweek magazines regularly. In her spare time, Tabor takes part in several community organizations.

**SHE'S** A member of the Canton Business and Professional Women and is on the board of directors of Growth Works.

Tabor also is past chairwoman and a current board member of the nonprofit Plymouth-Canton Subnonprofit Abuse Task Force. The organization, which started in 1986, evolved from a 1984 week-long community intervention training seminar attended by educators and concerned citizens.

"We are interested in educating the community and cooperating in the treatment efforts of local intervention groups," Tabor said. "It's important to me because of my kids. I think it's a critical issue."

Tabor's home life, although busy, offers a change of pace. She enjoys country music and gardening. On autumn weekends, she attends U-M football games with her husband, Larry Tabor, principal of Belleville High School.

"He is very supportive and a great sounding board," Tabor said of her husband.

Tabor lets her body tell her when she's had too much work and stress. She copes by careful planning and organizing.

# Plymouth, Canton library boards on Nov. 8 ballot

In addition to voting for local and national representatives in the Nov. 8 election, voters in The Plymouth-Canton Community will be asked to select representatives for the Plymouth District Library Board and the Canton Public Library Board.

Voters in the Plymouth District will choose four library trustees.

Incumbent candidates for the Plymouth District Library Board are current library board treasurer MaryAnn Prechlik and former board

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secretary Cathy Doetsch. Both Prechlik and Doetsch served on the Plymouth Library Board before the establishment of the district library.

The other two candidates, Larry Fobes and Sheryl Tripp-Khoury, will

be facing election for the first time following their appointment to the board during the past year.

In Canton, voters will select six members to the Canton Public Library Board.

The incumbent candidates include John Schwartz, James Gillig, and Katherine Baldrica. The three remaining seats are sought by Bill Simmerer, Mary Gyorke, and Beverly Polcyn.

Board members Mary Feltz, Norma West, and Tom Yack will be stepping down following the election.

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# Library boards on Tuesday ballot

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Incumbents for the Plymouth District Library Board are former board secretary Cathy Doetsch and current board treasurer MaryAnn Prechlik. Prechlik and Doetsch both served on the Plymouth Library Board before the district library was established.

Sheryl Tripp-Khoury is facing election for the first time following her appointment to the board during the past year. Larry Fobes is also running.

In Canton, voters will choose six members to serve on the Canton Public Library Board.

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Gyorke, and Beverly Polcyn. Current board members Tom Yack, Mary Feltz, and Norma West will be stepping down following the election.

## Library board candidates have an easy election run

There is no suspense for at least six people whose names appear on the Canton Township ballot. All of the candidates for library board of directors are shoe-ins.

Three incumbents and three newcomers will be elected to the six-member board. Having just enough candidates to fill the slots is not unusual, said long-time board member James Gillig, one of the candidates.

There is no payment for serving the four-year term. It is "the kind of position that you take because you are interested in public service, not trying to make a career," Gillig said.

"That eliminates a lot of people," he said.

Katherine A. Baldrica and John O. Schwartz III are the other incumbents. Mary G. Gyorke, Beverly J. Polcyn and William T. Simmerer are making their first run for the board.

THE MOST immediate task facing the board is getting ready to set up the new library, which is near completion next to the township hall. Gillig said the new board will start work on a five-year planning cycle and the establishment of a foundation.

"The foundation will accept donations

to support the library. The long-range goal is for the foundation to be endorsed so the library can be operated with interest earned on the principal. If that happens, the facility will not need tax support, Gillig said.

The library board is the legal governing body of the facility. It was established in 1975.

Members are charged with establishing policy and financial priorities, approving budgets and entering into contractual agreements on behalf of the library.

The board race is non-partisan.

## Canton election results

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Residents last week also rejected the tax levy proposal for the building of a new multi-use community center. The ballot proposal was defeated 10,303 to 6,234. Sixty per cent of the voters turned down the millage request, while nearly 40 per cent approved the ballot question.

Canton voters also picked six new members for the township's library board during last week's election.

There were only six candidates for the six slots this year. They were: Katherine Baldrica, James Gillig, Mary Gyorke, Beverly Polcyn, John Schwartz III, and William Simmerer.

Canton residents heavily favored the Bush-Quayle ticket this year, giving the Republican presidential twosome 12,223 votes. The Dukakis-Benston ticket garnered 6,277 votes.

The new board members will be sworn in during the Tuesday (Nov. 22) meeting of the board.

THE CANTON OBSERVER, Nov. 21, 1988

## Celebration set at library

Children will have an opportunity to celebrate the opening of the new Canton Public Library's children's department.

At noon Saturday, Nov. 19, Jim Dandy the clown will be at the library. He'll pass out balloons and clown around with the children.

From 2-2:45 p.m. that day, children will enjoy a magic show presented by master magician Daryl Hurst.

When youngsters arrive at the library, they should enter their names for the raffle. A drawing for the raffle will be held after the magic show, with a life-sized stuffed puppy as the prize. The winner must be present.

The program is for children of all ages; parents are to use their own discretion in deciding whether their children would enjoy the session. Advance registration is not required.

The new Canton Public Library is just south of the Canton Township Administration Building, 1150 S. Canton Center Road.



BILL BRESLER/STAFF photograph

Master magician Daryl Hurst will perform Saturday, Nov. 19, at the new Canton Public Library.



CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE

November 19, 1988.

Daryl Hurst, Magician





Heather Gunoeman, winner of dog at  
Children's Open House raffle on  
November 19, 1988.



"Jim Dandy" walk-around clown,  
performing at the Children's Open  
House on November 19, 1988







Brownies and Cub Scouts visit the  
Library.

November, 1988





All "ages" enjoy our Library.

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## Library help

Now that you've had a chance to examine the new library, browse in the wide aisles and take advantage of all that new space, you can do something for the library.

The Friends of the Canton Public Library is looking for new members. It is a non-profit organization dedicated to establishing a link between the library and community.

The organization promotes awareness of library services, provides financial assistance to buy books, new equipment and pay for special programs. Volunteers also help with library programs.

For more information, check at the library or write to the Canton Public Library, 1200 S. Canton Center, Canton 48188.

## FRIENDS OF CANTON LIBRARY

The Friends of the Canton Public Library will hold its general membership meeting on Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the new library. All members and prospective members are welcome. Call Joyce at 397-0999 for details.

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## Library update

If you read last week that the Canton Public Library wants you to check out compact discs, albums or videotapes that you might give for Christmas, you read correctly.

The library also wants you to check out the magazines to see if they would make appropriate holiday gifts. Well, you can remove subscription cards from the magazines.

And to set the record straight, the library has 90,000 books to examine and review before settling on that perfect reading gift.

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# The Canton Connection

## Holiday help

Concerned that a certain videotape or compact disc is the right gift for Aunt Imelda? Well, you know she doesn't need shoes but are unsure if "E.T." is her cup of tea.

The Canton Public Library can help you preview records, compact discs or videotapes before you plunk down some hard-earned cash.

The library also has more than 250 magazines so you can check to see if the publication is worth a holiday subscription. But please, don't rip out the subscription cards.

And of course the library has 9,000 books with more coming in continuously.

The library is open 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday.

For more information, call 397-0999.

O&E Thursday, December 1, 1988

## Yule program set at library

The Canton Public Library will present "Christmas With O.J. Anderson," a holiday mime program for families, at 7 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 8.

The program will be held at the library, 1200 S. Canton Center Road in Canton. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Dec. 2, by phone (397-0999) or in person.

"Christmas With O.J. Anderson" is a lively look at the December holidays, using the magical art of mime. The program, which lasts about 40 minutes, is a one-man mime show. Its skits bring to life many Christmas moments.

Audience participation sequences are featured. Admission will be free of charge.

Mime artist O.J. Anderson is a graduate of the University of Detroit's Theatre Company. He has spent the last nine years touring the United States and Canada. Anderson has taught mime at many colleges and universities throughout North America.

"Christmas With O.J. Anderson" is a Showcase Presentation of Crossroads Productions Ltd., now in its 10th season as a professional, non-profit touring theater company.

For more information, call the Canton Public Library, 397-0999.

## Library friends meeting set

Friends of the Canton Public Library will stage a general membership meeting Nov. 30 at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the new library at 1200 South Canton Center Road.

New programs and upcoming events will be discussed. All members and prospective members are invited to attend. For more information, call Joyce at 397-0999.

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# Magic of books: a great gift

By Julie Brown  
staff writer

Children aren't opposed to toys and games on holiday gifts.

They do have a professional involvement in getting children to read, so librarians hope parents, grandparents and other gift-givers will consider books as gift choices.

"I think it's a good idea to buy children's books. It doesn't hurt our bottoms at all," said Pam Rawlinson, assistant director of the Dunning-Hough Library in Plymouth. She supervises children's services at the library, which serves Plymouth and Plymouth Township residents.

Judy Teachworth, head of children's services for the Canton Public Library, agreed. Giving some books is good for children, she said, youngsters sense that the book is their own to keep.

"It is a favorite book, you have it close at hand."

**THE LIBRARIANS** can supply lists of recommended books, including those of winners of the Newbery Award and Caldecott Award, given by the American Library Association.

The Newbery Award, given since 1922, is for literature for older children. The Caldecott Award, given since 1938, is for illustrations in children's books. This year's winners are "Lionel: A Phantasmagoria" by Russell Freedman and "The Moon" by Jane Yolen, illustrated by Julie Browner.

Parents and other gift-givers can buy the classics for children, Rawlinson said. Children enjoy owning books they can read again and again.

"It's just those special books you want to own," Rawlinson said.

Books used for schoolwork or those read just once can be checked out of the library.

**GIFT-GIVERS CAN** start by determining what a child's interests are, Rawlinson said.

"Especially as they get older," she said. "It's harder to find a book for an older child if you don't know what they're interested in."

Magazines are a gift option.

"We do get people asking about magazines," Teachworth said.

Among younger children, "Sesame Street" is popular, as is "The Big Bookyard," published by the National Wildlife Federation.

**OLDER CHILDREN** enjoy "Cricket," a magazine featuring

poems, stories and puzzles, including reader contributions. "National Geographic World" is popular with older children.

"A lot of units and topics like to give magazines," Teachworth said. Magazines are educational and provide year-long gift giving.

Board books are available for toddlers. The books by Rosemary Wells about a rabbit named Max are popular at the Canton Public Library.

"People have found a market there," Rawlinson said.

Books for toddlers are available in different shapes and sizes, some are made of cloth or plastic, including some that can go into the bathtub.

**YOUNGER CHILDREN** enjoy picture books, such as the "George and Martha" series by James Marshall. Teachworth said. Tana Hoban's books use photos and include ABC and counting books.

"These are always popular with

the little ones," Teachworth said.

Books by Patricia Hutchins feature simple stories for preschoolers and are popular.

Children in early elementary school enjoy the "Amelia Bedelia" series. Poetry books, such as "Where the Sidewalk Ends" by Shel Silverstein, are popular with youngsters at both libraries.

"Ting a Song of Peppercorn," a poetry book with illustrations by Steve Caldwell, winner, was published this year. Ed Emberley's books, showing children how to draw, are perennial favorites, Teachworth said.

**GIRLS AGES 7 to 11** enjoy the "American Girl" series of historical novels.

"They're pretty accurate about the time period," Teachworth said.

At the Dunning-Hough Library, school-age children like the "Choose Your Own Adventure" series. In that series, the reader picks the path to follow, with different

endings to each story the result. The series is especially popular with boys.

"It still got the kids to read and to come into the library," Rawlinson said.

Many girls enjoy such series as Sweet Valley Twins, The Baby-Sitters' Club and the Nancy Drew books. These aren't necessarily the greatest of literature, but do provide lighter reading that children

enjoy.

**DICTIONARIES ARE** ideal gifts, Rawlinson said. Atlases are enjoyable for some children, as

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BILL WOOD/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER

There are many books and magazines suitable for children of all ages, according to Judy Teachworth, head of children's services at the Canton Public Library.

## Families share joys of reading

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are editions of the "Ginness Book of World Records." An atlas makes a nice gift for a child interested in geography.

Book sets published for children are good gift choices, Rawlinson said.

Books about Christmas add about other holidays celebrated this time of year are available at the libraries. Children enjoy those books.

**NEWER VERSIONS** of some classics are available, Rawlinson said. These include "A Christmas

Carol" by Charles Dickens, with illustrations by Greg Heffernan, and "The Night Before Christmas" by Clement C. Moore, with illustrations by Scott Goodwin.

O. Henry's "The Gift of the Magi" and "Miracle on 34th Street" by Valentine Danz are being reissued by illustrations in recent years. A favorite at the Dunning-Hough Library is "The Bear Christmas Present Ever" by Barbara Robinson.

Children enjoy many books read to them in school, some children can't wait to see how a story ends as they come to the library to check.

Staff photos  
by Bill Brestler

Rachelle Cantin, 2½, plays peekaboo in the children's section at the Canton Public Library.

Rachelle Cantin and her dad, Ken, spend some time together at the Canton Public Library. Many Plymouth-Canton area parents

will give their children the gift of reading this holiday season.

# Proposed library site earns donation

## Yazaki celebrates Canton site opening

A generous hand is reaching from the Far East to help fund a proposed \$2 million building housing Canton's Public Library.

Yasuhiko Yazaki, president of the international Yazaki Group, is donating \$10,000 to the Canton Public Library Board to commemorate the grand opening of the American Yazaki Corp., 4700 Haggerty west of I-275 and north of Forest Road.

American Yazaki Corp.'s \$16 million, 210,000-square-foot Canton headquarters conducts engineering, research, sales and distribution for the company, which primarily sells car components.

The facility — a subsidiary of the Yazaki Group — transferred to the

Canton site in December from four adjacent buildings in Livonia where they leased space.

**THE DONATION** is the first for the library's building fund.

"This is a good start, and it couldn't have come at a better time," said John Schwartz, Canton Public Library board member.

It's premature to pin anything down on when it will be built, "because mainly we don't have the money," Schwartz said.

Yasuhiko Yazaki, Shinji Yazaki, ex-

ecutive vice president of the parent company, and others from the Yazaki group will be present for the celebration beginning at 4 p.m. tomorrow at the Canton site. The Yazaki corporations have annual sales of more than \$1 billion.

The festivities will begin with the launching of the six-sided Japanese style rokkaku kite and ribbon cutting. After the gift is presented to the library, a sake ceremonial toast will open a reception and offer a tour of the facility. The San Jose Taiko drum

group performs at 8 p.m. after dinner.

**Community involvement is important** to the Japanese, said Jeanne Paluzzi, JGP Marketing Group International Inc.

"The library project was chosen for two reasons," Paluzzi said. "It's a project that needs some funding and the other reason is philosophical. A library is a repository of facts and ideas. It's a means for learning and growing. It truly reflects the philosophy of the

Yazaki Company for a multi-cultural experience to grow."

The American Yazaki Corp. began operations in Chicago in 1964 and opened a Detroit-area branch office in 1973 which became the main U.S. office in 1976.

American Yazaki Corp. also deals with gas absorption air conditioning products.

Besides its locations in Japan, the Yazaki Group has operations in Dallas, El Paso and Nashville. Sites in other countries include Thailand, Taiwan, Australia, Philippines, Mexico, Great Britain, France, Iraq and Switzerland.

# New library putting out welcome mat

By Glenn Dale  
staff writer



Joan Schweitzer-Tabor, library director, tours the unfinished library.

Some and there in Canton's new library will look over the exciting history from a new generation building.

The 11,300-square-foot building used to be a parking lot will be complete with a fireplace, equipped with wood-burning stoves, partitioned study areas and bright all-in-one lighting, bookshelves, 6700 seats and green tables.

"We want it to be welcoming and warm," said Joan Schweitzer-Tabor, Canton library director. "We want to maintain an atmosphere."

THERE ARE SPECIAL touches throughout. Like the front vestibule with a brass plaque dedicating the library to Canton residents who approved a 1-cent tax to pay for the building. The village is also surrounded by 20 acres.

A first example — with numerous study areas in a library staff services room and a staff lounge — will be under the plaza. It's scheduled to be opened in 1985.



Work crews are out in full force at Canton's new library.

Work crews are out in full force at Canton's new library.

"We're trying a whole new concept for public libraries" with a re-orientation of the program, direct staff and answer basic questions, Schweitzer-Tabor said.

The new building is a stark contrast to the existing brick structure on the third floor at downtown hall, Schweitzer-Tabor said. All the furnishings, moving and other equipment from the present library will be craned across the street to the new site, she said.

The book collection will grow from 60,000 to 120,000 volumes, she said. And an abstracts computer system will be added sometime after the opening.

"ONE OF the biggest problems with the existing building is quiet," she said.

In a quiet room with carpeted walls overlooking a 20-acre garden will be included. The floor is in granite in American Veneer Corp., a development on 1270 and Haggerty, for \$100,000 to the Canton Library Board.

A fireplace and tapestry on the walls will set a warm tone in the new reading area, the young adult service will discover new titles and college catalogs and an equipment room will offer computers, word processors, typewriters and other equipment for public use free of charge.

SALT WATER apartments will be on display in the children's department and a garden outside will be open for story and playtime.

The price tag for everything, including building, furnishings and landscaping, is \$1.1 million. Schweitzer-Tabor estimated some that it would increase 40 percent.

The library has more than 50,000 books and circulation of 1,000 books annually.

"It's good like our service to be moved to the building," said Schweitzer-Tabor, adding that the library will be doing four part-time adult reference librarians and two part-time children librarians. The total staff will be increased from 18 to 30 employees, she said.

A currently existing room will most likely be available free to

open-profit groups, Schweitzer-Tabor said.

Although the floors are still dusty and uncarpeted and other finishing touches are still to be done, the grand opening and dedication is targeted 1-4 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 12.

The closing of the existing library is Oct. 18. However, the book drop will continue to operate, Schweitzer-Tabor said.



Electrician Patty Durand installs strip electrical conduits in a library study room.

# Library almost ready

Donald Miller makes finishing touches at Canton's new library as he hangs shutters. The long-awaited opening date is set for next month. Story and more pictures on Page 3A.

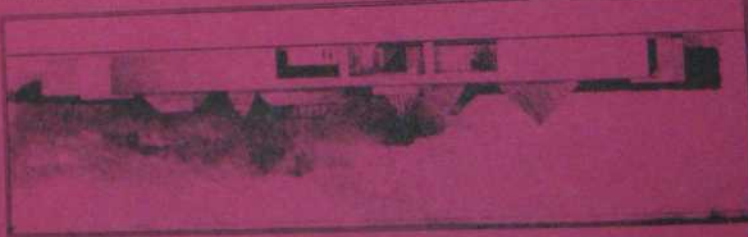


Donald Miller hangs shutters on the library building.

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## Library opens to rave reviews

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A stream of visitors flooded Canton's new library on opening day Monday.

And responses about the new digs glowed.

"It's absolutely gorgeous," said Mary Giers, a Westland resident at the library Monday. Her husband, Chuck, said he was surprised by the large collection of computer related books.

"The layout is great," Mary said. "A lot of planning went into it."

The 21,500-square-foot library, next to township hall on Canton Centre south of Proctor, features reading areas with a fireplace and tapestry, study areas, meeting rooms and an expansive children's section.

"It's a lot bigger than I expected," said Michela McGrail, who was researching astrology in preparation for a speech.

**DEBORAH CHAWFORD**, a teaching graduate student at Eastern Michigan University, said she was



Bill Sichel staff photographer

A dedication plaque greets visitors at the library entrance.

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