

Serving the Communities of Farmington and Farmington Hills



Beyond the Hero and the Holiday: A Storytelling Celebration of the Historical Movement That Gave Us Dr. King

Renowned storyteller LaRon Williams will share tales crafted to help all of us take a more critical look at the historical significance of Dr. King and the Civil Rights Movement. **Main Auditorium: Mon., Jan. 18, 1 p.m.**

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Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - January 18

Moving Forward and Looking Back • Main Auditorium

- 9:30 a.m. Walk from the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church**
28000 New Market Rd., to the Main Library, 32737 W. Twelve Mile Rd. (1/3 mile)
- 10:15 a.m. East Middle School Choir**
- 10:45 a.m. East Middle School Theater Group**
- 11:00 a.m. Motivational speaker, Marcus Foreman**
- 11:30 a.m. Dunckel Middle School Wildcat Jazz Band**
- 1:00 p.m. Storyteller, LaRon Williams**
- 2:00 p.m. Poetry/Spoken Word Slam: Billione and Marsha Jean Carter***
- 3:00 p.m. Harrison High School Dance Company**
- 3:45 p.m. Pizza and Movie, *Pride* (dialogue following the movie)**

*A Detroit native, Billione is an acclaimed writer, poet, actor and activist. Detroit native Marsha Jean Carter, is known for her *Broccoli Don't Taste Like Peach Cobbler* CD.

Celebrate Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday with *Harvesting Hope:*

The Story of Cesar Chavez
Chavez used Dr. King's principles of nonviolent resistance to successfully organize farmworkers. This picture book biography by Kathleen Krull is from the Picturing America Bookshelf Collection.

Main Library Children's Program Room: Monday, Jan. 18, 2 p.m.

African American artwork will be on display from the Arts League of Michigan, January & February.

Free at Last:

A History of the Abolition of Slavery in America Exhibit from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History

This display traces the history of the movement to abolish slavery, from the framing of the Constitution to the Emancipation Proclamation. Visitors can explore an early fragment of Abraham Lincoln's House Divided speech, as well as letters from abolitionists, slaves, and soldiers who fought in the Civil War. This is a unique opportunity to learn about the abolition of slavery and to contemplate the challenging legacy of slavery in America.

Main Library: Jan. 11 - Feb. 12



Sweet Music in Harlem

with the Schoolcraft College Jazz Band

Celebrate the jazz tradition of the Harlem

Renaissance with Schoolcraft College Jazz Band's big band sounds. We'll also read and project the pages of the picture book *Sweet Music in Harlem*, written by Ann Arbor author Debbie Taylor and illustrated by Frank Morrison. This program for children, young adults and adults supports the Picturing America Bookshelf Collection.

Main Library Auditorium: Monday, Feb. 22, 7 p.m.



Storyteller Lois Sprengnether Keel presents

Liberetta Lerich Green (of the Lerich Family Underground Railroad station in Michigan)

Storyteller Lois Sprengnether Keel, will bring Liberetta Lerich Green, an abolitionist from Michigan, to life with tales during this period in American history.

Main Library Auditorium: Thursday, Feb. 25, 2 p.m.



Denotes programs sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library.

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Real Estate Tips & Education

SKBK Realtor Justin Bingham will present a series of programs for those who hope to buy or sell a home in this depressed real estate market. All sessions include experts in the field.

Registration required.

Jan. 4: *First-Time Home Buyers*

Jan. 11: *The Best Time to Buy – Taking Advantage of a Buyer's Market*

Feb. 8: *Selling a Home in a Down Economy*

Feb. 15: *Dealing with Foreclosures & Short Sales*

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Mondays, 7 p.m.

Do You Have the Write Stuff?

Find inspiration, trade ideas, provide support and exchange constructive criticism at a monthly meeting with others who share your interest and passion for writing.

Main Library Conference Room B: 3rd Wednesday of the month, Jan. 20; Feb. 17; March 17; April 21, 7 p.m.

Calm Your Nerves and Relax with Brush Strokes

Rose Anna Botorowitz, Youth Librarian, Brighton District Library, will demonstrate art techniques that can add calmness to a busy, hectic life. Try your hand at sketching, experiment with color wash, listen to music, and take home a reminder that You're OK! No drawing ability necessary. Registration required.

Main Library Conference Room A: Monday, Feb. 1, 6:30 p.m.

Rounds Around the World

Join The Farmington Musicales as they explore musical rounds, a musical form seen around the world and defined as two or more voices singing exactly the same melody but beginning at different times. *Rounds Around the World* will include ethnic music from different countries performed by members and guests.

Main Library Auditorium: Sunday, Feb. 7, 2:30 p.m.

Do You Have a Story to Tell?

Is there some event in your life that you believe would transfer to a novel or screenplay? Do you know how to begin writing about it? Once the book is complete, do you know where you should send it? Romance author Karen White-Owens will discuss the elements of fiction; what specifics are required in a romance novel; what publishers expect from a writer; and how to make your manuscript more appealing to an agent, editor or publishing house. Registration required.

Main Library Auditorium: Saturday, Feb. 13, 4 p.m.

A Valentine's Day Piano Concert with Roy Coloma



Roy Coloma (a member of the Livonia Area Piano Teachers Forum, the Farmington Musicales, Tuesday Musicales and Friends of Four Hands) will perform tender and beautiful melodies by the romantic masters. This program will include the music of composers such as Chopin, Liszt, and Rachmaninoff, as well as modern popular classics like *Deep Purple* by Peter de Rose, *Love Letters* by Victor Young, and *Warsaw Concerto* by Richard Addinsell. In addition, Roy will play romantic piano classics by Filipino composers. Come and celebrate love with some of the most heartfelt piano music ever written! Registration required.

Main Library Auditorium: Sunday, Feb. 14, 2 p.m.

The Roth Conversion Opportunity of 2010

Starting January 1, new tax rules will allow anyone (irrespective of income or tax bracket) to convert an existing Traditional IRA into a Roth IRA. This is extremely important because, with a Roth IRA, future distributions are tax-free. In this presentation we will discuss conversion rules, examples, and factors to consider, plus provide the chance for a personal illustration. Individuals who may benefit from this opportunity should make it an integral component of their tax-planning preparations. This program is presented by the Bocketti, Shelton, Erickson Wealth Management Group, a comprehensive team with UBS Financial Services, Plymouth. Registration required.

Main Library Auditorium: Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m.

Everyone's Reading *Presumed Innocent*



Feb. 15 - April 17

The ninth annual Metro Detroit area reading program will feature Scott Turow, critically-acclaimed, award-winning author of the legal thriller *Presumed Innocent*.

Meet Author Scott Turow:

The Village Theater at Cherry Hill (Canton): Wednesday, April 14, 7 p.m.

The Millennium Centre in Southfield: Thursday, April 15, 7 p.m.

A limited amount of tickets will be available at the Farmington Community Library. Call (248) 553-6880 for more information.



Book Discussions of *Presumed Innocent* will be held on Feb. 4, 11 and March 22. Please refer to the Adult Book Discussions section on page 3 for more information.

For a complete list of programs and author appearances in the area, pick up a bookmark or reader's guide in the Library, or visit the Library's Web site at www.farmlib.org beginning February 15.

What the Heck Does a Medical Examiner Do?

How does a medical examiner determine cause and time of death? Do medical examiners use DNA evidence? What is it like to testify? These and other questions will be answered by Dr. Ljubisa J. Dragovic, Oakland County Medical Examiner. Registration required.

Main Library Auditorium: Wednesday, March 17, 7 p.m.

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Cooking Up the Web

A survey of cooking and food-related Web sites, this class will also focus on retrieving recipes from your favorite magazines by using the Library's subscription databases. Bring a favorite Web site and/or recipe to share. (Participants must have previous Internet experience.) Registration required.

Main Library Computer Lab: Tuesday, March 9, 7 p.m.

In Sunshine or in Shadow

Join The Farmington Musicale for a salute to Irish music! There will be singers, fiddle playing, piano pieces, and—at the end of the program—an audience “sing-along.”

Main Library Auditorium: Sunday, March 21, 2:30 p.m.

Grant Funding Basics - For Nonprofit Organizations 501(c)3

Learn the basics of the grants research process. This class will explore the Foundation Center's print sources, Web site, and *Foundation Directory Online*. Registration required.

Main Library Conference Room A: Wednesday, April 14, 6:30 p.m.



ESL Conversation Group

Join other residents to practice your spoken English in a comfortable, informal setting.

Main Library Conference Room A: Tuesdays, 1:30 p.m.

Farmington Branch Meeting Room: Fridays, 10-11:30 a.m.
(No session April 2)

Michigan Works!--

Resume Writing, Interviewing and Job Search Workshop

Leena Zachariah, from Michigan Works!, will provide valuable tips to help with resume writing, job searching, and interviewing. Registration required.

Main Library Auditorium: Tuesday, April 20, 6:30 p.m.

Earth Day: Global Warming Impact and Clean Energy Solutions

This program will focus on the challenges of steering Michigan away from its reliance on coal, a “dirty” energy source with harmful effects to health and environment. Linda Zlotoff, a volunteer with The Climate Project program led by former Vice President Al Gore, will discuss the impact of Global Warming and how we can all participate in creating a healthy future. Tiffany Hurting, from the Sierra Club, will talk about implementing new alternative energy resources. Registration required.

Main Library Auditorium: Thursday, April 22, 6:30 p.m.

Canoeing and Kayaking through Michigan and Wisconsin



Author Talk/Slide Show

Join us for a photographic journey down selected rivers from Doc Fletcher's two books, *Weekend Canoeing in Michigan and Michigan Rivers Less Paddled*; also including his adventures from his upcoming book. Registration required.

Main Library Auditorium: Mon., Apr. 12, 7 p.m.

Adult Book Discussions



Popular Book Discussion

Jan. 14: *People of the Book* by Geraldine Brooks

Jan. 28: *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson

Feb. 11: *Presumed Innocent* by Scott Turow

Feb. 25: *The Space Between Us* by Thrity Umrigar

March 11: *City of Refuge* by Tom Piazza

March 25: *How Do I Love Thee?* by Nancy Moser

April 8: *Tamar* by Mal Peet

April 22: *Pompeii* by Robert Harris

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Thursdays, 10 a.m.

Costick Book Discussion

Jan. 7: *Out Stealing Horses* by Per Petterson

Feb. 4: *Presumed Innocent* by Scott Turow

March 4: *When the Ground Turns in Its Sleep* by Sylvia Sellers-Garcia

April 1: *How Do I Love Thee?* by Nancy Moser

William Costick Center: Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Great Books Discussion

Jan. 14: *“The Secret Sharer”* by Joseph Conrad

Feb. 11: *The Theory of the Leisure Class (selection)* by Thorstein Veblen

March 11: *“The Stages of Life”* by Carl Jung

April 8: *“Tell Me a Riddle”* by Tillie Olsen

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Thursdays, 1 p.m.

Hooked on Books Evening Book Discussion

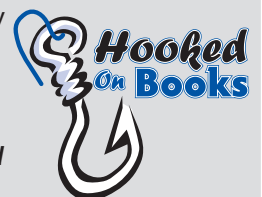
Jan. 25: *Triangle* by Katharine Weber

Feb. 22: *Stealing Buddha's Dinner* by Bich Minh Nguyen

March 22: *Presumed Innocent* by Scott Turow

April 26: *The Madonnas of Leningrad* by Debra Dean

Main Library Conference Room A: Mondays, 7 p.m.



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INTERNET CLASSES

World Wide Web Basics

Learn the basics of searching the Internet, navigating Internet Explorer, and accessing Web sites of interest. (Participants must know how to use a mouse.)

Farmington Branch Computer Lab: 3rd Wednesday of the month:

Jan. 20; Feb. 17; March 17; April 21, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Google

Become familiar with some of the most popular features of Google. (Participants must have previous Internet experience.)

Main Library Computer Lab:

Wednesday, Feb. 24; Monday, April 19, 7 p.m.

Farmington Branch Computer Lab:

Tuesday, Jan. 26; Tuesday, March 23, 9:30-11 a.m.

Twitter and Facebook

Staff member Michael Shereda demonstrates Twitter and Facebook, showing you how easy it is to get started on these two social networking sites.

Main Library Computer Lab: Tuesday, April 13, 7 p.m.

Hands-on Help

Schedule a 30-minute session with a volunteer instructor. This is not a class for beginners, but rather a chance to discuss a particular problem you might be having with word processing, the Internet or setting up an email account.

Main Library: Call to set up an appointment.

Beyond Point and Click

Instructor Mike Lewis conducts a discussion group on advanced computer topics.

Main Library Conference Room B: Wednesdays, 2:30 p.m.

Getting Started on the Internet for Seniors

A program for older adults with little or no experience using computers who would like to use the Internet and explore resources found on the Web.

Costick Center:

Mondays,
1:15-2:00 p.m.



Women's Wellness

Women's Wellness: Discovering Personal Power

The Library again partners with faculty from The Michigan School of Professional Psychology in Farmington Hills to offer this new series of seminars. Registration required.

Women's Empowerment: Discovering the Personal Power of Feminine Energy

Betz King, PsyD

Main Library Auditorium: Thursday, Feb. 25, 7 p.m.

Women's Career Development: If You Don't Know Where You're Going, You'll Probably End Up Somewhere Else

Marjorie Scott, PhD

Main Library Auditorium: Thursday, March 25, 7 p.m.

Mothering the Mother: Coping with Postpartum Blues

Ann Smith, PsyD

Main Library Conference Room A:

Thursday, April 29, 7 p.m.

Healing Depression the Mind-Body Way

Nancy Liebler, PhD

Main Library Auditorium: Thursday, May 27, 7 p.m.

Medical Network One Wellness Series

Come hear the Medical Network One Team of Healthcare Professionals (Registered Dietitians, Exercise Specialists, and Wellness Counselors) talk about various wellness topics. Registration required.



Diabetes Self Management Education

Main Library Conference Room A: Monday, Feb. 8, 1 p.m.

Weight Management Challenges and Wellness Coaching

Main Library Conference Room A: Monday, March 8, 1 p.m.

Smart Snacks and Meal Planning

Main Library Conference Room A: Monday, April 12, 1 p.m.

Youth Sports and Self Esteem

Main Library Conference Room A: Monday, May 10, 1 p.m.

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TEEN WINTER READING PROGRAM



Jan. 4-March 28

All teens in grades 6-12 are invited to participate in our first Winter Reading Program. As in the summer program, teens read or listen to books of their choosing, submit an entry form for each title and win prizes along the way. Check the Teen Web pages (<http://www.farmlib.org/teens/>) in January for more information.

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS



Battle of the Books, organized by the Teen Services Department of the Farmington Community Library and sponsored by the Farmington Friends of the Library, is a program designed to encourage reading and give recognition to readers. Participating teens form teams, read from a selected list of books, and then compete with other teams by answering questions based on the books. The program begins on Friday, January 29, when the books will be available to students at schools and at either Library. Forms and instructions on the event are available at local middle schools and in the teen areas of either branch of the Farmington Community Library. The Semi-Final Round of this competition, held in the Farmington Public Schools, will be **Thursday, March 25**.

TEEN MYSTERY LOCK-IN:



Heavy Metal Kidnapping

Grades 6-12

Who kidnapped two children and demanded millions from their wealthy parents? Join your fellow detectives at the Farmington Branch in solving the mystery, Heavy Metal Kidnapping. You must accomplish nine tasks and carefully investigate six clues in order to rescue the children and capture the kidnapper. Registration required by March 15, 9 p.m. Please arrive at 6:45 p.m. Mystery will start promptly at 7 p.m. Any detective not here by 7 p.m. will be unable to enter the building.
Farmington Branch Auditorium: Fri., March 19, 6:45 p.m.-9 p.m.



TEEN GAMING @ THE MAIN LIBRARY Grades 6-12

Spend an afternoon playing with our Playstation 2 and Wii systems. Choose from Guitar Hero, Rock Band, and others. We will provide snacks and board games to play while you wait your turn, or you can bring your own handheld system to pass the time. Registration is required by Monday, April 5.

Main Library Auditorium: Thursday, April 8, 2-4 p.m.



Terrific Twos

Age 2

Main Library Program Room: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: Jan. 7, 14, 21, 28; Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28

Preschool Story Time

Ages 3-5 years

Main Library Program Room: Fridays, 10:30 a.m.: Jan. 8, 15, 22, 29; Feb. 5, 12, 19, 26; March 5, 12, 19, 26; April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m. & 1:30 p.m.: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27

Baby Time

Ages Birth-16 mos.

Main Library Program Room: Tuesdays, 7 p.m.: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.: Jan. 7, 21; Feb. 4, 18; March 4, 18; April 1, 15

Little Me

Ages 16 mos.- 2 years

Main Library Program Room: Wednesdays, 10:30 a.m.: Jan. 6, 13, 20, 27; Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14, 21, 28

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Mondays, 10:30 a.m.: Jan. 4, 11, 18, 25; Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; April 5, 12, 19, 26

Children's Services

Play Dates

Infants-5 years

Meet your friends and make new friends as you and your child use a variety of toys and learning materials.

Main Library Children's Program Room: Tuesdays, 10:30 a.m.: Jan. 5, 12, 19, 26; Feb. 2, 9, 16, 23; March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30; April 6, 13, 20, 27

Family Story Time

Ages 2 and up

Join us for songs, rhymes, stories, activities and a simple craft.

Main Library Children's Program Room: Saturdays, 10:30 a.m.

Jan. 9: *Snowy Days*

Feb. 13: *Hearts and Tigers*

March 13: *Wee Folk: Fairies, Leprechauns, and more*

April 10: *Teddy Bear's Picnic*

Children's Services

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Beat the Winter Blues

Weary of winter weather? Got cabin fever? Bring your family and your beach blanket to our July in January story time.

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Wednesday, Jan. 20, 7 p.m.

Music and Movement

For Walking One and Two-Year-Olds



Walking one and two-year-olds, with an adult, are invited to move to new and familiar songs and rhymes that build vocabulary, self-awareness, coordination, and self-confidence. Experienced Physical and Occupational Therapists from Oakland County Early On lead the fun, and are available to answer questions about your child's development.

Main Library Auditorium:

Saturdays, Jan. 30; Feb. 27; March 27; April 17, 10 a.m.

Tammy Stone – Music from the Heart



Tammy brings her guitar, instruments to share, and a repertoire of early childhood favorites for singing and dancing fun for the whole family. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Auditorium: Saturday, Jan. 16, 10:30 a.m.

Tall Tales for Bear Cub Scouts

Bear Cubs are invited to work on requirements for the Tall Tale achievement with activities and readings from Mary Pope Osborne's *American Tall Tales*, one of our Picturing America Bookshelf books. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Auditorium:

Thursday, Jan. 21, 7 p.m., Saturday, Jan. 23, 2 p.m.

Preschool Night

Parents can meet representatives from area preschools.

Main Library Auditorium: Wednesday, Feb. 3, 7 p.m.

Hill and Dale Garden Club

Ages 5 and up

Make a wonderful nature craft with the help of the Hill and Dale gardeners. Registration required; (248) 553-0300 ext. 220

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Saturdays, Feb. 13; April 17, 10 a.m.

Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

Come celebrate the famous author's birthday with a special reading by Jeff Pavlic, fun activities and--of course--birthday cake.

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Tuesday, March 2, 7 p.m.

Puppet Stories with Joyce Davis



Ms. Davis and her puppet friends present lively, interactive stories suitable for ages three and up. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Auditorium: Saturday, March 6, 10:30 a.m.

WINTER BREAK FUN

String Petting Zoo



Members of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra will demonstrate string instruments and give children the opportunity to "pet" and play the instruments for an afternoon of musical fun. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Children's Program Room:

Thursday, Feb. 18, 2 p.m.

Candyrrific

Celebrate 60 years of the board game Candyland by making a candy necklace, playing a round of Candyland and afterwards watching the original *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory*. This program is designed for elementary-age children.

Farmington Branch Auditorium:

Friday, Feb. 19, Activities, 1 p.m.; Movie, 2 p.m.

Animal Adaptations



Ages 5 and up

The Organization for Bat Conservation will bring bats and other animals to the Library to demonstrate and discuss the different ways in which animals adapt to weather and other environmental conditions. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Auditorium: Saturday, Feb. 20, 2 p.m.

After School Art

Third graders and up

Join us for after-school fun and creativity with a variety of craft projects ranging from pinwheels to marshmallow towers. Supplies are available on a first come, first served basis.

Main Library Children's Program Room: Thursdays, Jan. 14, 28; Feb. 11, 25; March 11, 25; April 8, 22, 4:30 p.m.

PAWS for reading Read to a Dog!



Read to a Certified Therapy Dog at the Main Library! Shadow listens to stories on Monday evenings with the Adler family; Zeus listens on Thursday evenings with Keith and Anita Fishman, and Hero listens on Saturday mornings with Rhonda Levy-Larson. To schedule a twenty-minute appointment, stop by the Children's Department or call (248) 848-4315.

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Homework? Help!

Want to do homework faster and better? Did you know that we have books on nearly every animal, and every country in the world? The children's non-fiction collection also includes thousands of biographies and hundreds of history books for a wide range of learners. We have encyclopedias, too, that you can use in the Library, check out to take home, or access through our Web site. We'll showcase these and other resources for Library Patrons ages ten and up. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Children's Program Room:

Monday, Jan. 11, 9:30 a.m.; Tuesday, Jan. 12, 7 p.m.

Musical Story Time

This fun-filled, 45-minute musical story time will have the whole family tapping their toes and playing musical instruments.

Farmington Branch Meeting Room:

Thursdays, Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25, 7 p.m.

Family Concert

Music with Joy

Local singer Joy Simpson will help you forget about winter with entertaining early childhood songs and dances. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Auditorium:

Saturday, Feb. 6, 10:30 a.m.



Children's Picnic Theater

Ages 3 and up

Wild Swan Theater presents *Frog and Toad*

Bring your picnic dinner and a blanket and

join us for dinner; we will provide dessert.

Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Auditorium:

Thursday, March 18, Dinner at 6:30 p.m.;

Performance at 7 p.m.



Books and Bites Book Discussion

Fourth and Fifth Graders

Sign up for the program, come to the Library to pick up a copy

of *The School Story* by Andrew Clements, and read the book to

participate in a lively discussion. We'll provide light refreshments

and an activity. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Children's Program Room: Saturday, March 20, 2 p.m.

Spring Author Visit

Third graders and up

Meet this year's Book Parade author and learn about the life of a

writer and the craft of writing. We'll announce the author's name

in January when Book Parade titles are released. Books will be

available for sale and signing.

March Is Reading Month - Literacy Fair

To learn about simple and fun hands-on activities and materials to

help you work with your little ones on pre-reading skills, stop by

during the open-ended activity times.

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Thursday, March 25,

6:30 - 8:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 27, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Family Movie Night Featuring *Charlotte's Web*

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Wednesday, April 7, 6:30 p.m.



Joel Tacy's

Reading Rocks! Show

In honor of National Library Week, magician Joel Tacy presents an entertaining show for children, young adults and adults.

Main Library Auditorium: Saturday, April 10, 2 p.m.

National Library Week Family Story Time

Celebrate National Library Week with an evening story time the whole family can enjoy.

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Monday, April 12, 7 p.m.

Earth Tales

Second graders and up

Celebrate Earth Day by reading Earth Tales and creating Earth-related crafts.

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Thursday, April 22, 7 p.m.

SPRING BREAK FUN

Art in the Afternoon

Elementary-age children can join us for a fun-filled afternoon of arts and crafts.

Farmington Branch Auditorium: Monday, April 5, 2 p.m.

Go Fly a Kite!

Decorate a simple paper bag kite and enjoy other springtime crafts.

Main Library Children's Program Room: Tuesday, April 6, 2 p.m.

Legoriffic Ages 6 and up

Builders, use our collection of small Legos® and your imagination to construct creations we'll display in the Children's Department. Registration required; (248) 848-4315.

Main Library Auditorium: Wednesday, April 7, 2 p.m.



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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

Jan. 1: New Year's
April 4: Easter

You Can't Google This

Learn a New Language Online



Byki (short for Before You Know It) is a powerful online language learning system now available at the Farmington Community Library. The Byki method takes users through a series of simple steps to memorize words and phrases, learn their meanings and master their pronunciations in the shortest possible time. More than 80 languages are offered in this database, accessible at <http://www.farmlib.org/databases/byki.html>.

Web 2.0 Tools on our site!

"Web 2.0" is a popular term that refers to tools for user participation, collaboration and non-traditional involvement on a Web site. Farmington Community Library has made a number of these tools available for our users. They are summarized at <http://www.farmlib.org/web2.0/index.html>.

Outreach Services to Seniors

Be a Book Buddy! With winter weather upon us, please consider visiting an elderly person to deliver books and chat. Many people have benefited from this program since it began. If you know someone who can use this service, or would like to volunteer your time, please call Outreach Services Librarian Julie Solomon at (248) 848-4311.

Quilting Bee

New and experienced quilters, bring your projects to hand sew, show and discuss. You'll find a lively exchange of ideas and information about upcoming quilting events, classes, sales and fabric shops, thanks to volunteer host quilters Ruth Ann Carter, Sue Horner and Laura Meyer.

Main Library Auditorium:

Mondays, Jan.4; March 1; April 5, 7 p.m.
(Feb. 1 held in Children's Program Room)

Kill-A-Watt Devices



Available for Checkout

Not only can you find books about energy conservation at the Library but you can also check out a Kill-A-Watt...to calculate your own consumption. Ask for a Kill-A-Watt meter at the Circulation Desk and check it out for a week! Details are available on our Web site at <http://www.farmlib.org/green/>.

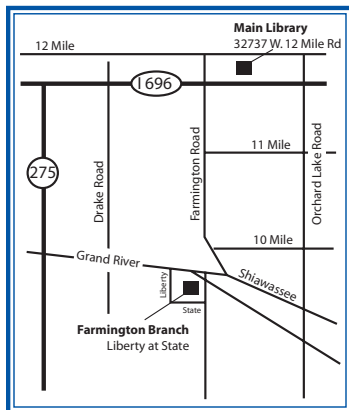
Kindness Offered to a Child

A Library patron shared this heartwarming story.

A woman in her mid-thirties and a young girl are working next to each other on computers. They are of different races. The woman sets aside her own work to help the child next to her. She shows the child how to use Microsoft Word to type her paper, and she writes down instructions for future use. The child begins typing.

At the end of an hour, the child is dumbfounded when her computer turns off, and all her work is lost. The woman apologizes. She buys a disk at the desk for the child and shows her how to save her work. She tells her to always ask for help "because the people working at the Library are kind." Finally, she asks the librarian to watch out for the child since she has to leave. Later, this woman is identified as faculty at the WSU Medical School.

Isn't it nice to know that there are very kind people, such as this patient woman, willing to use her time to help a child? And that no racial barriers existed here? We are privileged to work as part of a community that has respect for one another, and a shared commitment to literacy and learning. To learn more about our involvement in community initiatives, i.e., the Multicultural Multiracial Council, Pledge for Success, e-mail Tina.Theeke@farmlib.org or call (248)848-4301.



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