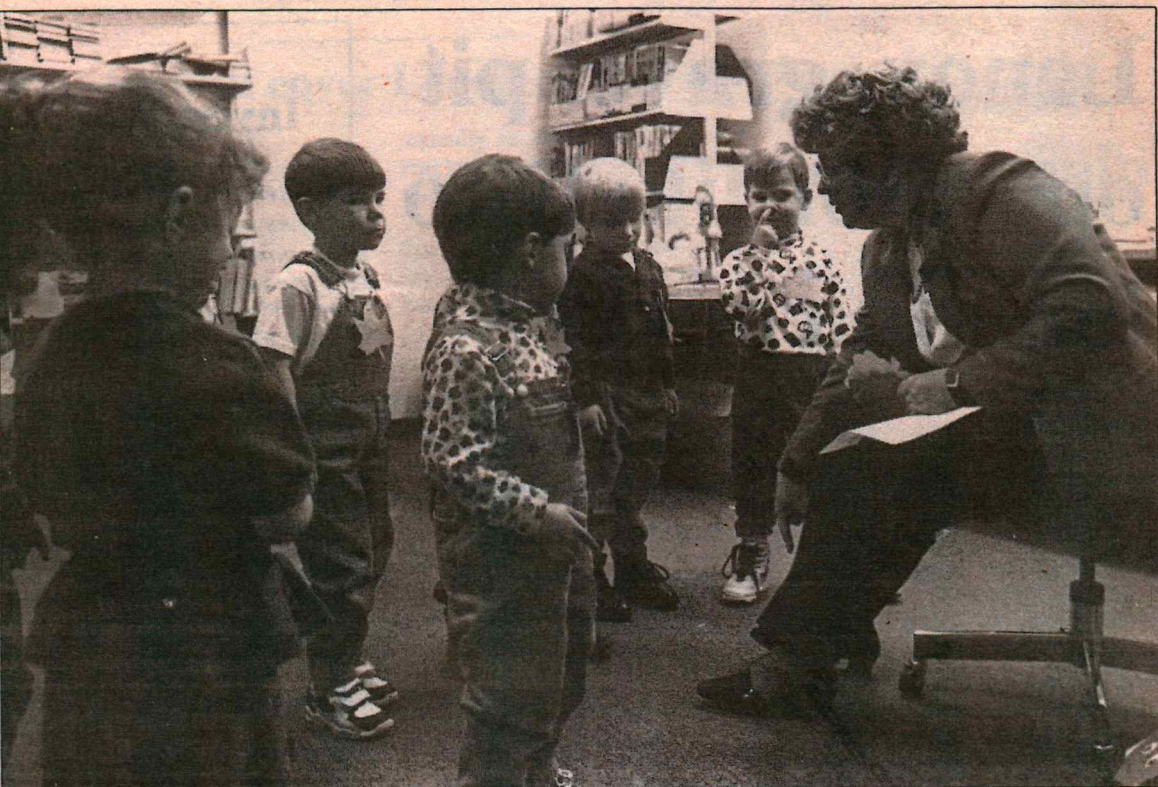




Librarian Mary Jo Stine led children during story hour last week at Chesterfield Township Library.

Charlie Costea, five, of New Baltimore, browses the shelves at Chesterfield Township Library with his mother, Terri Costea.

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"We have to remain on a main thoroughfare for people to find us," said Stine, adding that the library can move into its own place once it gets better established and "the location doesn't remain so paramount."

Although she lives in New Baltimore, Terri Costea uses both of the local libraries. Among other advantages, she said, Chesterfield has a good selection of books for her children, Charlie, five, and Christina, three.

"I'm looking forward to it expanding," she said. "It's going to be great — a lot of space, fresh paint, probably look more like a library should look. I think it's actually an ideal spot. But at this point in time, it doesn't look like a library should look."

Having grown by an additional 900 patrons in the last ten months and planning to buy 4,000 more books this year, the library has no choice but to search for more room. The new location gives the board an option of expanding by another 2,000 square feet, if necessary.

Being self-supportive will allow the library to buy new computers that will tie Chesterfield into the Library Cooperative of Macomb, an on-line service that can locate any book at most county libraries. Additional staff and expanded hours (from 44 to 52 a week) are also likely under the expansion, Stine said.

Changes are also in store among the library's officers. Stine is stepping into a lesser role as a co-librarian along with employee Lanette Strickland. Last week, the library board was scheduled to name a full-time director, a position that will require roughly 22 hours a week and pay \$34,000 to \$37,000 annually.

In November of 1996, voters will elect six library board members to four-year terms.

Changes in store at C'fld Library

With tax collection coming, relocation is just part of the plan

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Finding the new Chesterfield Township Library won't be difficult, but patrons will barely recognize it when they do.

From Nov. 27 to Dec. 7, the library will be closed while it moves two doors down from its storefront location in the Bayside Mall on 23 Mile Road. The new site is a former pet supply store that will more than double the library's space, from 2,000 to 5,000 square feet.

The transition comes in anticipation of the December tax collections, when the newly-independent library

will start taking in the \$430,000 expected to be generated each year from a .7-mill library tax approved by voters in December of 1994.

The millage severed the ties between the township and the library, which now has its own interim board of directors to oversee operations and spending.

To pay for the first year of the three-year lease on the new site, the board will use funding from the township. Last January, the library was given its budgeted allocation of \$55,000; this summer, the township approved a \$95,000 loan needed to keep the library on its feet.

As such, the library wasn't exactly

able to shoot the moon in finding new digs.

"This was the only location we could find with the square footage that we could afford," said Librarian Mary Jo Stine, who noted that the library board explored setting up shop in the 23 Mile and Gratiot corridor but discovered the rent "totally out of the question."

For years, Chesterfield has wanted to relocate into a free-standing building much like MacDonald Public Library in New Baltimore, but Stine said that the mall location is still sufficient.

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