



Gail Hardenbergh

■ BIO

Gail, 47, is the new director of the Chesterfield Library. She succeeds Mary Jo Stine who is now working part time. Gail, a Ferndale resident, received her master's degree in library science from Wayne State

University, and has an undergraduate degree in education. She has two children, daughter Diana Gill and son David.

■ HOBBIES

"Reading, crocheting, walking, spending time on-line. I E-mail a lot. I like keeping in touch with friends all over the world."

■ ON LANDING HER NEW POSITION

"Mary Jo has been a big help. Other than the plumbing problems, it's been fine. Filling Mary Jo's shoes is going to be tough, you know, going from and Indian to a chief — that's one of the tougher parts."

■ FAVORITE FILM

"I like mysteries, suspense and comedy." Last weekend she rented "The Santa Clause" and "Dolores Claiborne."

■ TRAVELING

"I haven't had much time with two children in college but I hope to very soon once I have some discretionary income. I have been to Europe twice."

■ MUSICAL INTERESTS

"Oldies mostly. I enjoy going to the Montreaux Jazz Festival."

■ IF YOUR HOUSE WAS BURNING DOWN, WHAT WOULD YOU GRAB?

"Photographs and my glasses because I'm blind, blind, blind."

■ WHO WOULD YOU WANT TO MEET FROM HISTORY?

"Melvil Dewey of the Dewey Decimal System. I've read that he was a very interesting person. He wanted to simplify spelling and wanted to spell his name Melvil Dui. I would probably enjoy talking to him."

■ WORST JOB I'VE EVER HAD...

"Certain subbing jobs (when she was a substitute teacher). I'm really glad I don't have to sub anymore. You didn't know what you were getting into. This one teacher told me that if I get called to sub for his class, 'don't take it,' but I took it and he was right. He used to keep a bat in his room and he'd bang it on the desk because the kids just did whatever they wanted."

■ IN HIGH SCHOOL, PEOPLE THOUGHT I WAS...

"Very shy and reserved. I didn't talk too much or participate."

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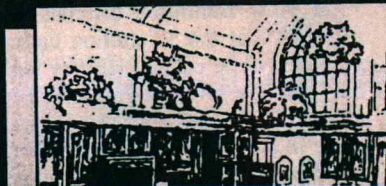
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