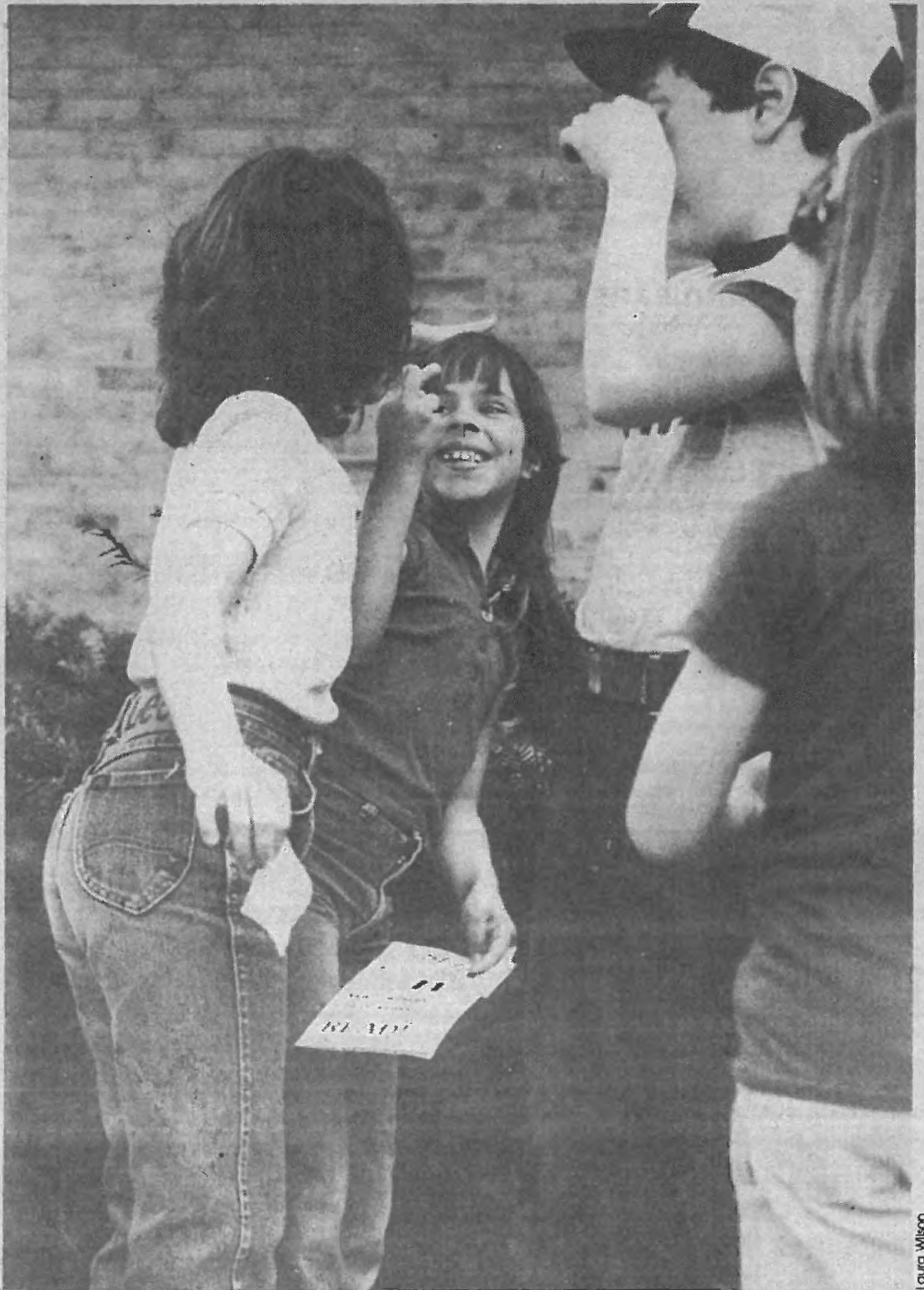


Summertime fun at the H



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Summer reading games are a favorite with local kids.

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Are you sick of the kiddie pool? Are you tired of stepping

on defunct Cheerios? Are you and your toddler a trifle bored with Mr. Rogers?

There is a solution to these woes - for at least a few moments in a summer's day -

radiation emitted from the plants.

the Hart Library

at the Hart Library in Shrub Oak. As in past summers, the Friends of the Library and the energetic staff are hosting a number of programs, offering activities for young and old during the daytime and evening hours.

For those of us who think that the library is little more than a source of summer paperback reading, we're in for a shock. The Hart Library offers everything from movies for kids to bridge for seniors. It is truly a community center.

With the children out of school and the youngest ones edgy from the heat and lack of routine activities, the library's children's programs are a must. Florence Stevens, coordinator of these programs, is offering a variety of activities:

For school age children from 7-12 years old there are movies on Thursday afternoons at 2 p.m. Space is limited so it is first come, first served. No adults. Shrub Oak library only.

"Through the Wardrobe to Fantasy Land" is the name of this summer's reading game open to all young people who can read. Enter through the "Wardrobe," follow the "Yellow Brick Road," conquer the castle at "Prydain!" For details contact either the Shrub Oak or the Yorktown Heights branch.

"Toddler Time" is a 15 minute weekly program for 2-3½ year olds with parents. It is held at Shrub Oak on Wednesday mornings and at Yorktown Heights on Thursdays at 10:15. "Tales for Tots," a 30 minute program for 3½-5 year olds, will be held at both Shrub Oak and Yorktown Heights on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m.

For 5-6-7 year olds there are 30 minute filmstrip features on Mondays at 1:30 at Shrub Oak and Creative Dramatics on Fridays at 1:30 p.m. Class size limited. Two classes are available at Shrub Oak only.

Shrub Oak also is hosting a "Collectors are Cool Cats" series for all ages. Comic book collectors are invited to come Tuesday, August 17 at 1:30 p.m.

"Parents as Reading Partners," a program designed to encourage families to read together continues at both branches this summer.

For young people, Harriet Gross, the Director for Adult and Young Adult Services, maintains a cluster of activities.

The Poetry Group which began last summer under the direction of Anne Marie Houcen, continued through the school year, and will also be held this summer. It meets on Tuesday nights at 7:30 p.m.

On the 2nd Monday of each month, the Computer Club meets to "share programs and exchange ideas." It is open to people ages 19 and up. This club is a great resource for prospective buyers who can get tips from the members. The Hart Library itself is planning a campaign for the purchase of a personal computer. It would be partly in-house and partly for the public. If there is an area resident who is seeking to update their own system, the Friends of the Library may want to talk business with you! So far \$800 has been donated toward the purchase of the library's computer.

Ms. Gross also supervises Homerun, a support group for home-based business women. Scheduled meetings are July 19, August 16, and September 20; that's every third Monday of the month, from 10 a.m. to 12 noon. This is an organization designed to meet the needs of women who operate or plan to operate business from home.

Bridge for Seniors continues on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 12 noon, and the Stamp Club, described as a club for "serious enthusiasts," continues on the first and third Mondays of each month at 7:30 p.m. In addition, the Parents' Connection maintains its schedule through the summer, meeting on Tuesday mornings at 10 a.m.

Finally, library director Betty "Cobb" Stewart is planning the annual library book sale for the weekend of August 28. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the sale will raise needed revenue for the

library. Volunteer salespersons are needed, as well as books. People with books to donate should drop them off during the previous week, August 23. The sale will be on the library grounds.

The library seems to have something for everyone, from movies like *The Black Hole* to comic book collections.

If you can't find what you want, be it club or book, ask a librarian. At the Hart Library, the sign reads "Some talking, please."

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