

# Library to celebrate expansion

By Jimmy Smith

The Board of Trustees of Peach Public Libraries hopes everyone will attend the celebration of the expanded Thomas Public Library on the weekend of January 4, 5 and 6, 1985. Celebrations begin Friday evening and end with the formal dedication Sunday afternoon at 3:00 p.m.

Friday evening at 8:00 p.m. a reception will be held for Dr. & Mrs. Luther Burse, recently inaugurated president of Fort Valley State College. Friday evening has been designated "President's Night" to honor the man and the college, since the library could not participate in the inaugural festivities this summer due to construction.

At 8:15 p.m. Friday Mr. Eugene Flemm, Head of the Music Department, Middle Georgia College, will present a piano concert.

Eugene W. Flemm, pianist, conductor, brass musician, and educator-administrator, received his formal musical training at the College-Conservatory of Music of the University of Cincinnati, the Cleveland Institute of Music, and the Aspen School of Music. He is presently completing a doctorate of musical arts degree at Cincinnati, where he was elected to faculty membership in Pi Kappa Lambda. Mr. Flemm has appeared as pianist and conductor throughout the South, Mid-West, and Aspen, Colorado.

Prior to becoming head of the Music Department and associate professor of music at Middle Georgia College, Mr. Flemm was associated with South Georgia College, the Cleveland Institute of Music, St. Petersburg Junior College, and public

school music in Florida and Ohio. While in Cincinnati he held a graduate fellowship in piano at the College-Conservatory and was music director-conductor of the Cincinnati Civic Orchestra, the city's oldest all-volunteer musical organization. Mr. Flemm has been active as a church musician, choral conductor and in community music activities.

Mr. Flemm will be remembered in Fort Valley as a performer during the Chamber of Commerce/FVSC Lyceum Fine Arts Series several years ago.

"Children's Celebrations" will be held on Saturday. Mrs. Martha Donaldson, well-known storyteller from Waycross, and Mrs. Naomi Simmons, Children's Librarian, have planned several activities for young people:

11:00 Storytime, Grades 4-6 (Mrs. Donaldson)

1:00 Storytime, K-3 (Mrs. Donaldson)

1:00 Storytime, Preschool (Mrs. Simmons)

2:00 Puppet Shows

2:30 Storytime, Grades 4-6 (Mrs. Donaldson)

3:30 Movie: Jules Verne's "Mysterious Island" (102 minutes)

Mrs. Donaldson will conduct a one-hour Storyteller's workshop for parents and teachers at 9:30 Saturday morning. Mrs. Donaldson's workshops, conducted throughout the Southeast, usually last several hours, but she has agreed to work this

one-hour abbreviated version into her visit here. This will be a valuable opportunity for teachers in various capacities and will be helpful to parents of young children.

Sunday at 3:00 p.m. the formal dedication will be held with Dr. Charles McDaniel, Superintendent, Georgia Department of Education, principal speaker. It is most fitting that Dr. McDaniel dedicate the building, and we are honored that he will be here. Without his support the expansion probably would not have been funded, and certainly fewer state funds would be available for this library's continuing operations. Few people realize that nearly half of this library's funds is provided by the State Department of Education.

A fine-free week will help celebrate the opening. Return your library books Friday - Thursday, January 4-10, 1985 and pay no overdue fines regardless of how long you have had the books. Most people just forget to return overdue books, but some have ignored reminders because the fines have accumulated so long. Next year we will be forced to take legal action to retrieve these books purchased with public funds, unless they are returned during fine-free week. So beat the rap, save money and return your overdue books during the week of January 4-10, 1985.

So everyone come help us celebrate!

It's your library, you paid for it through taxes or donations, so come on down. It is not yet complete (furniture is late, naturally) but we want to show you what we have to date.



Eugene Flemm