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## ANNOUNCING MRA'S TEACHER OF THE ISSUE

**Marian Osborn**

**Davison Community Schools**

*A Man for All Seasons*, a hit movie in recent years, depicts the life of a truly great person who was an inspiration to all who touched his life in any way.

This title can well be applied to a very special woman who in every sense of the word is "A Woman for All Seasons." She is Mrs. Marian Osborn, a dedicated teacher in the Davison Community Schools. For nineteen years, Marian has shown unlimited love and devotion in her work as a classroom teacher, special reading teacher, and reading consultant.

Among other accomplishments Marian was instrumental in setting up a reading laboratory for junior high school students with reading problems. Through her initiative in her current position as Reading Consultant, parents have been encouraged to fulfill their role as educators by carrying on the learning process during the summer months, using helpful materials supplied by Marian and checked by

volunteer teachers. Those who have profited most by Marian's expertise, however, are the Title One reading teachers serving the six elementary schools in Davison. Whether it be a needed book, a workbook, a tape, an organizational task, or a problem, each reading teacher knows that dialing Extension 154 will bring a prompt and cheerful response. Marian was the key person in the revision of the criterion referenced tests used in the Davison system. Her most recent adventure is the organization of the Resource Room, a center for the distribution of unique materials especially designed for the gifted students of the Davison Schools.

Marian is past-president of the Flint Area Reading Association and is presently an active member. She is also a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

With a spring in her feet and a smile on her face, she finds time to meet the varied and seemingly limitless demands of her position.



Introducing . . .

## WENDY BARBER

The Michigan Reading Journal's

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### Student Illustrator

Wendy Barber, whose delightful cover illustration is the first of three she will do for the *Journal*, is a senior at St. Martin-DePorres High School in Detroit, where she has maintained a 3.8 grade-point average, is a member of the National Honor Society, and has received honors awards in English, American history, Spanish, biology, art, and chemistry. She is the

recipient, too, of an award for academic achievement from the University of Michigan.

Wendy has studied art at the Detroit Institute of Art for a year and at Wayne State University's Saturday art program for four years, where she has received two certificates of achievement.

An only child, Wendy likes drawing, reading, writing, making

dolls, and "going to the movies." She plans to attend college in the fall, and has already been accepted at the University of Minnesota, Wayne State University, and Eastern Michigan University.