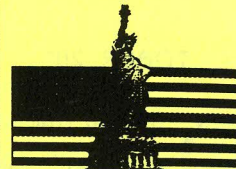


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A Time of Change

The recent tragic events that took place in New York City; Arlington, Virginia and a field in Pennsylvania has brought a heightened awareness to so many of us as individuals, family members, community residents and citizens of America. We've learned how quickly events can change our lives

During the first few days of the national crisis, library staff placed a television in the library's main room for patrons and staff to keep up with unfolding events. It was comforting not to be alone at that time and to be able to share our feelings of shock and sorrow with patrons who also felt a need to express their feelings over the senseless acts that took so many lives.

In the following days, mainstream Lowell like towns and cities all across the nation, proudly displayed the American flag from telephone poles, store fronts, private homes, and public buildings.

Now the challenge for all of us will be to put normalcy back into our lives where normalcy is somewhat different than it was before September 11.

Library staff will do their best to help patrons who seek information related to the changes that are taking place across our nation and throughout the world. Through the library's book collection, current newspaper and magazine collection, and the many public internet access stations throughout the library, we hope to keep up with the needs of library users.

One thing that won't change is our appreciation of our library patrons who greet us each day with warm, friendly smiles and convey the kind of spirit that gets all of us through trying times.



Nature Gift for Library Trail

The library's five acre wooded site has been a hubbub of activity all summer long as volunteers busily prepared the library grounds for the Grand Opening of the Lowell Public Library Arbors Nature Trail taking place on September 29.

To add to the celebration of the Grand Opening comes word from the NiSource Environmental Challenge Fund that the library has been chosen as one of the recipients of an environmental grant. The grant is for the continuing development of the Nature Trail, the only trail located on a library site in Lake County.

The grant provides \$2,500 for projects the library plans to complete in three years. The Friends of the Library stepped up to the plate to provide additional funds of \$1,500 to fulfill one of the requirements of the grant.

Project goals for the Nature Trail, to be completed in three years, include placing permanent plaques on trees and shrubs to identify them and, where applicable, recognizing the name of any individual who has donated funds to the library to provide a tree in his/her name or as a memorial in the name of a loved one or friend.

Through the NiSource Grant and the gift from the Friends, the library also plans to plant several species of trees native to Indiana as space allows. In addition new wildflower species will be added to the library's growing number of wildflowers that have been planted on the site over the years. Other goals include beginning a Junior Master Garden Program and providing printed educational brochures for the public and area schools, informing them of

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the trail's benefit to the environment and to encourage their use of the trail for educational and recreational purposes.

The library will also use a small portion of the grant to purchase tools to maintain the trail.

One of the purposes of the trail is to provide an outdoor environmental classroom. Recently students from Lowell Senior High School, along with their teacher Mrs. Robbie, visited the trail on a mission. They wanted to learn about butterflies and acorns.

And Brownie Troop 277 members took to the trail with their leader Joyce Rasmussen to work on their Eco-Explorer Try It Badges. The eight Brownies, all students at St. Edwards School, searched for living and non-living things on their trek and created a construction paper "Habitat" for an animal of their choice. They also played a word unscramble game. The Brownies were assisted by two older girls from Junior Troop 507.

A few months from now the the leaves will have fallen from the library trees; the trail will wear a blanket of snow; and the wildflowers, having spread their seeds in the wind, will go dormant until the next spring.

There will be no slowdown of work however. During the long winter season Library Director Francine Shreffler and Lynda Boyd Barton, coordinator of the library's Nature Trail Project, will work with Stan Sims of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service to plan the next phase of the project.

Join in helping to develop the Library Nature Trail while protecting its inhabitants. On display at the circulation desk you will find the Lowell Public Library Nature Trail T-shirts available for purchase for \$12 in sizes L & XL.

Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the library for the trail.

Short Notes:

Entertainment Books

Pick up Entertainment Book 2002 at the circulation desk. The fundraiser, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, is chock full of discount coupons for fine dining, casual dining, informal dining and carryout, attractions, merchandise and local services.

You will find national values in retail, travel, cruises, car rentals, and more. The books are priced at \$30.

Children's Gymnastics

Routines on the bars, balance beam, vault, and pommel horse are taught at the library each Friday afternoon. Join Tumble Bears and learn tumbling, hand-eye activities, stunts, calisthenics and stretching exercises. Call 865-9698 for information or to register your child.

Free Childhood Immunizations

The Lake County Health Dept. will offer free childhood immunizations at the library on Thursday, October 18, from 9 AM to 3 PM on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your child's immunization record.

Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, October 15, at 7 PM.

Friends to Meet

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, October 17, at 7 PM. New Friends are always welcome. Call Nell at the library for information.



Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Garden Angel or Halloween Basket - Shelby

Thursday, October 4, at 9 AM

The choice is yours! Pick one of two selections of baskets to make with Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger. Fee is \$12.

Houseplant Exchange - Lowell

Tuesday, October 9, at 6 PM

Have fun increasing your fall inventory. Please bring only plants that are potted.

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, October 11 & 25 at 7 PM

Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum, sponsored by the library, and share your writings with other members.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, October 11

9:30 - 10:30 AM

Lowell - Tuesday, October 16

1 PM - 4 PM

Cross Stitch Market Basket - Lowell

Tuesday, October 16, at 8:30 AM

Thursday, October 18, at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, October 24, at 6:30 PM

Call for fee information.

Crocheting - Lowell

Monday, October 17, at 7 PM

Join and learn techniques of crocheting.

Bring your ongoing projects.

Summer Island Book Discussion - Lowell

Thursday, October 18 at 7 PM or

Friday, October 19, at 10 AM

Enjoy a lively discussion of *Summer Island*, a poignant and humorous novel of a mother/daughter relationship by Kristin Hannah, best selling author of *Mystic Lake*.

Monet's Garden - Lowell

Monday, October 22, promptly at 7 PM

The great impressionist painter, Claude Monet, once said "Things I do well, paint and garden." At his home in Giverny, France Monet created spectacular gardens that have been visited by thousands of people throughout the years. Monet's gardens will be discussed by Master Gardener Phyllis Nelson. To create his gardens you will learn what he used and how he used it. You'll take home ideas of how you can create a garden bed like Monet.

Revocable Living Trusts - Lowell

Tuesday, October 23, at 2 PM

Learn about living trusts, under the new tax laws at this free seminar. Topics include: wills, living wills, federal estate and state inheritance tax, how to avoid probate costs, choosing your health care representatives, answers to Medicare, Medicaid, Power of Attorney, etc.

"Stash Sensations" Quilting - Lowell

Thursday, October 25, at 7 PM

Carole Sutton has lectured across the country, presenting a variety of quilting programs including the history of quilting, techniques, selection of material, Amish quilts, etc. After years of collecting fabrics for different quilting projects Carole decided to challenge herself by using her collection of "Stash Sensations" to create "Quilts that Sing." Carole will bring several samples of her work to the program and show how you can create your own "Sensations."

Videos for Your Pleasure

Try these new video arrivals:

Spy Kids

Finding Forrester

The Runaway

See Spot Run

The Contender

The 6th Day

All the Pretty Horses

Cliffhanger

Pitch Black

PT 109

Little Nicky

Wonder Boys



Halloween Craft Corner

Things that fly in the night set the theme for Craft Corner in October. Pre-schoolers make a handprint hanging bats. School age children will make a flying witch magnet.

Craft Corner hours are:

Schneider - Thursday, October 11
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM

Lowell Wednesday,, October 17
Both crafts - 3:30 PM

Shelby - Thursday, October 18
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM

To pre-register for programs call: Lowell 696-7704 Shelby 552-0809 Schneider 552-1000



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Follow the Fairy Tale Trail

In celebration of Teen Read Week, young adults from the YALAB (Young Adult Library Advisory Board) will read fairy tales to younger children at the library on October 13.

From 10 AM to 12 Noon children will listen to charming fairy tales told by the YA readers who will be scattered throughout the library reading a different fairy story at each location.

Children of all ages are invited to come. A display of fairy tales will be on display in the Children's Room and available for checkout.

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