

# LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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## PRELIMINARY DRAFT PRESENTED

On Wednesday, August 30, the library's building consultant, David Smith, presented a preliminary draft of the library space needs and alternatives.

Smith recommended that a library built to serve the people of the community through the year 2010 should contain between 18,000 and 20,000 square feet, (The present building is 9,700 sq. ft.) and provide for expansion in the future.

Smith emphasized that a public library should be located in a highly visible area to maximize usage.

He also presented projected space needs for individual areas in a new or enlarged library. The board has taken the report under advisement while they study Smith's recommendation.



## Tutor Workshop

All during September, Indiana Literacy Month, the Lowell Public Library asked local merchants, organizations, schools and newspapers to help us advertise for literacy tutors.

Because of their help, over 40 people have registered for the "Tutor Training Workshop" to be held at the First United Methodist Church on October 18 and 19, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

The Lowell Public Library wishes to thank the community for their support. "People Helping People are Making a Difference."



## Out With the Old

Books in piles, on carts, in boxes, stuffed in closets, under tables, stacked higher and higher in the community room - we're updating!

Off the shelves come the old, infrequently used fiction and non-fiction books, destined for a new home, after the Friends of the Library have their booksale in November.

Representing only about 4% of the library's collection, the books that are removed will provide staff with a little more breathing room on the shelves for new books.

Don't forget, November 2, 3, and 4, are sale days at the library!





## GET A HEAD START AT THE LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

At what age should a child learn to read? The Lowell Public Library encourages parents to expose children as young as beginning toddlers to the world of books.

According to some experts, children can read words when they are one year old, sentences at two. Their curiosity and desire to investigate opens the door to early learning. Watching their siblings and parents reading books, the toddler often tries to imitate what he sees.

Picture books, that have one or a few words on each page, are just right for these inquisitive babies to start on the path to becoming an early reader.

Without pressuring a child to perform, parents who take time to sit with their toddlers and read a "beginner book" find that children will learn to love reading.

Library staff often see very young children clutching an open book, pointing excitedly to a picture that is familiar to them, such as a puppy, or kitten, a ball or toy car. Choosing a book, bringing it to the desk to check out, and then taking this treasure home with them becomes an adventure.

"Toddler Story Time" is offered by many libraries during the year as a way to introduce young minds to the pleasure and knowledge books can give.

September is Indiana Literacy Month. Help your child get a head start at the library.



### DRUG AWARENESS INFORMATION

As, across the nation, federal, state and local governments are increasing their fight against drug abuse through law enforcement, rehabilitation and education, the Lowell Public Library and its branches are continuing to add materials to its collection focusing on this subject.

Books, pamphlets and magazines to inform the public on the types and effects of drugs, therapy and rehabilitation, penalties for illegal use and sales, and personal stories of abusers are available at the Lowell Public Library and its branches.

Some of these materials will be on display in the library's main room during the month of October.

## SALE



### GIGANTIC BOOKSALE

Attention: Book Lovers! Now is the time to clean those closets, shelves and attics of all those books you have finished reading. Donate them to the Friends of the Library's annual book sale November 2, 3, and 4. Drop them by anytime during library hours. Your donation will help the Friends purchase needed materials for your library.

Volunteers needed! Can you spare a few hours to help set up our booksale Wednesday, November 1 at 7:00 PM? All volunteers may purchase materials at that time.

Volunteers are needed to work 2 hour shifts at the sale November 2, 3, and 4. Your support would be greatly appreciated. Contact: Nell Fabish at the Lowell Public Library, 696-7704.



ADULT PROGRAMS

Sunday, Oct. 1 - 10 AM - 6 PM  
Oktoberfest candy booth. See you there!

Tuesday, Oct. 3 - 1:30 PM  
Pine Cone Wreath Making. Demonstrated by Barbara Metz. She will also show how to dry and arrange wild flowers.

Oct. 12  
Blood Pressure/Diabetes Testing. Cancelled for October. Program will resume in November.

Wednesday, Oct. 18 - 7 PM  
CPR Classes. Re-scheduled from September. Learn what to do if your child stops breathing. Mark Reid, Tri-Creek paramedic, teaches cardio-pulmonary resuscitation on infants and children.

Oct. 18-19 - 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM  
Literacy Tutor Workshop First United Methodist Church Rita Wold of Munster will conduct a two day workshop to train Literacy Tutors.

Wednesday, Oct. 11 - 7:30 PM  
Library Board to Meet. Library Board of Trustees will meet in the community room of the Library.

Wednesday, Oct. 25 - 7 PM  
Friends to Meet. Anyone wishing to join the Friends, a support group for the library, may contact Nell Fabish at the Lowell Public Library, 696-7704.



HOOKED ON BOOKS!

All through summer, many mothers heard the mournful cry of children saying, "I'm bored. There's nothing to do."

Not so for the kids of "Summer Reading Club." They always had a good book to curl up with.

Top readers at the Lowell Public Library, reading over one hundred books were: Tara Burns - 300 books, Christopher Westerfield - 160 books, and Jill Kuss - 190 books, Abby Dahl - 120 books.

At the Shelby Branch, Mrs. Bartz reported that 154 books were read by Marcus Schontube and 138 by Dana Culver.

Schneider Branch top readers were: Dawn Sneed - 124 books, Nicky Stavros - 123 books and Cassie Stravos, also reading 123 books.

As September is Indiana Literacy Month, the Lowell Public Library and its branches take the time to congratulate these children and all our young "Summer Readers" for their participation.



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

CRAFT CORNER

Witches and goblins, grinning ghosts, a-haunting we will go!

Pre-schoolers will make "Ghost Mobiles"  
School-age children will make "Witch Mobiles"

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Oct. 5 - 10:30 AM Pre-schoolers  
3:30 PM School-age children

SCHNEIDER BRANCH

Oct. 12 - 3:30 PM Pre-schoolers and School-age children

SHELBY BRANCH

Oct. 19 - 4:00 PM Pre-schoolers

Oct. 26 - 4:00 PM School-age children

