



LOWELL LIBRARY LINES



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PROGRESS ON THE NEW BUILDING

The meetings are over, headlines have faded, and the ground for the new library has not yet been broken. That doesn't mean no work is going on.

For the last few weeks, the library staff, board and I have been working on fine-tuning the floor plan for the new building. No major changes have been made, the size of the building will not increase, and the departments are in the same locations.

But we are counting shelving units, chairs, computers, and desks to make certain each area is the right size and the equipment is arranged in the most efficient way for the staff and public alike.

By the end of October, these plans should be finalized. The architects will then begin on the construction drawings and documents, with construction set to begin next spring. By the summer of 1993 we should be in the new building.

Thanks to all of you for your support and understanding over the last few months. It won't be too long now before you see some "concrete" results of your efforts.



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Worth Noting...

Friends of the Library are hard at work stocking a special bookcase in the foyer with books, magazines and records which have been donated to the library for sale.

Friends will donate the proceeds to the library for special purchases.

Patrons are asked to pay for their selections at the circulation desk.

Welcome



The Friends of the Lowell Public Library will hold their regular meeting Wednesday, October 16, at 7:00 PM.

Friends welcome new members. For more information on becoming a Friends member, pick up an application at the library or at the Shelby or Schneider Branches.



"PEOPLE HELPING PEOPLE"

Community residents of the Lowell Public Library service area were certainly in harmony with the American Red Cross motto, "People Helping People", recently.

On Saturday morning, September 7th, a blood drive sponsored by the Friends of the Lowell Public Library, Shelby and Schneider Branches, was held in the Lowell Library parking lot.

Over a three and a half hour period, forty-three volunteer donors responded to the call helping the Red Cross supply this much needed "gift of life" to community hospitals at a time of the year when their needs are particularly great.

In a letter to the library, the Lake County Red Cross Blood services commended our community's volunteer spirit and thanked the Friends for their enthusiastic efforts in publicizing and organizing the drive. Well done!

LIBRARY OFFERS SERVICE FOR DEAF/SPEECH IMPAIRED



Thanks to the generosity of the Indian Trail Grange #2361, the Lowell Public Library is now able to help hearing and speech impaired area residents have more access to the hearing world.

TDD, a phone relay system, donated by the Grange, was recently installed in the main room of the library.

The system is designed to allow deaf and speech impaired individuals to communicate with people who can hear and speak using telephone operators (in this case, library staff) as liaisons.

Resembling a laptop computer, the TDD sends written messages over the phone lines allowing users to make or cancel appointments, transmit necessary messages and seek needed information.

The Grange has, over the years, provided TDD's to three individuals and the Lowell State Police Post. Grange members also offer free yearly hearing screening tests at the library and collect hearing aid batteries to be given to persons who can't afford to purchase them.

Distributing sound and hearing packets to local schools and organizations, the Grange hopes to further educate the public on hearing and speech problems.

For more information on the TDD service offered at the library, contact the library at 696-7704.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET



The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held in the library community room on Monday, October 21st, at 7:30 PM.



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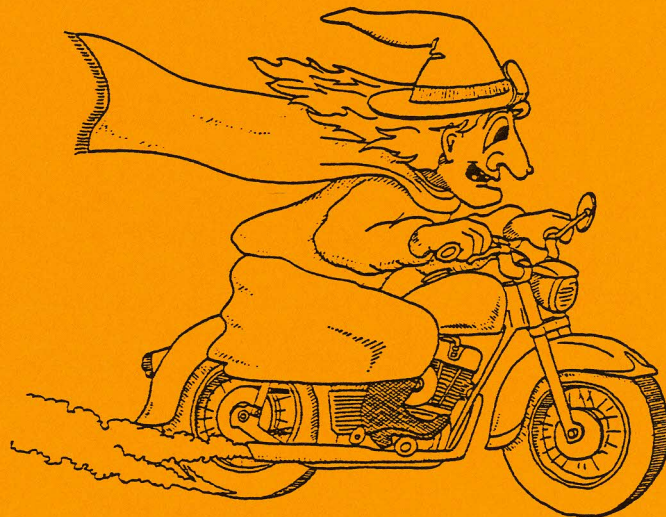
LITERACY PROGRAM RECIEVES FUNDING!!

Thankfully the Lowell Public Library Literacy Program has recieved funding for this year. The program now has a steady source of funds to continue to grow!

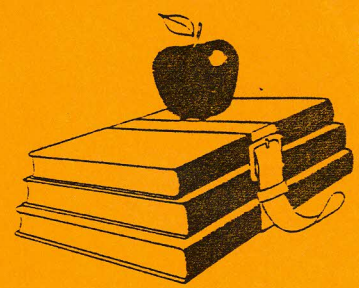
The Federal grant of \$34,826 will be used in numerous ways to improve our literacy program. An additional computer will be purchased for those students who benefit from computer instruction. Supplement software to teach phonics, spelling, and basic math will be purchased. to assist those students who learn best from audio-visual methods, and a VCR and T.V. monitor will be purchased. Video cassettes to assist with the improvement of phonics, spelling, reading, and math will be obtained.

With the input of the tutors, read-along books, audio-cassette kits, and a variety of other teaching materials will be purchased.

Any tutors having ideas of teaching aids to be purchased, please contact Vicki at 696-7704.



Happy Halloween



SHORT BUT SWEET!

Tutors for the Migrant Program found their program ending early this year due to the summer drought.

However the lack of rain did not dampen the spirits of the students and the tutors. Every Sunday Lucy Perez and Darlene Roy would travel to one farm; Dorthy Tortoricci, Lucy Zuchowski, Jo Truelove, Sally Borkowski and Jane Canfield to the other farm in the area. Under the shade of the trees they would work with their students.

Some of the students had few English skills, others were more advanced, and some like Jose who had been enrolled in the program for two years could read stories, fill out forms and write letters in English.

Abe Morales was there every week with his wife Maria to lend support to tutors and students alike. Abe, a Vista Volunteer, works closely with migrants in the Lake County area, providing them with information on resources that will help them during their stay.

A grand finale pizza party provided by the Lowell Pizza Hut ended the tutoring season this year. We look forward to next year when we will see old friends and meet new ones as another tutoring season begins on the farm!

Thanks for your help, tutors!

Y'All Come!

MEETING PLANNED

There will be a meeting for all tutors, whether active or inactive at the present time, on Wednesday, November 20, 1991. The aim of the meeting is to share ideas and techniques being used to teach reading, and to keep everyone updated on the material the library has for the tutors use. These meetings will be held periodically throughout the year to help the Literacy Coordinator keep in touch with all the wonderful tutors! Please plan to attend one of the meetings on November 20, either at 1:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. RSVP by Nov. 15. Please bring your timesheets!!

TUTOR WORKSHOP SET

We will be having a tutor training workshop Thursday, November 21 and Friday, November 22. It will be held at the Lowell Public Library. The workshop is for training tutors in our Basic English program. The workshop will be held from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on each day.

If you or anyone you know are interested in volunteering as a tutor for this program, please call the library at 696-7704 to register.

THE GRAPEVINE

TUTOR TIDBITS

--Theresa Jeffries, previously Literacy Coordinator for the library, is the first recipient for the Charlotte Riley Hospice Memorial Scholarship. Terry is currently working as a nurse technician and attending Purdue Calumet University. Congratulations and good luck, Terry!

--Josephine Truelove's student Sylvia has made great strides in English since coming to the United States from Ecuador. A physical therapist in her homeland, Sylvia needed to learn English to enroll in classes at Purdue Calumet in order to take the Physical Therapy Exam for the State of Indiana. Jo's and Sylvia's hard work has paid off. Sylvia has taken the classes she needs and is getting ready to take her licensing exam for physical therapy in March. Good luck to Sylvia! Thank you Jo, for your great work!

THE SEARCH IS ON.....!

The Literacy Program is in need of students. The interest in tutoring is so fantastic that the tutors are outnumbering the students. That's great! We just have to search harder for students. That's what I aim to do! I plan to contact businesses, such as Globe, in search of students. I am also going to start a door to door campaign to distribute pamphlets, starting with the towns of Schnieder and Shelby.

Those are just two ideas that I have for getting students for every tutor. So tutors do not despair, you will get your students!

Any tutors having ideas on how to reach potential students or wanting to help find students please contact Vicki at 696-7704.



Happy Thanksgiving!

WHAT'S NEW?

We are pleased to announce that Vicki Wood has recently assumed the position of coordinator for the library's literacy program.

Vicki has a degree in elementary education and has taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District before returning to her home town of Lowell.

Her enthusiasm for the program is evident by the plans she has to increase literacy awareness of the illiteracy problem and recruit new students for the program.

Our heartfelt appreciation to you, the volunteers who are tutoring or have tutored others to read. Because of you the program has been able to reach out to members of the community in need of reading skills.

Nell will continue in her present position as Public Relations/Programmer and will assist Vicki in the literacy program.

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Lowell Public Library
250 N. Fremont St.
Lowell, IN 46356



AGES 10 - UNDER
LIBERTY PARK
1:00 PM

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October 26

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AGES 11-14
EVERGREEN PARK
6:30 PM-8:30PM



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TREASURER HUNT

