



LOWELL LIBRARY LINES



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Happy Thanksgiving!

QUILTERS SEW UP A STORM FOR LIBRARY FUNDRAISER

Taking swatches of cloth and turning them into a work of art is no easy feat, but the "Library Quilters", who meet once a week in the library community room, do not look at it that way.

The beautiful handwork they create represents hours of good times spent together, the pleasure of seeing each other's handiwork, and the knowledge that some of the beautiful quilted pieces they have fashioned will be used to benefit their community.

On display at the Lowell Public Library is a full size traditional quilt sewn by Library Quilters: Mary K. Bruce, Julia Miller, Betty Kender, Marjorie Campbell, Anne K. Miller, Lillian Clawson, Carole Pawlasek, Debbie Cunningham, Janet Granger, Carol Singleton, Bonnie Echterling, Cindy Llewellen, Mary Kay Remschneider, and Georgette Bruce and donated to the Friends of the Library as a fundraiser. Friends will hold a drawing for the quilt on December 18th in the main room of the library.

A charming baby quilt in pastel colors, sewn by Joan O'Dell, is second prize in the drawing while decorative pillows crafted by Mary K. Bruce make up the third prize.

Drawing tickets, (donations \$1.00 or 6 for \$5.00) will be available at the Lowell Public Library, Schneider and Shelby Branches until December 17th.

NEW MACHINE AIDS RESEARCHERS AT LIBRARY

Patrons of the Lowell Public Library will find that sifting through the archives of local history will be a pleasure using the library's new microfiche/microfilm reader.

With the microfilm reader patrons can view local newspapers on film dating back to 1882. On the microfilm are photographically reduced images of many pages of information.

The microfilm reader enlarges the images and projects them onto a built-in screen for reading.

When using News Bank, articles from 450 newspapers from over 200 U.S. cities, patrons will be able to view and produce a paper copy of the enlarged image. There is a twenty-five cent charge per copy.

The microfilm/microfiche reader will be located in the new reference area of the library. Staff will be happy to be of service to anyone wishing to use the new machine.



THE LITERACY MOVEMENT:

ARE WE GAINING GROUND?

There's good news! Across the nation more and more libraries, schools, colleges, business organizations, correctional facilities and grass-roots programs are entering the struggle to combat illiteracy in America.

Volunteers are responsible for much of the positive change that has taken place since the 1980's when the problem of functional illiteracy in this country received new public awareness.

At the Lowell Public Library volunteer tutors have taught over forty adults the Basic English Skills that prepare them for the demands of daily living and enable them to better compete in today's workplace.

Still, it is estimated that over 1900 adults in the library service district have serious problems with everyday reading tasks. Reading below a fifth grade level, life for them is a constant struggle in a society that is becoming increasingly "high-tech".

More community involvement is needed if we are to reach the many individuals in need of literacy tutoring. If you know someone who can't read or needs to improve their reading skills, urge him or her to contact the Library Literacy Program at the Lowell Public Library 250 N. Fremont St. or call 696-7707 and ask for the Literacy Coordinator.

Volunteer to be a literacy tutor. Senior citizens, full time employees, blue or white collar employees, professionals and other community minded citizens have been the backbone of the library literacy program. More volunteers are needed as the program grows.



To volunteer to be a literacy tutor, contact Literacy Coordinator Vicki Wood at the library.

YOU CAN DO IT!!

TUTOR TRAINING WORKSHOP

A Tutor Training Workshop will be held at the Lowell Public Library on November 21 and 22 from 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM.

If you would like to volunteer to be a literacy tutor, call the library at 696-7704 for more information. There is no charge to become a volunteer. By giving a few hours each week you will be helping someone in your community learn to read or improve their reading skills.

Staff

NEW LITERACY COORDINATOR

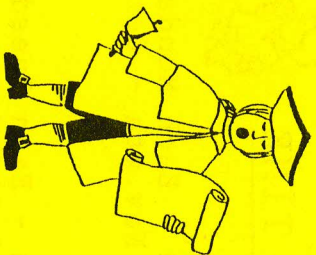
FOR LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Lowell Public Library is pleased to announce that Vicki Wood has joined the staff as the new coordinator for the library's literacy program.

Nell Fabish, Public Relations/ Program Coordinator had temporarily filled the position until a permanent replacement for literacy coordinator was hired.

Wood, a graduate of Purdue University with a degree in elementary education, taught in the Los Angeles Unified School District before returning to her hometown of Lowell.

Her first priority as literacy coordinator will be to recruit new students for the program and to inform community residents of the literacy program's progress.



Hear Ye!

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LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will meet on Monday, November 18th at 7:30 PM.

SUGGESTIONS WELCOMED

That bright yellow and green box on the table in front of the library circulation desk is an invitation, to you, to suggest additional magazine subscriptions for the library to purchase in the coming year.

Please drop us a note with the title of a specific magazine recommendation.

Thank you

FRIENDS TO MEET

The Friends of the Library will their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 20th at 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served.

Take A Bow

AN APPRECIATED DONATION

When word was reached that the Lowell Public Library wanted to further develop a large print book collection for vision-impaired patrons, the Lowell Lions Club leaped into action.

The Lions recently donated the funds that would make the library project a reality and enable many community residents with diminished vision experience the pleasures of reading.

Previously the library has borrowed large print books from other libraries, limiting the types of books it could make available to its readers.

The new large print collection will include best-sellers and other popular fiction and non-fiction books.

The Lowell Public Library is grateful for the thoughtfulness of the Lions Club in service to the library and community residents.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Buying/Selling a Home

Tuesday, Nov. 6th - 7:00 PM A Representative from Century 21 Homeplace Realty in Lowell will give advice on what to look for when buying a home and how to prepare your home for sale.



Blood Pressure Testing

Thursday, Nov. 14th
St. Anthony's Medical Center Technicians will provide free blood pressure testing on a first-come/first-served basis.

Shelby Branch Library - 9:00 to 11:00 AM.

Lowell Public Library - 1:00 to 3:00 PM.

Doing Business From Your Home/ Merchandising Your Product or Service

Tuesday, Nov. 19th - 7:00 PM
Two programs in one, designed to help the home-based and independent entrepreneur. Presented by SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives)

crafts for kids

Lowell

Pre-school craft - Thursday
Nov. 7th at 10:00 AM

School Age craft - Thursday
Nov. 7th at 3:30 PM

Schneider

All ages craft - Thursday
Nov. 14th at 3:30 PM

Shelby

Pre-school craft - Thursday
Nov. 21st at 4:00 PM

School Age craft - TUESDAY
Nov. 26th at 4:00 PM



TODDLER TIME

Shelby

Toddler Time - Each Monday
at 9:30 AM Nov. 4th - Dec. 2nd



Lowell

Toddler Time - Each Tuesday
at 10:00 & 11:00 AM
Nov. 5th - Dec. 3rd

Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM
Nov. 6th - Dec. 4th

THANKSGIVING CLOSING

In observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed Thursday, November 28th.

The Lowell Public Library will re-open Friday, November 29th, at 9:00 AM. The Branches will re-open Saturday, November 30th at 10:00 AM.