



LOWELL LIBRARY LINES



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Happy Thanksgiving

In this election year all of the presidential candidates have made family values a campaign issue. One of the best places to see good family values at work is in the library.

Most days at the Lowell Public Library are busy ones but some are exceptionally so. October 21 was such a day. Soon after we opened our doors the library was filled with the sounds of excited little children dressed in all manner of Halloween costumes. They had come to the library for the final Storytime session of the six week program. They paraded around the library with Children's Program Coordinator, Miss Chris in the lead, delighting patrons and staff and perhaps reminding us of a precious time in our lives when we had taken part in the Halloween traditions.

So many of the costumes were lovingly hand sewn; princesses, brides, witches and ghosts, a sunflower, cowboys and indians. Into the Library Community Room they went to entertain parents and grandparents with songs and games they had learned at Storytime and to listen to Miss Chris read a Halloween story. The scene was repeated at the afternoon Storytime party and at the Shelby and Schneider Branches.

The day was still young. The reference librarian was busy answering questions concerning the campaign platform and voting regulations. Staff were busy checking out books, the monthly newsletter was in the drafting stage and the library director was in her office, engulfed in a sea of paperwork concerning the new library.

Soon school let out for the day and a flood of youngsters poured into the library seeking help with their homework. Third graders were doing reports on American Indian Cultures. Young adults needed information on life in the Middle Ages and resources on agriculture around the world.

The Community Room didn't stay empty for long. Soon members of an organization promoting Red Ribbon Week for drug free youth would welcome youngsters, parents, business people and educators, who had come to the library to participate in the "Hands Across Lowell" campaign. Boy Scout Pack #302 would be the next to occupy the Community Room. With their leader's help they would make special Halloween crafts. Later that evening the room was filled with good parents wanting to be even better--- attending a Parenting Workshop, sponsored by the library and the school district. The Community Room being busy, Friends of the Library crowded into the staff workroom to finalize their plans for a community blood drive.

Yes, it was a very busy day, filled with wonderful caring families and friends, a day to be "thankful for."

The Staff of the Lowell Public Library



November

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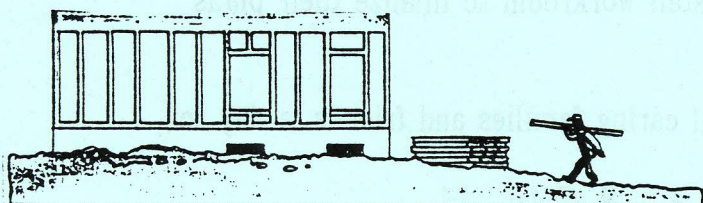
Curbs, sidewalks, plumbing, sewers, electrical work, floors they may not seem very visible or very dramatic, but they are all very necessary to any building. And that's what had been keeping the contractor busy at the site of the new library. Then, suddenly, the steel beams were erected, and now the wooden frame work for the exterior walls is in place.

By the end of November, the building should be "under roof," enabling work to go on inside the building throughout the coldest months of the year.

All site and construction work, including the rear entrance bridge to Harrison Street, the curbs, drives, and sewers, were included in the original bid for the new library, which came in \$71,000 under the estimated cost. The only exception so far was an additional cost of \$5717 for rerouting sewers to avoid some trees.

A slow start at the beginning of the project has meant that the library's leasing corporation could keep the money in the bank longer. The result was earning some \$30,000 in the first four months of the project... about the same amount of interest that was scheduled to be earned throughout the construction process.

When will it all be done and ready for use? Barring any complications, the new library should be ready for occupancy in the late spring of 1993.



LITERACY PROGRAM WELCOMES NEW TUTORS



Four new tutors have been added to the roster of volunteer tutors of the Lowell Public Library Literacy Program.

Sue Metz, Diane Suslowicz, Julie Smith and Brenda Bernhart recently attended the Tutor Training Workshop for teaching Basic Reading Skills to adults reading below a fifth grade level. They are eagerly awaiting their first student.

Literacy Coordinator Susie Dokulil is receiving valuable field experience by tutoring a student for what was to be a temporary assignment. Susie found tutoring her student to be a pleasure she refuses to relinquish. "These students have such heart," she says, "and want so much to learn."

Teaching other adults to improve their reading skills is a rich and rewarding experience. If you or anyone you know would like to become a tutor for the Literacy Program contact Susie at the library.

SHAREWARE! CHECK IT OUT



Meal-Master is a menu-driven database system tailored to manage recipes. You can store, update, and print your recipes in a variety of formats. Replace your dog-eared, disorganized collection of index cards and have a valuable tool for meal selection and preparation.

These and many other Shareware programs and other types of computer software are located in the video section of the library.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET
Each Monday, 9:00 AM



Nov. 4, 11, 18
THE PARENTING WORKSHOP CONTINUES
Each Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Saturday, Nov. 7, 10:00 AM
BEGINNING WOODCARVING
Ted Grant, award winning woodcarver, will demonstrate the basic techniques of woodcarving.

Thursday, Nov. 12
BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING
9:00 AM - 11:00 AM SHELBY BRANCH
1:00 PM - 2:00 PM LOWELL

Thursday, Nov. 12, 7:00 PM
CREATE A HOLIDAY SWEATSHIRT
Anita Heath will demonstrate shirt painting and assist participants in creating their own beautiful shirts using a Poinsettia design. There will be a \$12 fee for materials.

Monday, November 30, 6:00 PM
Shelby Branch Library
XMAS SLEIGH BASKET MAKING
Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to make a Christmas sleigh basket. Fee is \$30

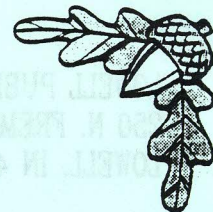
FOR YOUNG ADULTS



PASTEL PAINTING
WITH
CLARISSA

Participants ages 8 to 15 will learn the techniques of painting with pastels from artist Lynette Luckel. Each participant will finish an artpiece to take home. The workshop will be held on Saturday, November 7 at 1:30 PM.

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



FRIENDS TO MEET

The Friends of the Lowell Public Library will hold their regular meeting Wednesday, November 18, at 7:00 PM in the Library Workroom.



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Pre-school youngsters will make a rolled paper turkey while school age youngsters will create a woven paper turkey. Both may be used for centerpieces.

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Thursday, Nov. 5
Pre-school 10:00 AM
School age 3:30 PM

SHELBY

Thursday, Nov. 19
Pre-school 3:30 PM
Tuesday, Nov. 24
School age 4:00 PM

SCHNEIDER

Thursday, Nov. 12
Both crafts 3:30 PM

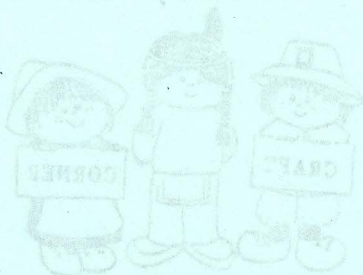
LIBRARY BOARD MEETS

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Monday, November 16 for a joint meeting with the Leasing Corporation at 6:30 PM followed by an Executive Meeting at 7:00 PM and the regular Board Meeting at 7:30 PM

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SHARE THE ADVENTURE AS TODDLER TIME BEGINS

Moms and dads, grandparents and guardians, come share the adventure of one of your toddler's first reading adventures. Each Toddler Time session is a 20 minute fun-filled experience presented by Miss Chris, the Library's Children's Program Coordinator. At Toddler Time exciting and amusing stories will be told. Wonderful fingerplay games and songs for toddlers to learn will also be included in the 5 week program.

Toddler Time will be held at the Shelby Branch Library each Monday at 9:30 AM, November 2 - November 30. Pre-register by calling the library at 552-0809.

At the Lowell Public Library Toddler Time will be held each Tuesday, 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM November 3 - December 1, and each Wednesday, at 10:00 AM, November 4 - December 2. Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

