



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

