



LOWELL LIBRARY LINES



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ABC WORLD NEWS VIA THE LIBRARY

On November 1, the day after the crash of American Eagle flight 4184, the library received an urgent call from ABC World News Tonight. Would the library permit ABC to use one of its meeting rooms as an editing station for coverage of the disaster? As a public service to the community, the library extended its full cooperation to the network news.

While the ABC crew were setting up the meeting room with monitors and editing equipment, library staff arranged to jury-rig extra telephone lines into the meeting room and provide access to the library's FAX machine. An open area near the library was located for ABC to use for its helicopter which would make many runs to the crash site and back each day, carrying video tapes to be edited. Many adult and youth organizations that had scheduled the library's meeting room for the next few days were contacted and, due to the circumstances, were more than willing to relocate to other rooms. The staff lounge, group study room, and conference room were used to accommodate these organizations.

The four days the news team spent at the library provided a glimpse into the workings of a news crew on location. Each day, News Correspondent Erin Hayes, News Producer Jim Hill, editor Terry Edwards, Chicago-based sound and video technicians, drivers, etc.- would hunker down in the meeting room, each doing their part to prepare for the nightly broadcast with Peter Jennings in New York. They took special pains to be as inconspicuous as possible during their stay. Many library patrons were unaware they were using the meeting room. Erin Hayes would spend each day gathering information on the latest developments in the crash investigation in preparation for writing her script for the nightly newscast. When not sequestered in the meeting room, Hayes would be out at the disaster site gathering more information.

Jim Hill and an editing crew could be seen each afternoon hunched over monitors, editing hours of video tape into a comprehensive three minute segment for the nightly broadcast at 6:30 PM EST that would be sent via satellite from a huge truck stationed in the library's parking lot

Often during their stay the ABC news team would express to library staff how impressed they were at the tireless efforts of the volunteers at the crash site and the sadness they felt for the loss suffered by families and friends of flight 4184. "These are the hardest stories to cover," stated one of the news crew.

The ABC crew were gracious guests. Erin Hayes sent a huge bouquet of flowers and Jim Hill had kind words for library staff. "Often wherever we go to cover the news we are an intrusion and we don't always have time to give a full explanation. The Lowell Public Library staff are some of the most helpful and understanding people we have ever met".

LIBRARY BOARD REVISES MEETING ROOM POLICY

Since the new library opened a little over a year ago, the meeting rooms have been used over 800 times! With that kind of use, it was felt that some revisions were needed to the policy and procedures governing the rooms.

Beginning this month, organizations wishing to use the meeting room will fill out an application and return it to the library. Library staff will then check to see whether the meeting room is available at the requested times and let the organization know. The application form also asks whether the organization representative has read the revised policy, in order to avoid any misunderstandings.

Groups are asked to clean up the room before leaving. Red or purple soft drinks are not permitted because they stain the carpet permanently.

One part of the policy which remains the same is the type of organization which can use the meeting rooms. Groups must be not-for profit community organizations located in the Three Creeks area. The library is the sole arbiter of any questions as to which organization will meet on its property. Use of the meeting room for profit making or commercial activities is prohibited. Copies of the revised meeting room policy and agreement are available at the circulation desk.



December

LONG MAY IT WAVE

Thanks to the combined efforts of the Lowell American Legion Post 101 and the VFW Post 6841, the stars and stripes now fly over the new library. Standing side by side at a special ceremony held on Veterans' Day, the two groups dedicated a new flag and pole they had funded.

Participating with them in the ceremony were their auxiliaries and the color guard from the Lowell High School Air Force Jr. ROTC Unit. The ceremony included a 21 gun salute.

Library Director Virginia Maravilla, Legion, and VFW officers, hoisted the flag. Maravilla then spoke to the veterans and invited guests. "This flag represents a lot to all of us. We have freedom of expression, to learn and to make of ourselves what we want. Without our veterans we wouldn't have that freedom." A plaque at the base of the flagpole recognizes the veteran organizations for their contribution.



DECK THE HALL

Bells of holly, mistletoe, and twinkling lights... Friends of the Library and staff members will meet in the Library Program Room on December 2, at 5:30 PM for a pot luck dinner/ tree trimming party to prepare the library for the Christmas season. R.S.V.P. by calling Nell at the library.

The Girl Scouts of troops 377, 116, & 555 will meet early this month to turn the Children's Christmas tree into a holiday sensation, festooning the tree with their hand-crafted creations.



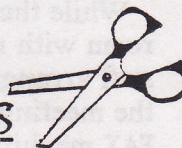
1 MILLION, ONE PENNY AT A TIME

The Wishing Jar located at the circulation desk represents a project begun by Dick and Sandra Kuiper and their children Marie, David, and John. Over the summer they saved 1,000 pennies to start the fund-raiser, adding another \$100.00 donated by Dick's brother and his wife, Konnie and Karen Kuiper. The goal of the project is to raise 1 million pennies (\$10,000) for the Library Foundation. Thanks to the Kuipers we're on our way!!!

CHILDREN'S COMPUTER MAKES LEARNING FUN

It's fun, it's easy, and it's a learning tool. Young patrons, ages 3 and older, are flocking to the library's new computer located in the Children's Room. On CD-Rom they can play two Sesame Street games, Letters and Numbers. Mother Goose Rhymes to Color is an interactive musical story and coloring book. There are games and music fun with Richard Scarry's Busiest Neighborhood Disc Ever! Rudyard Kipling's "How the Camel Got His Hump" will enchant your child. The entire Compton's Encyclopedia comes to life in this exciting video and audio learning tool.

Use is limited to 25 minutes and parents must sign a first-time user's agreement before their child is allowed to use the computer.



NEWS SNIPPETS

CHRISTMAS DRAWING... You may have an extra present to put under your Christmas tree. When you check out 10 books or more at the library or its Shelby and Schneider Branches, you can fill out a drawing slip for a chance to win a Christmas gift donated by local businesses. The drawing will be held on Thursday, December 22, at 4 PM.

THAT'S ENTERTAINMENT... Do your Christmas shopping at the library. The Friends of the Library are selling Entertainment Books and Christmas ornaments throughout the holiday season. The items are located at the circulation desk. Entertainment Books offer over 1700 discounts on fine dining, fast foods, theater, sports events, travel and hotels and motels. The charming wooden Christmas ornaments were hand-crafted by Karen Byrd and sell for \$2.

COPIER SERVICE... is currently available at the main library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. The Schneider Branch copier was recently donated by the Carb-Rite Company.

VIDEO GRANT... Ken Burn's PBS Civil War Series on DVS (Descriptive Video Service) will soon be added to the library's video collection. The series has been purchased through a special mini-grant from the Indiana State Library. DVS videos are videos in which visual portions of programs are described audibly. Persons who are blind or visually impaired will be given a complete understanding of programs when dialog or narration is not present.



ADULT PROGRAMS

LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET

LOWELL - Monday, Dec. 12, 19, - 9 AM

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

SHELBY - Thursday. - Dec. 8

9 AM - 11 AM

LOWELL - Tuesday. - Dec. 13

9 AM - 10:30 AM

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATION

LOWELL - Thursday. - Dec. 15

9 AM - 3 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thursday, Dec. 15

1 PM - 7 PM

Immunizations will be given at the Oak Hill School on the second Monday of the month, 9:00 AM-2:00 PM.

Please bring your child's record of immunizations.

CHRISTMAS SWEATSHIRT DESIGN WORKSHOP

SCHNEIDER - Thursday, Dec. 1 - 7PM

Library staff member Tammy Rankin will teach participants holiday sweatshirt design. Bring a Christmas iron-on transfer design, fabric paints, and a freshly laundered sweatshirt.

SLEIGH BASKET CRAFT

SHELBY - Monday, Dec. 5 - 6 PM

Julie Duttlinger will instruct you on how to make this festive basket to use for the holidays. Fee: \$30

CHRISTMAS SWEATSHIRT ART PARTY

LOWELL - Tuesday, Dec. 6 - 7PM

Design a Christmas work of art with Anita Heath. Bring a freshly laundered sweatshirt or T-shirt. Anita will bring materials and refreshments. Fee: \$12

VIDEO TOLE BASKET CLASS

SHELBY - Thursday, Dec. 15 - 9 AM

Taught by Jullie Duttlinger. Fee: \$26

WHAT TO LOOK FOR WHEN BUYING A

COMPUTER - LOWELL

Saturday, Dec. 17 - 2 PM

Members of the Mid-West Computer User's Group will give tips on buying computers to fit your needs.

"WINTER WRAP" PARTY

Young adults, middle school age and older, are invited to a "Winter Wrap" party at the Lowell Library on Saturday, December 10, from 2 PM to 4 PM. At the party you can gift wrap your presents, play games and enjoy party refreshments. Bring your gifts, wrapping paper and a snack to share with others.



Pre-register for programs. Call:

Lowell Library - 696-7704

Shelby Branch - 552-0809

Schneider Branch - 552-1000

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, December 19, at 7:30 PM following an Executive Meeting at 7 PM.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CRAFT CORNER

Craft Corner will center around the Christmas theme. Preschool children will make a charming clothes-pin angel. School age students will create a 3-dimensional Christmas tree!

LOWELL - Thursday, Dec. 8

Pre-school age - 10 AM

School age - 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thursday, Dec. 15

Both ages - 3:30 PM

SHELBY - MONDAY, Dec. 19

Pres-school age ONLY - 3:30 PM



THE GINGERBREAD HOUSE

They're good enough to eat and twice as much fun to make. Children are invited to make Gingerbread houses at the Shelby Branch Library on Thursday, December 22, at 10 AM. Pre-register by calling 552-0809.

HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed on Saturday, December 24, through Monday, December 26, in observance of the Christmas holiday. The libraries will resume regular hours Tuesday, December 27.

The libraries will also be closed on Saturday, December 31, through Monday, January 2, in observance of the New Year's holiday. Regular library hours will resume on Tuesday, January 3.



Happy Holidays!

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WINTER DAY CAMP

Registration is limited. Call 696-7704