



## LETTER FROM A FRIEND

Dear Tri-Creek Constituents,

At a recent government function I had the opportunity to present Governor Evan Bayh petitions signed by over 1500 Tri-Creek residents, requesting the release of \$528,000 in Build Indiana funds awarded to the library in 1991 for their building project.

I recently received a response on behalf of the Governor from Jean Blackwell of the State Budget agency. The following are excerpts from that letter:

"There are over \$83 million in Build Indiana projects which were appropriated by the legislature, but which have not received allocated funding because currently there are no balances in the Build Indiana Fund."

"It is very difficult to determine at this time when the funds might be available or which projects will receive approval first from the bipartisan State Budget Committee, but I will definitely keep your request in mind in the future."

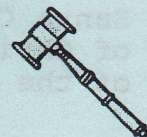
It is disillusioning to find that we were awarded the money but not approved to receive it. The release of the funds would lessen the tax burden of the people the library district serves.

The library thanks petition signers for their support and I will keep you informed of any change in the status of this issue.

Sincerely,

W. Brian Mathias, President  
Friends of the Library

## SILENT AUCTION HELD FOR FURNISHING FUND



Successful bidders at a silent auction held at the Lowell Public Library last month raised \$3,190 for the library's Furnishing Fund.

"Sold" were five of the 6 painted chairs by Lowell artist Carole Boller, a rocking chair, a floor lamp, a table lamp, two step stools, two regular children's chairs, a meeting room chair, two books, a paperback display rack, a book truck and other miscellaneous items. Buyers of the items will have their names or the names of their choice affixed to the items they purchased for the library.

The library board would like to thank the bidders of the silent auction for their contributions on behalf of their library and the community it serves.

If you would like to contribute to the library's Furnishing Fund you will find a list of items "available for purchase" at the circulation desk. Included in the list are rocking chairs, floor and table lamps, step stools, book trucks, microwave ovens, round study tables, paperback display racks, meeting room chairs and tables, and books.

Items available for purchase in the Children's Department are: a puppet theater/stage, coat racks, paperback display racks, and chairs.

## PUBLIC AUCTION DRAWS CROWD

Over 100 bidders attended an auction held by the library at their former facility on Fremont St. December 18. Approximately \$7,000 was raised for the library from the sale of used furniture.





## THE DAY SANTA CAME TO TOWN

All eyes were on the jolly old man in a red velvet suit, for he had come to town with a special purpose. Santa Claus was bringing the magic of Christmas stories to the children of the Tri-Creek community.

In Santa's bag were some of the favorite Christmas books he had chosen to read to youngsters attending a Santa Claus Story Time Program sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Santa then took time to visit with each and every child attending the program to ask them their special wish for Christmas. A Christmas basket held delicious candy treats which Santa handed to each child as he said goodbye!

"See you next year," he said. "Keep reading." Off he went to prepare for "a long winter's night."

Over 170 youngsters visited with Santa at the Lowell Public Library December 11, and its Shelby and Schneider Branches December 13.

**OUR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE FRIENDS' PRESIDENT BRIAN MATHIAS FOR ARRANGING SANTA'S VISIT.**

## OUCH!!!

Just as the joys of the holiday season slip into fond memories, we are besieged with income tax forms!

Volunteer tax counselors of the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program of AARP will offer free tax assistance at the library and its branches to senior citizens and qualified individuals beginning the early part of February. Most federal and state tax forms will also be available.

TAX AID DATES WILL BE ANNOUNCED!

## QUILT DRAWING WINNERS!



Christmas came early for the winners of the Friends of the Library Annual Quilt Drawing.

Lowell resident Opal Belshaw claimed the first prize of a beautiful Victorian Quilt created by the "Library Quilters" for the special fundraiser that was held December 18, at the new library. Daunn Guthrie, Interior Designer for the new library, will take home the lovely second place prize, the satin "Coat of Many Colors."

The Friends of the Library would like to thank the Library Quilters, Mary K. Bruce, and Georgette Bruce for their fine work to benefit the library. Proceeds from the drawing (over six hundred dollars) will be used for special purchases for the library.

## WELCOME SIGN IS OUT

The Meeting Room and the Program Room of the new library have been hubs of community activity since the facility opened for business on November 8.

Over seventy-six events have taken place in the six short weeks the rooms have been available for use, including meetings, craft programs, workshops, children's story time programs, and special events such as the "Santa Claus Story Time."

In December, children received immunization shots from Lake County Health Department technicians, free blood pressure screening took place, Indiana University Northwest held registration for classes and a CPR certification class was given.

More than fifteen non-profit groups have used the rooms for their regular meetings. The rooms have also been the scene for weekly meetings of scout troops and other children's organizations in the Tri-Creek area.



# JANUARY

## ADULT PROGRAMS



Each Monday, LOWELL  
LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET  
9 AM - 12 Noon

Tuesday Jan. 11 LOWELL  
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING  
9 AM - 10:30 AM

Thursday, Jan 13 SHELBY BRANCH  
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING  
9 AM- 11:00 AM

Thursday, Jan. 20 LOWELL  
IAP (IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM)  
Free Childhood Immunizations  
Offered by the Lake County Health  
Department on a first-come, first-  
served basis.

Tues. Jan. 25 LOWELL  
HOW-TO FOR WINDOWS AND WALLS  
7:00 PM  
Learn how to choose designs to  
enhance your home. Presented by  
Judy Johnston of the Design Depot.

Monday, Jan. 25 SHELBY BRANCH  
MAKE A HEARTH BASKET  
Taught by Julie Duttlinger  
Fee \$25



## OUR THANKS

The Dedication booklet for the new Lowell Public Library is available for viewing at the Reference desk. Included in the booklet are a brief history of the Lowell Public Library, a description of the new facility, and future plans for the library site.

Our thanks to Matt Fuller, designer of the booklet, Amber Wietbrock, and Wanda Rice, art teacher of Merrillville High School for artistic contributions, and David Heady of Heady Solutions of Merrillville.

**TO PRE-REGISTER CALL:**  
**LOWELL - 696-7704**  
**SCHNEIDER - 552-1000**  
**SHELBY - 552-0809**

## LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Monday, January 17, at 7:30 PM following a joint meeting of the Leasing Corporation at 6:30 PM and an Executive Meeting at 7:00 PM.

## FRIENDS' NIGHT OUT

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting Wednesday, January 19 at 7:00 PM.

Friends will make plans for a social evening in February and form a nominating committee for election of officers in April.



## "CASH PROGRAM" BENEFITS LIBRARY

As of January 1, 1994, Wilco Foods will begin a new "Cash Program" to benefit non-profit organizations.

The Friends of the Lowell Public Library have raised over \$3,700 from the Wilco's fundraising program which began in November of 1991. Under the new "Cash Program" customers spending \$50 or more at Wilco Foods in Lowell, Cedar Lake, or Rensselaer can have their receipts stamped by the cashier and brought to a non-profit organization of their choice. The organization returns the receipts to Wilco for cash donations.

The Friends of the Library would like to extend their sincere appreciation to Wilco Foods for its efforts on behalf of the community and to library supporters who participate in the Cash Program to benefit the library.

A new "Cash Program" receipt box will be available at the circulation desk of the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.



LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY  
250 N. FREMONT ST.  
LOWELL, IN 46356



# Happy New Year!

## STORY TIME

Children ages 3-5 years who attend Story Time will have the opportunity to meet new friends while learning finger-plays and dances.

### LOWELL

Tuesdays - Jan. 4 - Feb. 8

10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

Wednesdays - Jan. 5 - Feb. 9

10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

### SHELBY

Mondays - Jan. 3 - Feb. 7

9:30 AM

### SCHNEIDER

Thursdays - Jan. 6 - Feb. 10

9:30 AM



## CRAFT CORNER

The snow will be flying at Craft Corner as children dig in to create their very own winter crafts.

LOWELL - Thurs., Jan. 6

Pre-school - 10:00 AM

School age - 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thurs., Jan. 13

Both crafts will be at 3:30 PM

SHELBY - Thurs., Jan. 20

Pre-school - 3:30 PM

Thurs., Jan. 27

School age - 4:00 PM

## "AFTER THE HOLIDAYS" BLUES PARTY

Youngsters grades 1-4 can chase away those holiday blues with games, blues music, and refreshments at a special "Blues" party at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, January 15, 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

The party is sponsored by the library and the Lowell Parks Department. Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704 or the Parks Department at 696-1570.

