


LOWELL LIBRARY LINES



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COMPUTER UPDATE FOR '95

Six more public access catalog terminals will be available in late January at the Lowell Public Library. The new computer terminals are in addition to the three terminals now available to the public, and should provide more convenience for patrons who want to locate or reserve materials in the library. Three more terminals for staff use will also help better serve the public.

The additional terminals are being provided as a result of a new five year contract for automation services signed by the Lowell and Lake County Public Library Boards.

The "new" system is actually an upgrade of the existing DYNIX System, provided by the Lake County Public Library and currently available at both the Lowell library and all Lake County branches. The shared computer database allows patrons at any of the library locations to see what books are available at any of the other libraries, and to automatically request the items to be delivered to the borrower's home library.

A daily dispatch truck travels between library locations, delivering and picking up borrowed items.

Not only does the computer system allow patrons the use of materials from both library systems, it helps the libraries make better use of limited resources by avoiding duplication in purchasing materials, by faster processing, and by better control of collection and patron records.

WELCOME, NEW LITERACY TUTOR

Eight new tutors recently joined the rolls of dedicated volunteers of the library's literacy program. Joann Lister, Marmae McBroom, Betty Wirtz, Mark Schekel, Barbara Starr, Josephine Rouhselang, Emily Streeter, Georgia Segovia and Robin Hanas completed their tutor training and are awaiting assignment to a student.

CALLING ALL DATA ENTRY VOLUNTEERS

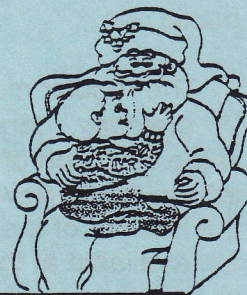
Now that the holidays are over, work on entering vital statistics (birth, marriage, death,) in our computers can resume. We need help and are looking forward to welcoming back our volunteers who did such a wonderful job last year, entering data from back issues of the Lowell Tribune.

If you would like to volunteer to help us in creating this valuable research tool, please contact Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg. No previous computer experience is required.

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HE CAME INTO SIGHT

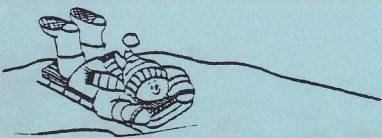


"It's Santa"! rang the cry from over 60 young children as they caught their first glimpse of Santa Claus entering the door of the Library Program Room on December 17. Santa had come to read stories to the children.

But first, Santa, the children and moms and dads sang Jingle Bells. Then Santa read to the children the stories of *What Made the Snowman Smile*, and *Santa's Sleigh Ride*.

After the stories, each child sat on Santa's lap to tell what he/she wanted for Christmas. A few of the children had to test Santa's beard to see if he was the real Santa. Sure enough, Santa let out a big "Ouch!" Santa dug into his big red sack and gave each child a bag of treats. They also received Santa's autographed picture to take home and color. He had signed each picture with "Merry Christmas from Santa."

Our thanks to Lowell resident W. Brian Mathias who arranges Santa's visit each year.



A RECORD YEAR FOR FRIENDS!

Friends can look back at one of the most successful years in the history of the organization. During '94, Friends raised thousands of dollars to benefit the library. Their recent Celebrity Auction (a \$4000 fund-raiser) provided the library with funds to purchase new public access computer terminals for the library. Friends sponsored the Annual Student Art Exhibit and Reception for students of the Tri-Creek area, and donated over 200 paperback books to the Children's collection of the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches with proceeds from a paperback booksale.

Among the other programs sponsored by the Friends were the Puppet Show, the "Great Read In" during National Library Week, and the Santa Story Time. Friends also donated funds for the "Scare Up A Good Book" Summer Reading Club and the new copier located at the entrance to the main room for public use.

The regular meeting of the Friends will be held on Wednesday, January 18 at 7:00 PM. On the agenda is the selection of a nominating committee for elections in April. New members are always welcome to the Friends of the Library. Membership applications are available at the circulation desk of the library and its branches.

OH, THOSE TAX FILING BLUES

Chase away those tax filing nightmares. Trained volunteers of the AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) Tax-Aide Program will offer free tax assistance for elderly, handicapped and low-income participants. Tax assistance is by appointment only, and will begin in February at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. Dates and times will be announced.

SOCIAL SECURITY RECORDS

If you are seeking information concerning a recently deceased relative or ancestor, you may find important clues using our new computer program, Social Security Death Benefit Records on CD-ROM. The program contains a list of over 50 million names of people who had Social Security numbers and died between 1927 through December 1993. The index gives names, birth and death dates, and the last place of residence.



DID YOU KNOW?

WILCO RECEIPTS...every time you place your receipt totaling \$50 or more in our Wilco drop-box, you help support your library. Through Wilco's C.A.S.H. Program, the Friends of the Library can turn those receipts into funds to support library programs and services.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS...can earn (for the library) educational equipment to better serve its patrons. Place your Campbell labels in the drop-box at the circulation desk. Next to the Campbell's drop-box is a brief description of specific labels the library is collecting.

Join Wilco Foods Inc. and the Campbell Soup Company in their efforts to benefit your library. We appreciate the continued support of businesses and community residents.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS?... Please let us know if your address or telephone number has been changed or if a family member registered as a library patron has moved out of the area. We try to keep our records up-to-date and appreciate your help.

VISIT THE ON-GOING BOOKSALE... The next time you visit the library, stop by the on-going booksale located at the southwest corner of the non-fiction section next to the large print books. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Hardback books are \$.25, paperback books, children's books and magazines are \$.10. Donations of books in good condition are always welcome. All proceeds are donated to the library for special purchases.

NIALSA...When a book you would like to read cannot be found at either our library or the Lake County Public Library we can send a request for the book to NIALSA (Northwest Indiana Area Library Services Authority). They will search the collections of libraries across the nation to fill your request. If the book is available, it usually arrives within six weeks.

January

ADULT PROGRAMS

LIBRARY QUILTERS

LOWELL - Each Monday, Jan. 9 - 30
9 AM - 12 Noon

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

SHELBY - Thurs. Jan. 12
9 AM - 11 AM

LOWELL - Tues. Jan. 10
9 AM - 10:30 AM

Screening is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

LOWELL - Thurs., Jan. 19
9 AM - 3 PM

SHELBY - Mon., Jan. 23
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thurs., Jan. 19
12 Noon - 6 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.

SECRETS OF SUCCESSFUL ICE FISHING

LOWELL Tues. January 10 - 7 PM

Don't let winter slow you down if you like to fish. Our fishing expert Din Beckrich will give you the "Secrets of Successful Ice Fishing" including what kind of lures, equipment, and tackle to use and where to find the hot spots for good fishing.



NIPSCO'S CUSTOMER SERVICE AND YOU

LOWELL Tues. January 17- 6:30 PM

Learn the latest customer service programs offered by NIPSCO, including special payment plans, registration procedures for life support equipment, "Gatekeeper" and "Gift of Warmth," TDD's, weatherization loans, educational resources, "Good Cents" energy efficiency and more.

SENIOR BENEFITS - LOWELL

Tues. January 24 - 2 PM

Learn about Indiana's Long Term Care program from Senior Benefit Counselors Larry Berger and Richard Borys. They will discuss the state's program that allows residents to buy insurance to pay for their long-term care needs. For every dollar of benefits paid out, a dollar of assets is protected.

YA GAME DAY

On Saturday, January 7 from 10 AM - 4 PM young adults are invited to join in the fun at the Lowell Library, playing board games. Bring a sack lunch, (a drink will be provided) and one of your favorite board games, or you can play one of ours.

TO PRE-REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS CALL:

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY 696-7704

SHELBY BRANCH LIBRARY 552-0809

SCHNEIDER BRANCH LIBRARY 552-1000



AFTER HOLIDAYS BLUES PARTY

Fun! Fun! Fun! Chase away the holiday blues with a party! The Lowell Public Library, in conjunction with the Lowell Parks Department, will sponsor a Blues Party on Saturday, January 7. 1st & 2nd graders are invited to attend from 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM. 3rd & 4th graders are invited to attend from 3:00 PM - 4:30 PM.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, January 16, at 7:30 P.M. following an Executive Meeting at 7:00 P.M.

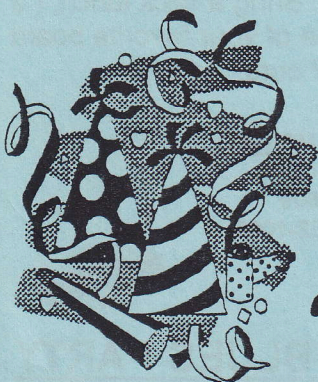
A meeting of the Leasing Corporation will be held on Monday, January 23, at 7:00 P.M.

THE OLD YEAR PASSES

Good-bye 1994! It's time to ring in the new year! The Lowell Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will 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.

See you in 1995!

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Happy New Year!

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

CRAFT CORNER

Children can step out of the cold and into the fun of making their own winter art when they attend Craft Corner with Miss Chris. Pre-schoolers will make a winter decoration and school age children will make a frosty snowman. Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

LOWELL - Thurs., Jan. 5
Pre-school - 10:00 AM
School age - 3:30 PM

SHELBY - Thurs., Jan. 19
Pre-school - 3:30 PM

Thurs., Jan. 26
School age - 4:00 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thurs., Jan. 12
Both ages - 3:30 PM

To pre-register for children's programs call:

Lowell Public Library 696-7704
Shelby Branch 552-0809
Schneider Branch 552-1000



IT'S STORYTIME AGAIN!

Reading adventure, games, and songs await children ages 3-5 attending Story Time. This is a wonderful opportunity for children to be introduced to books and experience the fun of interacting with other children.

SHELBY - Mondays, Jan. 9 - Feb. 6
9:30 AM

LOWELL - Tuesdays or Wednesdays, Jan. 3 - Feb. 8
10:00 AM or 1:30 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thursdays, Jan. 5 - Feb. 9
9:30 AM

**"Reading teaches sharing
and involvement. It brings
families together and makes
children feel loved."**

Former First Lady Barbara Bush
Ladies Home Journal, April, 1991