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# Lowell Library Lines

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January 1997

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

What better way to start the new year off than to welcome a new director to the Lowell Public Library. The Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Michael Furl has accepted the position of Director of the library, to be effective January 13. He replaces Virginia Maravilla who left the library in August of '96 to accept a position at the LaPorte County Public Library.

In coming to Lowell, Furl also comes full circle, having served as director for libraries in Ohio and Illinois before taking the position in an Indiana library. Each state's library system is different and brings new challenges. There are opportunities each offers to help a library grow and keep pace with the ever changing technology. He looks forward to exploring ways he can help the Lowell Library meet its goals and continue to improve its service to the Tri-Creek community.

Furl has served as Director of the Auglaize County Public Library in Wapakoneta, Ohio, six years as Director of the Kankakee (Illinois) Public Library and most recently as Reference Librarian for the Tinley Park (Illinois) Public Library. He received his M.A. in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and his B.A. from the Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, Texas.

Married with two grown children, Furl plans to settle down in the Lowell area. He is very excited to be moving to a fast growing area with a friendly small town atmosphere and a beautiful new library.

### Library Board Honors Outstanding Library Leaders

Two of Lowell's outstanding library leaders, Jeanne Guske and Janet Granger, were recently honored with recognition plaques for their years of dedicated service to the library by the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees.

Having completed sixteen years service as a Library Board Trustee, with the past four years as President, Jeanne, a teacher of gifted children at the Lowell Middle School and a life long lover of reading, is leaving the board but will be a familiar face at the library.

Janet has served the library in many roles. She served as a member of the Library Board of Trustees for 15 years. From 1970 to 1980 she was Director of the Library. As Director she worked with civic leader Alice VanNada to form the Friends of the Lowell Public Library Organization in 1973, of which Janet is still a member.

During their years of service to the library Jeanne and Janet saw the new library become a reality for Lowell. Two branch libraries were opened in Shelby and Schneider and the library was the recipient of several grants for its literacy program, environmental projects, new technology and ...a grant of over one half million dollars in Build Indiana funds to help build the new library and purchase a new home for the Shelby Branch.

Marilyn Hardwick has assumed the position of President of the Library Board. Other board members are Zern Hayden, Ann Ayers, Secretary, Kathy Spencer, new elected Vice President, Norma Ruley, Treasurer, and William Mitchell.

Tom Pancheri has been appointed by the Tri-Creek School Board as a trustee. Tom, an ardent supporter of the new library spoke eloquently at the Tax Commission Hearing in '91 that approved the building process.

Members of the Library Board of Trustees serve the library in a volunteer capacity.

### Recycle

After reading the best seller gift you received for the holidays the Friends of the Library ask that you donate it to the library for its collection or, its on-going booksale.

Books are expensive and as many as seventy people may be on the waiting list for the library's copy of books by popular authors such as Danielle Steel, John Grisham, Stephen King, Tom Clancy, Dean Koontz, Anne Rice, and other bestselling novelists. Duplicate copies are appreciated. Give a belated holiday gift to your library and share the pleasure of reading with other library patrons.





## Happenings in January 1997

### Library Quilters Meetings - Lowell

Each Monday, January 6, 13, 20, 27  
9 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

### Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, January 9, 9 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Lowell - Tuesday, January 14, 9 A.M. - 10:30 A.M.

Conducted on a first-come, first-served basis

by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

If you wish to be put on a calling list to be notified the day before testing contact Nell Fabish at the library at 696-7704.

### "Fit After Fifty" - Lowell

Each Wednesday, January 8, 15, 22, 29

Each Friday, January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

9:15 A.M. - 10:15 A.M.

Join the group that's keeping in shape during the winter months. The Lowell Parks Department, in conjunction with the library, is offering physical fitness exercise programs twice weekly for persons fifty and older. The exercises taught by Physical Fitness Instructor Linda Johnson are designed to build strength, flexibility and endurance. There is a \$3 fee per session. Pre-Register at the Parks Department, 696-1571.

### CPR Course - Lowell

Thursday, January 23, at 6 P.M.

Take a life-saving American Heart Association CPR (Adult/Child/Infant) Course taught by Katherine Misiore, R.N. & Leon Misiore, E.M.T. - Paramedic. Fee is \$16. The course is for medical care providers and the general public.

### Before You File: A Tax Information

Seminar - Lowell

Wednesday, January 22, at 7 P.M.

H&R Block representative Sue Metz will discuss the changes in earned income credit (additional refunds available based on income and filing status,) tax changes for pensioners. Learn about the new changes in income tax for 1997, including Business 179 Expensing (deductions for assets bought in the current year and many other tax topics. Bring your tax questions.

## NO, NOT THAT!!!

Tax Filing!!!! Sorry, it's that time of the year and it just won't go away. But all we can do is offer some assistance in helping you file. Standard federal forms are available at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. State forms are expected to arrive soon.

Beginning in February, dates and times to be announced, trained volunteers will offer free tax assistance for elderly, handicapped, and low-income people by appointment only at the library and its branches. For more information call the library or its branches.

### Pre-Register for Programs by Calling:

**Lowell Public Library - 696-7704**

**Shelby Branch Library - 552-0809**

**Schneider Branch Library - 552-1000**

## Free Child Immunizations

Cedar Lake Clinic - 13963 Morse St.

Thursday, January 2, 12 P.M. - 6 PM

Schneider Branch Library

Thursday, January 16, 12 Noon - 6 P.M.

## Meetings

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, January 15 at 7 P.M.

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, January 27 at 7 P.M.

## Closed for the Holidays

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed on Tuesday, December 31, and Wednesday, January 1, in observance of the New Year's holiday. The Lowell Library will resume regular hours on Thursday, January 2. The Shelby and Schneider branches will resume regular hours on Saturday, January 4.

## Happy New Year!!!





## Thank you Santa Claus...

...for giving pleasure to hundreds of area children this past holiday season. To see the wonder and awe in the faces of young library patrons on your recent visit to Lowell and to the Shelby and Schneider branches was heartwarming. It was a pleasure shared by adult patrons and library staff.

And thank you W. Brian Mathias for arranging Santa's visit. As always, your generosity is appreciated.

**Drawing / Cartooning with  
Artist Nikki Kutansky**  
(of the Center for  
Visual and Performing Arts)  
12-week art courses  
offered for ages 9 to adult  
at the Lowell Public Library

### Principles of Drawing - Beginners

Each Monday at 3:30 P.M. Beginning January 20.  
Learn the principles of drawing with different media, charcoal, conte crayon, etc.

### Cartooning Principles

Each Tuesday at 4 P.M. Beginning January 21.  
Learn the "How" of cartooning, demonstrating the method used to develop and construct characters correct in form, design, symmetry and detail.

### Super Heroes and Advanced Cartooning

Each Wednesday at 3:30 P.M. Beginning January 22, at the Lowell Middle School. Super Heroes deals with the principles of the human figure, applied specifically to the drawing of Super Heroes. In Advanced Cartooning the emphasis will be to turn pictures of people and animals into cartoons.

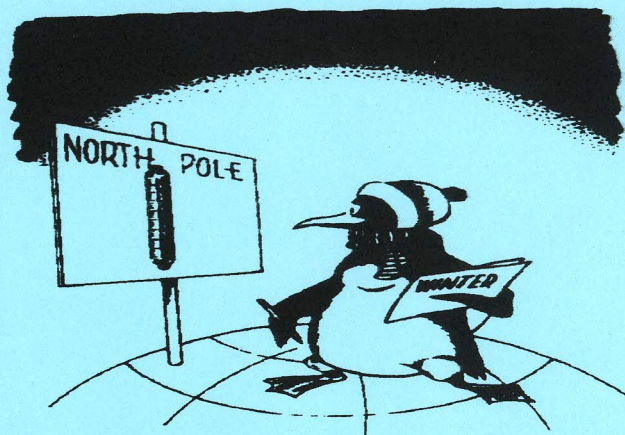
### Principles of Drawing - Intermediate/Advanced

Each Friday at 3:30 P.M. Beginning January 24.  
For students who have taken the beginning principles of drawing and wish to develop their skills at a higher level. Fee for each course (includes supplies) is \$65.  
Pre-register by calling the Lowell Public Library at 696-7704 or the Lowell Parks Department at 696-1570

*Class size is limited. Call Now!!!*

### Baton Twirling Classes

Learn Baton Twirling at the Schneider Branch Library. Children of all ages can join in the fun and learn the sport of baton twirling from Georgine Hamann every other Tuesday at 4 P.M. beginning on January 7.



### SAT Preparation - Lowell

Each Wednesday, January 29 - February 26 at 6 P.M.  
Prepare for the "VERBAL, MATH & VOCABULARY" sections of the SAT with Instructor Gloria Johnson. Learn the test taking strategies to help you improve your SAT score.

### Movie Matinee for Young Adults

Ages 10 and up  
(a continuation of last year's popular series)

Now Showing

### **Goose Girl & Bristlelip**

Saturday, January 18, at 3 P.M.  
Lowell Public Library

## IMPORTANT!!

### PLAC Card Information

You can save more money by using your home library. Beginning January 1, the PLAC Card (Public Access Card) will cost you \$21 per year.

If you wish to visit the Lake County Public Library or its branches to check out materials, you will need to purchase a PLAC Card at those locations or at the Lowell Public Library or its Shelby or Schneider Branches.

There is still the option of having materials sent to the Lowell Library from other libraries without charge.



# Children's Programs

## Crafts

Children attending Craft Corner can make a fluffy white snowman to decorate their rooms for the winter season.

### Lowell - Pre-school Craft -

Thurs. Jan. 9 - 10 A.M.

School Age Craft -

Thurs. Jan. 9 - 3:30 P.M.

### Shelby - Pre-school Craft -

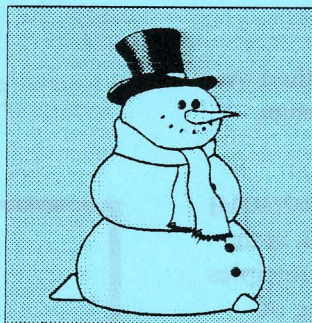
Thurs. Jan. 23 - 3:30 P.M.

School Age Craft -

Thurs. Jan. 30 - 3:30 P.M.

### Schneider - Both Crafts -

Thurs. Jan. 16 - 3:30 P.M.



## Story Time

Stories, games and dances are activities children, ages 3 to 5 years, can learn and enjoy at Story Time. Young children have an opportunity to interact with other children their age and listen to wonderful stories read by Children's Programmer Miss Chris. Pre-register now!

### Lowell - Each Tuesday

Jan. 7 - Feb. 11 - 10 A.M. & 1:30 P.M.

Each Wednesday

Jan. 8 - Feb. 12 - 10 A.M. & 1:30 P.M.

### Shelby - Each Monday

Jan. 6 - Feb. 10 - 9:30 A.M.

### Schneider - Each Thursday

Jan. 9 - Feb. 13 - 9:30 A.M.

## Lowell Public Library

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