



Lowell Library Lines



February 2000

Lowell Lions Aid Visually Impaired

Going on the hunt to find the perfect tree to decorate for the Christmas season is an age old tradition. This year, the trees bought by community residents at a Lowell Lions Club fundraiser not only graced the living rooms of many area homes but provided a means for the Lowell Lions to help the visually impaired.

All of the proceeds from the Lions tree sale , \$3000, was allocated to the Lowell Library for the purchase of a video magnifier. With its 20" (TV screen) unit, visually impaired users can enjoy reading books, magazines, photographs, newspapers, prescription labels, legal papers, etc., in color or black and white, and magnified more than 100%. The magnifier will be available for use the second week of February. Staff will be happy to demonstrate the magnifier.

Last year the Lions Club donated \$2800 from their Lowell Labor Day "Pitch In" fundraiser to the Lowell Fire Department for a "heat seeking" camera. The Lions also provide free eyeglasses to needy children through the school system. The Lions Club has a membership of 50 hard working volunteers. To join the Lions Club call Leon Morrow at 696-7344. Have breakfast with the Lions at their annual pancake breakfast at the American Legion Hall on April 1.



Friends of the Library 1999 Annual Report

The last year of the 20th century was one of the best for the Friends of the Library organization. Not only were the Friends able to provide the library with funds for much of the materials and equipment the library needed and monies for adult, young adult and children's special programming, but they also offered the community residents a host of events to enjoy.

Highlights of the Year

Friends donated \$1200 to Children's Programming and \$250 for special programming for YA's (Young Adults). Their social outing in February was thoroughly enjoyable. Friends reserved Nellie Jayne's Restaurant in Lowell exclusively for an evening for a wonderful dinner and good conversation.

Java Joe's CoffeeHouse musical event in March proved to be quite a hit and a good fundraiser. Over \$400 was raised for the Friends' treasury. Acoustic guitarist Josh Holmes and his band and harmonica musician Brett Sayers entertained the crowd of standing room only patrons. Gourmet coffee and pastries were available. Another popular and successful fundraiser was the annual bus trip to the Flower and Garden Show in Chicago. Friends are offering the trip again this year on Sunday, March 12. Tickets for the bus are \$15 with admission to the show to be paid at the door. Friends also voted to purchase two book carts for the library in March and two magazine racks for the Schneider Branch Library.

At the close of the Wilco Foods Receipt Program Friends expressed their gratitude to Wilco Foods for over \$9000 in donations they had received from the program over the years. The Student Art Exhibit and Reception the Friends sponsored in May gave many young students of the Tri-Creek area an opportunity to showcase their work to community residents. "I Love the Library" T-shirts and plastic book bags with rope handles were purchased in May for an on-going sale at the circulation desk.

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The Friends' annual rummage sale brought out just about every kind of bargain item you could imagine and raised approximately \$900 for the library. Friends President Tom Spencer and his wife Kathy hosted a members picnic in August to celebrate the successful fundraiser.

In September Friends hosted a talk by astronaut Jerry Ross, a native of Crown Point. Ross's last shuttle flight aboard the Endeavor, linking the first part of the international space station "Unity" was the topic. The Chicago Ghost Hunting Trip was a sell out. Watch for a repeat of this trip in October.

Library visitors shopped at the Friends Winter Craft Fair fundraiser held in November. Friends raised over \$430 for the library from the event. That month the Friends also sponsored an American Red Cross blood drive at the library. Patrons enjoyed a holiday gift drawing in December. The lucky winner took home a gift basket filled with 20 gifts.

The Program room at the library was filled to the brim with Friends at the December Pot Luck/Tree Trimming Party for members at the library. They sang *Happy Birthday* to retired Lowell Librarian Janet Granger who was celebrating her 83rd birthday; then Friends dove in to the delicious food everyone had brought to the occasion. The library was made even more beautiful with their decorating efforts for the holidays. What a fun evening it was!

Santa Claus delighted the children at Lowell and its branches with his story-telling, sing-a-long-with - Santa performance and his special personal visit with each child that attended his Santa Claus Story Time. What a Santa (AKA Brian Mathias)! From the Children's Holiday Book Sale at the library, Friends purchased over \$400 in books for the library's collection and prizes for the 2000 Summer Reading Club Program.

"All in all, 1999 was a great year of accomplishment for the Friends," stated Friends President Tom Spencer. "I want to thank all who participated in these efforts to support the library, and I hope that the year 2000 will see even more community residents join us in helping the Lowell Public Library be the best library it can be."

Flower & Garden Show



Back by popular demand, the Friends of the Library's comfort bus trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier is set for Sunday, March 12. The bus will depart the library at 9 AM.

Comfort bus fee, due upon registration, is \$15 (non-refundable) and includes a donation to the Friends. Admission to the show is \$11 for adults and \$5 for children. A \$2 discount coupon for the show is available at local Ace Hardware stores. A fact sheet detailing the trip and highlights of the show is available at the library.

S.A.T. Prep Course

Prepare for the verbal and math sections of the S.A.T. with Instructor Gloria Johnson. The course will be held each Tuesday from 6 PM to 8 PM beginning February 1. Fee for the course is \$85 and includes a SAT book. Pre-register at 696-7704.

For YA's Only!

Young adults, ages 12 and up, had so much fun at the first acrylics painting class held last month that another class has been scheduled for Saturday, February 12, from 9 AM to 12 Noon.

Artist Daylene Richmond-Welty will teach new and returning students to create a lovely spring picture. All budding artists will receive their own supplies. Fee for the class is \$25 for new students and \$15 for returning students, due upon pre-registration.

Turn Your Old Jeans Into A "Locker Pal"

YA's are invited to bring two pair of their own jeans to the library on Saturday, February 26, at 10 AM and create a "Locker Pal," a blue jean pocket organizer to hang in the their school lockers. Bring a glue gun too! Fee is \$6 for materials.



Adult Programs

Ongoing Programs:

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: February 7, 14, 21, 28

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

Fit Forever - Lowell

Each Monday: February 7, 14, 21, 28

Each Wednesday: February 2, 9, 16, 23

Each Friday: February 4, 11, 18, 25

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning and strengthening exercises. Call the Lowell Parks Department at 696-1570 to pre-register. Fee is \$24 per month for three weekly sessions, \$16 for two weekly sessions.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, February 10, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Screening is offered as a service of HouseCalls.

Lowell - Tuesday, February 15, 1 PM - 4 PM
Screening is conducted on a first/come first/served basis by technicians of CareGivers Plus.

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, February 10, 24

Join the Mid-West Writer's Forum and share your writings with other members.

Call Tom Spencer at 696-3338.

New Programs:

Sign Language Course - Lowell

Each Monday, February 7, 14, 21, 28 at 7 PM.

Lisa Stanford will teach beginning sign language to adults and older children.

Call the Lowell Parks Department to pre-register.

Book Discussion of *Absolute Power*-Lowell

Thursday, February 3, at 7 PM or

Friday, February 4, at 10 AM

Join others in a lively and informal book discussion of *Absolute Power*, available at the circulation desk for checkout.

Weave a Homework Basket - Shelby

Thursday, February 3, at 9 AM

Tuesday, February 8, at 6 PM

Create a "Homework" basket with Julie Duttlinger. Fee is \$25. Bring a bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and a plastic bag.

Weave a "Juliann" Basket - Lowell

Tuesday, February 15, at 8:30 AM

Tuesday, February 22, at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 23, 6:30 PM

Learn to weave this charming little basket, on display at the circulation desk. Fee for the class \$22.

Free Childhood Immunizations

Free childhood immunizations will be held at the Lowell Public Library Thursday, February 17, from 9 AM to 3 PM. The free service is offered by the Lake County Health Department.

Tax Assistance

Tax assistance is available at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches for senior citizens, handicapped or low income individuals. To schedule an appointment call the library at 696-7704. At Shelby call 552- 0809. For Schneider call 552-1000.

Mark Your Calendar for Dr. Seuss's Birthday Party

Pre-schoolers and school age children are invited to Dr. Seuss' birthday party on Thursday, March 2. Children will listen to favorite Dr. Seuss stories read by local community readers. They can enjoy a piece of Dr. Seuss' sbirthday cake and take home a color story book and a favor, too.



Pre-schoolers can attend the birthday party at 1 PM. The party for school age children will be at 3 PM. Pre-register at 696-7704.

To register for programs call Lowell at 696-7704 the Schneider Branch at 552-1000 or the Shelby Branch at 552-0809.



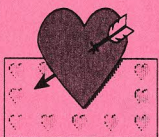
Toddler Time Begins

Toddlers, 18 months to 3 years, can enjoy a spirited 20 minutes of non-stop activity at Toddler Time. Children’s Programmer Miss Chris will introduce toddlers to picture books and other fun activities they are sure to enjoy as they interact with other children at this five-week program.

Toddler Time hours are:

Shelby Branch - Each Monday at 9:30 AM
February 14 - March 13

Lowell - Each Tuesday at 10 AM & 11 AM
February 15 - March 14
Each Wednesday, at 10 AM
February 16 to March 15



**“Be My Valentine”
Craft Corner**

Pre-school children attending Craft Corner will have fun creating crafts for the Valentine’s Day holiday with Children’s Programmer Miss Chris.

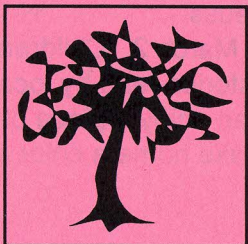
Craft Corner Hours are:

Lowell
Pre-school - Thursday, February 3, at 10 AM
School age - Thursday, February 3, at 3:30 PM

Shelby
Pre-school - Monday, February 7, at 3:30 PM
School age -Wednesday, February 9, at 3:30 PM

Schneider
Both Crafts - Thursday, February 10, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register for programs: **Lowell** 696-7704 **Shelby** 552-0809 **Schneider** 552-1000



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