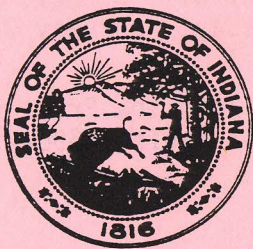


LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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INDIANA'S FIRST LADY

VISITS LOWELL

The Literacy Program of the Lowell Public Library is about to receive very special attention. Indiana's first lady, Susan Bayh, wife of Governor Evan Bayh, will visit Lowell's Adult Literacy Headquarters in early February. Mrs. Bayh is coming to lend her support in the fight against illiteracy.

Here in South Lake County, it is estimated that at least 2,000 (or 1 in 5) men and women are illiterate or functionally illiterate. Illiteracy is the inability to read, write and compute well enough to perform everyday tasks such as following directions on a street sign or medicine bottle, fill out an application or read a bedtime story to a child.

Mrs. Bayh devotes a great deal of time publicizing the illiteracy problem throughout our state often visiting literacy programs and giving talks on this issue.

During a session on the Indiana General Assembly, Bayh testified before the House Education Committee to request additional funding for literacy programs and hopes to start a literacy foundation.

Mrs. Bayh's involvement in combating illiteracy is based on her own personal challenge to receive a college education by working two full-time jobs at one point, gives her insight into the problems many people face in completing their education.

She believes the biggest need for literacy is in the workplace. Programs to improve reading and writing skills will enable people to upgrade their current job skills to better compete in today's job market.

A reception in honor of Mrs. Bayh will be held at the Literacy Headquarters. Invited guests will include tutors, some students from both the literacy program and the GED program, local officials and other community leaders.



1989 - A VERY GOOD YEAR!

Busy and productive! That sums up the 1989 annual report, recently presented to Library Board Trustees by Director Virginia Maravilla.

After several years of preparation, circulation of books on the computer began in June. Automation has saved hundreds of hours in filing and pulling book cards and in preparation of overdue notices.

We were further computerized when we were chosen to receive the C D Rom (Compact Disc Read Only Memory) computer and the first year of subscriptions to the software as part of a state grant. The programs include references sources such as an encyclopedia, magazine abstracts, and bookshelf. A circulating software collection was begun.

Planning for the future continued as several board members visited a number of libraries in Minnesota which had been planned by David Smith, library consultant. Smith was later chosen to consult with us on space needs for the library in years to come. A suitable site for a new building was investigated, and steps were begun to purchase the property.

In the meantime, the present building had to be maintained. Sections of the front sidewalk were replaced, the front parking lot was repaved, and landscaping was done in the front and on the east side of the building. The library worked with the Park Board and Town Council to begin work on an overflow parking area in Library Park.

The collection was improved by the addition of 4,500 new books, records, videos, cassettes, and art prints. 7,690 out-of-date materials were discarded, temporarily relieving severely overcrowded shelves.

In the summer and fall, survival English was taught to migrant workers and in October, we began to expand our literacy program with the help of a Library Services and Construction Act Grant of almost \$25,000. The second year of funding for our branches, \$15,000 was also received.

The number of children participating in the Summer Reading Program was twice that of the previous year. We registered 867 new patrons for library cards, the 1989 circulation for the system was 12% above 1988's, and 43% above the 1985 figure.

All in all, it was a very good year. We're very grateful to our board members and to you, the community, for all your support.



What a pleasure it was! Library staff members joined with family and friends to honor Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Bartz on that most special occasion - their Golden Anniversary.

Over 100 celebrants toasted the couple at a festive dinner planned by the Bartz's four children and held at the Spa Restaurant in Porter, Ind.

Congratulations to Mrs. Bartz, Shelby Branch Head, and her husband, Waldo. We wish you many more years of wedded bliss.

FRIENDS TO MEET

The February meeting of the Lowell Friends of the Library will be held at the Library on Wednesday, February 21, at 7:00 PM.

Anyone wishing to join the Friends group can contact Nell Fabish, 696-7704.

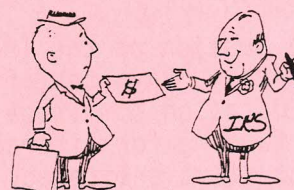
TAX COUNSELING FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

'Tis the season, the dreaded season, when words like deductions, exemptions, losses, income, savings, interest, depreciation and worst of all, audit come into our thought, unwilling to leave until the April deadline.

Senior citizens can take advantage of free tax counseling at the Lowell Public Library and its branches from February 2 through April 13.

Offered by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Northwest Indiana, trained volunteers, Martha Gates and Gertrude Sullivan and Lawrence Demko will provide the 1 hour sessions to persons seeking tax assistance.

They suggest you bring W-2 forms, social security receipts, and other pertinent information.



Tax schedules are as follows:
Starting in February: every Friday from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM and every Saturday from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Starting February 6 at Schneider Branch every other Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Starting February 13 at Shelby Branch every other Tuesday from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Pre-register by calling the Lowell Public Library at 696-7704, the Schneider Branch Library at 552-1000 and the Shelby Branch Library at 552-0809.

February

ADULT PROGRAMMING

Thursday, February 8
Blood Pressure/Diabetes Testing
Lake County Health Department conducts free testing at Shelby Branch and Lowell Public Library. First come first served basis. Participants of the Diabetes Test should fast for 2 hours before the test.

SHELBY BRANCH 9 AM to 11 AM
LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY 12:30 to 3 PM

Saturday, February 10
Free Hearing Test
Adults and teens, first come, first served.

Monday, February 19 & 26
"Beginners Quilting"
Classes resume with Mary K. Bruce.

HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

"STORY TIME"

There's still time to register your youngster for "Story Time."

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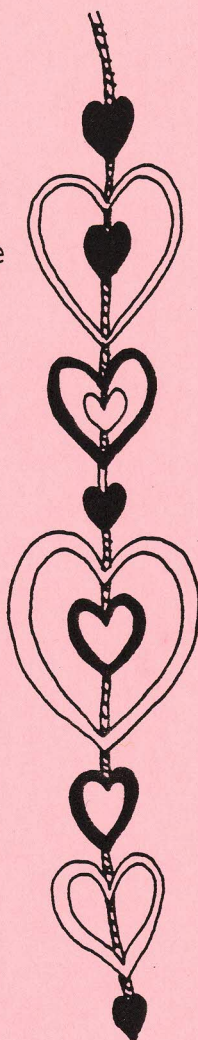
Tuesdays, February 6, 13 - 10 AM
Wednesdays, February 7, 14 - 10 AM, 1:30 PM

SHELBY BRANCH

Mondays, February 5, 12 - 10:30 AM

SCHNEIDER BRANCH

Mondays, February 5, 12 - 1:30 PM



To pre-register for programs call:
Lowell Library - 696-7704
Shelby Branch - 552-0809
Schneider Branch - 552-1000

CRAFT CORNER

Youngsters will make their own Valentine cards at Craft Corner. Pre-Schoolers will make a caterpillar Valentine and School-age children will make a candy filled Valentine.

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Thursday - February 1
Pre-school - 10:30 AM
School-age - 3:30 PM



SCHNEIDER BRANCH

Thursday, February 8
Pre-school and School-age 3:30 PM

SHELBY BRANCH

Crafts will be announced at a later date.

Thursday, February 15

Pre-school - 4:00 PM

Thursday, February 22

School-age children - 4:00 PM

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING

The regular meeting of the Lowell Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, February 19 at 7:30 PM, following an executive meeting at 7:00 PM to discuss land and personnel.

TODDLER TIME

Books can be your child's best friend. Introduce your youngsters to the joys of reading.

Children 18 months to 3 years can join Toddler Time.

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February 20 - March 20
Tuesdays at 10 & 11 AM

SHELBY BRANCH

February 19 - March 19
Mondays at 10:30 AM

