

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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1990-A YEAR OF GROWTH

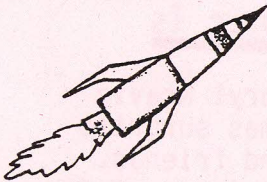


1990 saw the dawn of a new decade and a year of challenges and changes for the Lowell Public Library

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE YEAR

ONE GIANT STEP FORWARD ---- was taken by the Library's Board of Trustees early in the year. Their vote to purchase 5½ acres in the heart of Lowell will insure adequate room for growth far into the future.

RECORD CIRCULATION ---- the highest in the history of the library. The Lowell Public Library increased its circulation 31.87%, Schneider over 2.29% and Shelby 18.84% over 1989. Altogether, library patrons checked out 150,330 materials in 1990.



ARE WE GROWING! ---- Registration of patrons skyrocketed in 1991. 957 new patrons registered in Lowell, 23 at Schneider and 34 at Shelby for a total of 1,014 patrons. Total patrons now holding library cards in the system is 8,350.

SUPER READERS ---- of Summer Reading Club read up a storm. 24,275 books were read by the children attending the two month summer program and attendance at all the programming designed for children increased from 296 in 1988 to 676 in 1990.

UP WENT THE WELCOME BANNERS ---- when Eagle Creek Township became part of the Lowell Public Library District. The library adds 1400 residents to its service area. It's a pleasure to serve our new residents.

TURNING THE SPOTLIGHT ON ---- Attending a reception in her honor at the library's new literacy headquarters; Indiana's First Lady, Susan Bayh, spoke eloquently of the struggles experienced by persons with low reading skills and urged community residents to get involved by becoming literacy tutors.

ANSWERING THE CALL ---- were 53 community residents who volunteered their time to teach 63 students who enrolled in the literacy program to improve basic reading skills or learn English as a second language.



ONE OF OUR OWN ---- Dorothy Tortorici was named the 1990 Indiana Volunteer of the Year by the Governor's Action Council. Dorothy has tutored on migrant farms for two years and has been teaching individual students in the library's ESL Program.

DISHEARTENED ---- was the way we felt upon receiving word that federal funding for our literacy program was not renewed. With more students enrolling in the program and the knowledge that many more need to be reached it came as a blow. However, we are still operating, thanks to our wonderful volunteers and donations from the community.

CELEBRATION ---- of National Library Week was enhanced by the participation of State Senator Sue Landske, newspaper editor Marlene Zloza and artist Carole Boller. They generously gave their storytelling talents to "Night of a Thousand Stars", a special children's program to promote family literacy.

SHINING BRIGHTLY ---- Honoring our service personnel in the Persian Gulf was the Christmas tree in the library's foyer, donated by the Lion's Club.

Decorated in red, white and blue, it bore the names of area service personnel or personnel who are relatives of our community residents.

LABORS OF LOVE ---- were showered on the Library as its Friends group showed their support by sponsoring National Library Week activities and the Student Art Exhibit. They worked hard setting up and selling at the library's book sale and raised \$1000.00 to donate to the library's building fund. Other proceeds came from the sales and drawing of an afghan handcrafted by Cecil Crost and a Christmas quilt created by the Library Quilters for the Friends.

A NEW YEAR BEGINS ---- and with it comes the challenge of solving old problems while exploring new ways we can best serve our library patrons and the community at large.



WE ARE MAKING PLANS ---- in anticipation of the arrival of three new Public Access Terminals in late spring. These terminals will enable library patrons to order books from other libraries, reserve books that are checked out, search by author, title, or subject or just browse.

FINDING ROOM ---- to provide for the use of the public access terminals will be challenging in a library already experiencing critical space needs. With higher patron registration, more adults and children attending library programs, and the sharp rise in materials being borrowed, the library is at a critical point in accommodating services and providing enough parking spaces for its visitors.



TO OUR PATRONS

WE THANK YOU ---- for your input and concerns for the library's future development and look forward to 1991 and a new year of change.

FRIENDS MEETING

Friends of the Lowell Public Library, Schneider and Shelby Branches will hold their regular meeting Wednesday, February 20 at 7:00 PM.

New members to the Friends are: Sally Borkowski, Laura Hathaway, Tom Cronin, Barbara Backous, Barbara Sue Bird, Bonnie Echterling, Cindy Klidas, and Cindy Hepp.

If you would like to become a member of Friends call Nell Fabish at 696-7704 or fill out a membership application at the circulation desk at the library.



And the Winner Is

On Christmas Day, Cheryl Kravig had a special Christmas surprise to show her family and friends. Cheryl was the lucky winner of the Christmas Quilt Drawing at the Lowell Public Library.

The beautiful quilt was handcrafted by the Library Quilters, organized by Mary K. Bruce a year ago. They generously donated the quilt to the Library's Friends group for a fundraiser.

The library is grateful to the Friends and the Library Quilters for their support.



LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held Monday, February 18, at 7:30 PM.

To pre-register for programs call:

Lowell Library - 696-7704

Shelby Branch - 552-0809

Schneider Branch - 552-1000

February



ADULT PROGRAMS

Friday February 1 to Saturday April 15
TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Offered by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program/RSVP, in conjunction with AARP/American Association of Retired Persons. Tax sites will be located at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. Assistance is available by appointment only, beginning February 1, dates and times to be announced.

Tuesday, February 5 - 7:00 PM
INCOME TAX FILING SEMINAR

H & R Block Representative, Sue Metz, will discuss preparation for tax filing including tax saving tips, deductions, wages and common income, sale of property, dividends, etc. Extension of time to file and amending a filed return will also be discussed.

Thursday, February 7
BLOOD PRESSURE/DIABETES TESTING

The Lake County Health Department will offer free testing on a first come, first-served basis. Participants taking diabetes test should fast two hours before test.

Test hours are:

Shelby Branch Library - 9:00 - 11:00 AM

Lowell Public Library - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Thursday, February 14
VISION SCREENING FOR GLAUCOMA & CATARACTS

Free eye testing conducted by Opticare 2000

Test hours are:



Lowell Public Library - 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Tuesday, February 19 - 6:00 PM
CPR TRAINING

Cindy Zankula, CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) instructor will conduct a training course on this life-saving technique.

Wednesday, February 27 - 7:00 PM
BEGINNING GENEALOGY

Jane Alexis, local genealogist, will conduct a workshop for budding genealogists. Forms will be available to start a family tree.

TODDLER TIME IS HERE

Tiny tots, ages 18 months to 3 years will enjoy this 5 week, 20 minute program of stories, songs and finger-play games at Toddler Time. There they will interact with children their age and enjoy the wonderful storybooks geared for their age level.

Toddler Time Hours Are:

SHELBY BRANCH LIBRARY

Each Monday at 9:30 AM

February 18 - March 18

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Each Tuesday 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM

February 19 - March 19

Each Wednesday 10:00 AM

February 20 - March 20

CRAFT CORNER



Valentine's Day is a day for candy and flowers, special cards and decorations. Pre-school youngsters attending Craft Corner will enjoy making a tissue paper heart for mom or a special friend for Valentine's Day.

School age children will construct a "Valentine Holder" to display their valentine cards.

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, February 7

Pre-school craft - 10:00 AM

School age craft - 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, February 14

Pre-school and school age craft at 3:30 PM

St. Patrick's Day crafts will be made at Shelby Branch Craft Corner

SHELBY BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, February 21

Pre-schoolers craft - 4:00 PM

Thursday, February 28

School age craft - 4:00 PM



SALUTING THE SOLDIERS

The staff of the Lowell Public Library join their fellow Americans in expressing their concern for the men and women of the Armed Forces serving in the Persian Gulf.

Their courage and perseverance deserve our support during this time of crisis.

We wish them safe passage.

The library will mail items residents would like to send to any personnel serving in the gulf. A list of items they need is at a special display in the library. The library will also mail letters and packages addressed to a specific service personnel.

Names of area service personnel and personnel who are relatives of area residents are listed at the library display.

Monthly Potpourri

Plans are underway for adult and children's programming during 1991, including special events throughout National Library Week and our wild and crazy "Summer Reading Club Program". Watch our circulation skyrocket when youngsters "DIVE IN - THE READING'S GREAT".

A potpourri of programming will be offered to the public, including: free medical testing each month, craft programs for adults and children, free tax assistance for senior citizens, workshops for genealogy enthusiasts, beginning oil painting, and seminars for small business owners.

Storyhour and Toddler Time sessions will be held, aimed at encouraging early reading skills.

Watch for these and other coming events.

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