

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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PAST EVENTS SHAPE NEW YEAR

Webster defines progress as growth or development, continuous improvement.

For the Lowell Public Library, 1991 saw the wheels of progress spin on to a new faster track.

Hard work by the Board of Trustees, the library director and the staff of the library combined with the support of the community provided the most exciting accomplishment towards progress for the library in 1991-- the approval for a new library for the Tri-Creek community. Almost one million dollars in federal and state grants were awarded that year which will save a great deal on the cost of the building.

1991 set the pace for the new year, 1992. Soon the architectural plans will be finalized and the new library will be off the drawing board and under construction.

Other exciting changes in library services took place in '91. A section was created in the library's main room to house the new public access terminals. The terminals provide library patrons with the ability to view the library's book and materials collection as well as the collections of the libraries in the Lake County system. If the material the patron is seeking is unavailable at that time, the patron can reserve it and then will be notified when the selections arrive.

Also located in the new technology reference section are the CD-ROM and new MICRO-FILM & - FICHE READER. NEWSBANK, a ready reference to current news articles from 450 national newspapers is also located in the new section.

Through the generosity of the Indian Trail Grange a Telecommunication Device for the Deaf was donated to the library to provide service for the library's hearing and speech impaired patrons.

The Lowell Lion's Club provided funds for a new large print collection for patrons who have difficulty reading regular sized print.

Circulation figures continued to surge upwards during '91. For the system as a whole, circulation increased from 150,330 items in 1990 to 174,800 in 1991, more than double the circulation in 1985.

886 Tri-Creek residents registered for library cards and the system increased the number of materials owned from 51,474 in '90 to 55,961 in '91.



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Like a tidal wave, the 867 Reading Club Members, from toddlers to teens, continued to pour into the libraries and feast on the reading treasures. These youngsters made good use of their summer vacation devouring 26,615 books over a three month period.

New students continued to register for the literacy program which provides Basic Reading Skills to adult learners, English as a Second Language to non-native Americans and Survival English skills to migrant workers. Lowell was the recipient of a \$34,826.00 federal grant to expand the literacy program.

The library looks forward to the promise of progress for this new year and the privilege of serving its patrons.

THAT ALL MAY READ



"Talking Books" and "Large Print" publications will be the subject of a special display at the Lowell Public Library, February 10 - 29.

The exhibit is designed to promote public awareness of a new service offered by the library and its branches for patrons who are unable to read or use standard printed material as a result of temporary or permanent visual or physical limitations.

"Talking Books" are recorded books and magazines available on records and cassette tapes to be used with special playback equipment. The books and equipment are on long term loan from the Indiana State Library and will be available for patrons to borrow for a one week period after February 29th. Patrons can place their reserve at the circulation desk.

Patrons can also obtain free at home "Talking Books" service, through the mail by calling 374-9563 and asking for "Talking Books".

"Large Print Books", also on display, are part of the library's new collection of large print books purchased with funds donated by the Lowell Lion's Club.

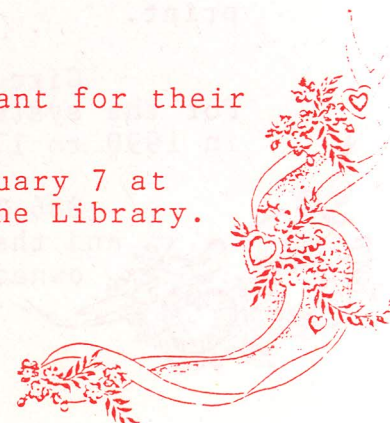
BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, February 16 at 7:30 PM following a 7:00 PM Executive Meeting in the library's Community Room.

FRIENDS WILL MEET

The Friends of the Library will dine at an area restaurant for their February meeting - date to be announced.

Friends will also travel to Crown Point on Friday, February 7 at 10:00 AM to share ideas with the Crown Point Friends of the Library.



ADULT PROGRAMS

WILLS, TRUSTS AND LIVING TRUSTS

Tuesday, Feb. 11 - 7:00 PM

Donald O'Dell, Attorney at Law, will discuss planning your estate to avoid mistakes and delays which could prove costly for your heirs.

TAX ASSISTANCE FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Sponsored by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) in conjunction with the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), free tax assistance is by appointment only for a 45 minute session.

LOWELL

Each Friday 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
Beginning Feb. 7 Call 696-7704

SHELBY

Each Saturday 10:00 AM
Beginning Feb. 8 Call 552-0809

SCHNEIDER

Each Tuesday 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM
Beginning Feb. 4 Call 552-1000

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING

Thursday, February 13

Testing is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis by technicians from St. Anthony's Medical Center.

SHELBY - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

LOWELL - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM

FUNERAL PLANNING: A CONSUMER'S RIGHT

Tuesday, February 18 - 7:00 PM

Funeral director, Ken Sheets, will give practical information about the choices and decisions that most survivors must face when death occurs, and advice to adults who wish to make plans for their own funeral arrangements.



TODDLER TIME



Brightly colored books, fun-filled games and songs await toddlers attending "TODDLER TIME". The free six weeks program is designed for youngsters eighteen months to three years.

Start your child on the road to reading. Register for Toddler Time by calling the library at 696-7704 or the Shelby Branch at 552-0809.

SHELBY BRANCH

February 17 - March 16

Each Monday at 9:30 AM

LOWELL

February 18 - March 17

Each Tuesday at 10:00 AM
and 11:00 AM

February 19 - March 18

Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM

Parents are requested to stay with their children during the 20 minute session.



LOWELL - Pre-school Craft

Thursday, February 6 at 10:00 AM

School Age Craft

Thursday, February 6 at 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER - BOTH CRAFTS

Thursday, February 13 at 3:30 PM

SHELBY - Pre-school Craft

Thursday, February 20 at 4:00 PM

School Age Craft

Thursday, February 27 at 4:00 PM

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



FRIENDS WELCOME FORMER BOARD MEMBER



Retiring from the Lowell Public Library Board after seventeen years of dedicated service, Schneider resident Mary K. Bruce had earned the right to enjoy the flowers.

However, those who know Mary K. realize that this is not her style.

Upon leaving the board, Mary K. joined the Friends of the Library, an organization which pledges its time and interest in support of library programs and services.

Friends are delighted to have this energetic and productive volunteer join forces to help the library.

Mary K.'s years on the board were marked with major steps towards improving library services to the community. Foremost among these were paying off the mortgage on the present building with a community wide ceremony, the opening of the Shelby and Schneider Branch Libraries, and the formation of a literacy program for adult learners.

The library entered the age of automation with computer terminals which are used to check books in and out and are connected to the Lake County Library, offering patrons a greater selection of materials. During Mary K.'s term circulation of library materials had almost doubled and new programs for children and adults have been initiated. Eagle Creek was added to the library's service area.

Mary K.'s last five years on the board were especially time consuming as they earmarked the long range planning that led to the approval of a new library for the Tri-Creek community.

The library board bids adieu. The Friends of the Library bid a hearty "WELCOME" to their newest member.

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