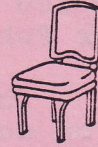


LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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"FURNISHING FUND TAKES OFF"



IT'S WONDERFUL- That has been the response to the furnishings fund drive.

As of the time of this writing, 96 donors (individuals, families or businesses) had donated or pledged over \$5300 towards items for the new building. The globe for the children's room and all four clocks were among the first items to be spoken for.

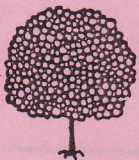
Donations are still pouring in. Since our last newsletter Bill & Shirley Nassau responded by donating funds to be applied toward the cost of one of the reading tractor units for pre-schoolers in the children's room. Monies for: an easel came from the Davis Store; a calculator from Harold & Joan Snyder; a step stool from NIPSCO; and children's books from Ruth Lett, and Douglas and Karen Ogle.

Helping the library to purchase items that are most needed were Donald & Darlene Stam, Sam & Marjorie Campbell, Susan Carriker, Carol Bokich, Mike and Pat Dancula, H & R Block, Edwin & Della Herz, Library Board Secretary Seth McLellan and his wife Lillian, and the Lowell Women's Club.

Bricks continue to be one of the favored items purchased for the new building. Donating bricks last month were: Norma Ruley; George Meadows; Steve & Melanie Csepiga; Evan & Barbara Berkey; Richard & Lynn Bochart; Nancy Nethery; Mike & Pat Dancula; Jerry & Mabel Cunningham; Paul & Brenda Keith; John & Debbie Domka; Mary Dahl; Diane Spivak; Robert & Jeralyn Hatch; Kay Harness; John Schroeter; Nancy Hedlund; Gordon Baxter; Library Assistant Director Nancy Campbell; Library Board President Jeanne Guske and husband David; Brian Mathias; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph (Bud) Artim; Edwin & Della Herz; Jeff Parrish; Danny Hern; Wesley & Debra Stoltz; Nancy Calderone; Tom Cronin; staff member Carole Sutton; V.J. Poppe; Marianne Marlowe; Idabelle Ballou; Chuck & Judy Wietbrock; John & Debbie Domka; Board Member Zern Hayden and his wife Mary; and Board Member Marilyn Hardwick and her husband Dr. Herbert Hardwick.

Businesses and organizations also purchased bricks; Hairtenders; H & R Block; The Rotary Club; Dalecarlia Federated Women's Club; Southlake County Business and Professional Women; Centier Bank; Osburn Insurance Agency; and Lowell Knights of Columbus. These special bricks will be placed near the entry of the new library where all may see the names of the donors or the persons being honored. A sample of the brick is on display at the library.

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Because of the demand for bricks (92 were sold as of this writing), Library Board President Jeanne Guske has agreed that up to 100 additional bricks will be offered, with the deadline set for February 15.

The grounds of the new library are also receiving attention from donors. Funds to purchase five trees have been received. In addition to those listed in last month's newsletter, staff member Sandra Fuller and Dr. & Mrs. Richard Krejsa have contributed toward the purchase of trees. If a grant proposal to be submitted by the library is successful, matching funds will be provided by the Small Business Administration through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. The money will be used to implement the landscape design now on display at the library. It features a nature trail and outdoor classroom for use by school classes, organizations, and the community as a whole.

Trees that are purchased as part of the fund drive will have plaques in the ground to identify the species of tree as well as the donor's name. When the time for planting nears, donors will be contacted in the order their gift was received to choose "their tree."

Whether your gift is for \$5 or \$500, the fact that you want to participate in this exciting project means more to us than we can ever express. If you have not had a chance and still want to be part of the project, see page 3.

As the snows descend upon us, it seems like the completion of the building is a long way away. In recent weeks, though, the framing of the roof and enclosure of the building has gone forward despite the bad weather. Carpenters are starting now to frame the interior walls.

There is no accurate target date set for completion, but the weather should be a lot warmer before we move!

We are grateful to the contractor, Semford Contracting, for employing so many local firms and workers.

LIBRARY TAXES GO DOWN !!



Yes, you read it right! Library taxes have gone down. The tax rate to pay for the new library was approved by the State Tax Board at forty cents per \$100.00 of assessed valuation. 1992 was the first year the tax was actually levied; the rate was nineteen cents. In 1993, your tax rate for the new building is just under fourteen cents - about 1/3 of the rate approved.

As the library district grows, it is expected that the tax rate for the bonds will continue to go down.

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY FURNISHINGS FUND DRIVE

I would like to contribute toward the following item(s) for the new Lowell Public Library. (All gifts are tax deductible)

<u>Number Needed</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Cost Each</u>	<u>Number You Are Donating</u>
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Books, Etc.

\$ 25.00

CHILDREN'S

6	Special Chairs	\$ 300.00	
30	Chairs	\$ 100.00	
1	Puppet Theater	\$1200.00	
3	Reading Tractor	\$1000.00	
1	Display Case	\$1200.00	
1	Book Display Rack	\$ 150.00	

MEETING ROOMS

130	Meeting Room Chairs	\$ 75.00	
18	Tables	\$ 300.00	
9	Easels	\$ 75.00	
2	Blackboards	\$ 200.00	
1	Vacuum Cleaner	\$ 350.00	
1	Large Screen Monitor	\$2000.00	
1	Refrigerator	\$ 499.00	
2	Ranges and range hoods	\$ 618.00	
2	Microwave ovens	\$ 190.00	

MAIN AREA OF THE LIBRARY

10	Lamps	\$ 125.00	
14	Step Stools	\$ 50.00	

OUTDOORS

5	Trees	\$ 100.00	
100	Bricks	\$ 15.00	

2 lines allowed with 14-18 characters (including spaces) per line on bricks.

PLEASE USE MY GIFT WHERE IT'S NEEDED MOST

Please put the following on the recognition plaque:

If the item(s) you select have already been chosen we will contact you for your alternate choice.

Enclosed please find my gift for \$ _____

or

I pledge to contribute \$ _____ by April 15,1993

Your name/address/phone no. _____

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Just a reminder - if you plan to visit a library outside of Lake or Porter County to borrow materials, be sure to stop in at the Lowell Public Library to purchase your Public Library Access Card...the cost is \$16.77.

To borrow from other libraries in Lake or Porter County, all you need is your Lowell Library card, for which there is no charge.

We encourage you to check out the Lowell Library first. You may be surprised at all we have! (see below)

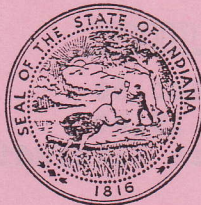
As you may remember from earlier newsletters, this fee was made necessary because of action taken in the Indiana General Assembly last year. This year there is a bill which would provide \$2 million statewide for the reciprocal borrowing program so that individuals and local libraries would not have to pay to borrow from libraries outside their district.

If you would like to see this bill passed, you can write to:

Representative Walter Roorda
408 15th Street, S.E.
DeMotte, IN 46310

Representative James Colon
341 Maple Lane
Crown Point, IN 46307

Senator Sue Lanske
7325 W. 143rd Ave.
Cedar Lake, IN 46303



Senator Katie L. Wolf
Box 766
Monticello, IN 47960

Did You Know?

The Lowell Library (and branches at Shelby and Schneider) have 58,398 items? There are 48,996 books; 131 magazines; 3,718 pamphlets; 2,452 records; 529 audio cassettes; 359 compact discs; 107 framed art prints; 236 multi media kits; 1164 videos; 22 sets of circulating software; and 687 items purchased for the literacy program.

In 1992, 200,007 items were borrowed - an increase of 14.4 % over 1991. Circulation has almost doubled since 1989 when 104,000 items were loaned. In 1985 - just seven years ago - the library's circulation was 81,387, for an increase of 145%!

To register for programs
Call the library at:
Lowell - 696-7704
Shelby - 552-0809
Schneider - 552-1000

ADULT PROGRAMS

FEBRUARY, MARCH & APRIL
TAX AID FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Lowell-Each Friday, 9:00 AM-
Noon, Feb. 5-April 9

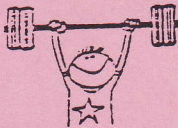
Schneider-Tuesday, 4:00 PM-
6:00 PM, Feb. 26-April 9

Shelby-Dates to be announced

Feb. 1, 8, 15, 22
LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET
EACH MONDAY 9:00 AM

S.A.T. PREPARATION-

Beginning Monday Feb. 8, 6 PM
continues each Monday, Feb. 22,
Mar. 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29. Presented by
English & Reading teacher, Gloria
Johnson. Fee \$25



Feb. 10 - Young Adults
HEALTH & FITNESS

3:30 PM Teresa Laninga and Jason
Kantos, instructors for the Lowell
Health Club, will present a
workshop on aerobics and weight
training for Middle and High School
students.

Feb. 11
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

9:00 AM-11:00 AM - SHELBY BRANCH
1:00 PM- 2:00 PM - LOWELL

Feb. 22
PICKIN' PAIL BASKET

6:30 PM SHELBY BRANCH LIBRARY
Presented by Julie Duttlinger.
Fee \$18

Feb. 24
CREATE AN EASTER HOLIDAY SHIRT
6:30 PM Anita Heath will teach
participants to create a spring
flower or bunny design on their
shirts. Participants need to bring
a freshly laundered T-shirt or
sweatshirt. Paints and choice of
two iron-ons will be provided.
Fee \$12.

Feb. 25

TAX TIPS FOR A HEALTHY RETURN

7:00 PM Sue Metz of H & R Block
will give tax tips and answer
questions concerning tax filing.

Feb. 27

SIMPLE, NOT OLD FASHIONED-QUILTS

10:00 AM Carole Sutton presents the
story of the Amish people. Learn
of their customs and beliefs, and
the role quilting played in
their lives. Slides of antique
quilts from the Amish Quilt Museum
in Pennsylvania will be shown plus
a show & tell of Amish quilts/
tops.



BELATED THANKS

In our January newsletter we
listed the businesses who had
donated prizes to our Children's
Christmas Drawing. We inadvert-
ently left out one.

Our thanks to Video-To-Go for
their help for our Christmas Draw-
ings and for the continued support
they and so many other merchants
have shown the library throughout
the years. It is greatly
appreciated.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library
Board of Trustees will hold a
special meeting Monday, February 8
at 6:30 PM to review furniture
bids.

The Board will hold their
regular meeting on Monday, February
15 at 7:00 PM following a joint
meeting with the Leasing Corpora-
tion at 6:30 PM.



FRIENDS

Friends will fight the winter
blahs by dining out together at
Dick's Restaurant in Cedar Lake
on Wednesday, February 17. Res-
ervations are for 6:00 PM and
Friends are welcome to meet at the
library at 5:30 PM to carpool to
the restaurant.

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250 N. FREMONT ST.
LOWELL, IN 46356



VALENTINE FUN
AT
CRAFT CORNER

Lowell and Schneider pre-schoolers will make a Valentine necklace at Craft Corner and school age children will construct a Valentine card.

Lowell - Thursday, Feb. 4
Pre-school - 10:00 AM
School age - 3:30 PM

Schneider - Thursday, Feb. 11
Both crafts at 3:30 PM

"DUSTY DINOSAUR"
AT
CRAFT CORNER

Shelby pre-schoolers will make a dinosaur and school age children will create a dinosaur picture at Craft Corner.

Shelby - Thursday, Feb. 18
Pre-school - 3:30 PM
Thursday, Feb. 25
School age - 4:00 PM



TODDLER TIME

Children who are age 18 months-3 yrs. may be registered for "Toddler Time," a wonderful storytelling, song, and finger-play adventure held each week for 5 weeks.

Miss Chris will introduce your child to the joys of reading while helping to develop their social skills with other children.

Each session is 20 minutes and parents are asked to accompany their child.

Shelby - Each Mon., Feb.15 - Mar.15
at 9:30 AM

Lowell - Each Tues., Feb.16 - Mar.16
at 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM

Each Wed., Feb.17 - Mar.17
at 10:00 AM