



LOWELL LIBRARY LINES



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FROM THE ANNUAL REPORT HIGHLIGHTS OF 1993

... In 1993, the Lowell Public Library system opened a new main building at 1505 E. Commercial Avenue in Lowell. Over 500 people attended the dedication ceremonies. The first day of business in the new facility saw 70 new patrons registered and 2400 books checked out.

...An average of 600 people per day visited the new library since it opened on November 7, for a total of over 27,000 visitors by the end of December.

...The two meeting rooms have been used a total of 82 times from the first day of business in the new library (Nov. 8) to the end of the year.

...Donations to the new library Furnishings Fund from residents, businesses, and organizations exceeded \$12000. Two hundred bricks were "sold" for the entryway.

...The Lowell Public Library Foundation was organized. Nancy Nethery of Centier Bank elected President.

...The town of Lowell purchased the former library for a new Town Hall.

...744 new patrons were registered: 709 at the Lowell Library, 7 at the Schneider Branch, and 33 at the Shelby Branch.

...The total number of patrons in the Lowell Public Library System is 7,751.

...354 library-sponsored programs were held at the library in 1993 with a total attendance of 12,899.

... Over 205,000 books and other items were loaned. If those items had been purchased by individual borrowers, at an average price of \$20 each, the cost would have been \$4,100,000.

... A small Business Administration Tree Planting Grant (\$20,000) was awarded to the library for Phase II of their Landscaping project.

... Library Literacy Program receives LSCA TITLE VI Literacy Grant in the amount of \$34,939.

... Genealogy Computer purchased with Capital Projects Funds. The library expanded its reference software and circulating software collection.



WE SERVE

In its 75 year history, the Lions Clubs International have grown from an organization of 800 members to a service club with more than a million members worldwide.

The book We Serve: A History of the Lions Clubs, (located in the library's Indiana Section), is the story of how this organization was developed. The book also tells of the Lions Clubs' commitment to making life more rewarding for people with special needs.

In keeping with that commitment the Lowell Lions Club recently pledged \$5000 over a period of three years to the Lowell Public Library for the purchase of large print books and books-on-tape for use by sight-impaired library patrons.

THANK YOU LIONS!!!



TAX AID FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

Tax assistance for older people will be provided at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches during the tax season. Trained tax counselors will answer your questions and assist you in completing your income tax forms.

Participants should bring: a copy of last year's tax forms, any forms showing income you earned or pensions or Social Security paid to you, 1099 forms showing interest or dividends that your investments have earned, and receipts or cancelled checks for income or property taxes you have paid or any contributions you have made to charities.

Tax Counseling For the Elderly is provided by AARP (American Association of Retired Persons). AARP works cooperatively with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Tax Counseling for the Elderly program to assure that the volunteers are knowledgeable about the special tax provisions for older people. Tax Aid will also be available for low and medium income persons filing standard forms.

Tax assistance will be held at the Lowell Public Library each Friday, 9 AM - 12 Noon, February 4 to April 8, at the Shelby Branch, each Saturday, 10 AM to 2 PM, from February 5 to April 9; and at the Schneider Branch, each Tuesday, 4 PM to 6 PM, from February 8, to April 12.

To schedule an appointment call the Lowell Public Library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch Library at 552-0809, or the Schneider Branch Library at 552-1000.

Standard Federal and State Tax Forms are available at the library and its branches and special tax publications will soon be available at the Lowell Public Library for patrons to copy.

We're sorry, but library staff cannot answer your tax questions!



NEW TUTORS BRAVE WINTER FREEZE

On Saturday, January 15th, the library literacy program held a workshop for volunteers interested in teaching adult non-readers.

As the temperatures dropped to a year record cold and wind chills fell to an astounding -65, hope for a tutor training workshop began to fade for Literacy Coordinator Susie Dokulil. Susie sat by the phone that January 15 morning, anticipating cancellations. But the new volunteers were a determined group, braving the weather for the opportunity to learn how to teach others to read.

Soon the workshop was underway. Mary Clare, a seasoned trainer for Literacy Volunteers of America, began to teach as the volunteers listened intently. "The adult non-reader could be anyone from your unemployed next door neighbor to a corporate executive," Mary explained. "The number of functionally illiterate adults continues to rise at an alarming rate, often reported as one in every five adults. A tutor must be patient, enthusiastic, and have a sense of humor. But first, tutors must be committed to learning the skills and techniques of teaching basic reading." When the workshop ended, six new tutors were added to the rolls of dedicated individuals helping others to learn read.

The Adult Literacy Program is proud to welcome new tutors Cheryl Rosevear, Chery Nagel, Arne Carlson, Shirley Schoening, Barbara Zawadzki, and Tricia Hallberg.

If you know an adult age 16 or above who has difficulty reading, contact Susie Dokulil at the Lowell Public Library, 696-7704. All tutors and students are carefully matched to make the tutoring sessions mutually rewarding experiences. Students' names are kept confidential and tutoring times can be arranged.

ADULT PROGRAMS



FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL
TAX AID FOR SENIOR CITIZENS
LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY
SHELBY AND SCHNEIDER BRANCHES
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

Each Monday, LOWELL
LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET
9 AM - 12 Noon

Saturday, Feb. 5 LOWELL
INVESTMENT STRATEGIES
10:30 AM Financial Consultant Don Kocon of Financial Network Investment Corporation will discuss investing for a safe return.

Sunday, Feb. 6 LOWELL
ARE GANGS COMING TO LOWELL?
2 PM An open discussion on gang activity in the Lake County area presented by police officers of the Crown Point Police Department. The program is sponsored by S.E.Y.E.S. (St. Edward Youth Ecumenical Society) and the library.

Tuesday, Feb. 8 LOWELL
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
9 AM - 10:30 AM
Technicians of St. Anthony Medical Center will conduct blood pressure screening on a first come, first-served basis.

Thursday, Feb. 10 SHELBY
BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING
9 AM - 11 AM
Conducted by technicians of St Anthony Medical Center.

Tuesday, Feb. 15 LOWELL
TAX TIPS FOR A HEALTHY RETURN
7:00 PM Presented by Sue Metz of H & R Block.

Thursday, Feb. 17 LOWELL
IAP (IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM)
9 AM - 3 PM Free Childhood
Immunizations will be offered by the Lake County Health Department on a first-come, first-served basis.

Monday, Feb. 21 SHELBY
BASKET MAKING
6 PM Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to make a charming Homework/Magazine basket. Fee \$21

Tuesdays, Feb. 22 - March 22 LOWELL
SAT & PSAT WORKSHOP
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM Five week workshop to prepare for the SAT (Scholastic Assessment Test) & PSAT (Preliminary Scholastic Assessment Test,) given by Gloria Johnson
Fee \$20 per student.

Wednesday, Feb. 23 LOWELL
ESTATE PLANNING
7 PM Nelson Schoon of Delco Financial Services will discuss wills, living wills and trust.

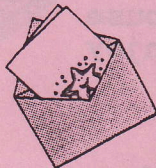
LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Monday, February 17, at 7:30 PM following a joint meeting of the Leasing Corporation at 6:30 PM and an Executive Meeting at 7:00 PM.

COPIER CRISIS

It's Friends of the Library to the rescue! Our wonderful Friends recently purchased a new copier for the library and it's now ready for public use.

THANKS FRIENDS!!!!



FRIENDS GO HOLLYWOOD!!

Join the Friends of the Library on Tuesday, February 8, at 10 AM for a celebrity letter writing session. Friends and volunteers will meet in the library study room to write to such celebrities such as Billy Joel, Nolan Ryan, and Cher, asking for a donation of a autographed personal item for a fundraising celebrity auction planned for National Library Week (April 17-23).

DINING OUT!

Ramsey's Landing will be the site of the Friends' annual dinner party. Friends will meet at the library at 6 PM Friday, February 18 and car-pool to the restaurant. R.S.V.P. to Nell at 696-7704 by the 16th.

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Happy Valentine's Day!



VALENTINE CRAFT CORNER

Pre-schoolers attending Craft Corner will make a Valentine mouse and school-age children will enjoy creating a Valentine mobile.

LOWELL - Thursday, Feb. 3
PRE-SCHOOL - 10:00 AM
SCHOOL-AGE - 3:30 PM

SHELBY - Wednesday, Feb. 9
BOTH CRAFTS - 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thursday, Feb. 10
BOTH CRAFTS - 3:30 PM



TODDLER TIME

At Toddler Time children will learn finger plays, hear fun stories and have the opportunity to meet new friends. Parents may register their youngsters, ages 18 months to 3 years by calling the library.

SHELBY - Mondays - 9:30 AM
Feb. 14 - Mar. 14

LOWELL - Tuesdays 10:00 AM & 11:00 AM
Feb. 15 - Mar. 15

Wednesdays 10:00 AM
Feb. 16 - Mar. 16

SNAKES ALIVE

Junior High & High School students may come to the Lowell Public Library and meet Madam Hiss, Esmerelda, and Checkers. They are the pet snakes of Reference Librarian, Darlene Rigg. She will speak to you about the care and feeding of pet snakes on Wednesday, Feb. 23 at 3:30 PM.



To pre-register for programs call:
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