

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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1996



BORROW WITHOUT CHARGE!!!

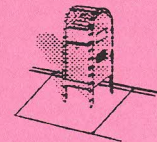
BILL 1272

Would you like to borrow materials from other libraries in Indiana without charge?

As it stands now, if you wish to borrow books or other library materials from some other libraries in Indiana you must first purchase a PLAC Card from your home library. The cost of the card when first implemented last year was \$17. The cost for 1996 is \$20. The money is sent to the State Library and distributed to the libraries which circulate the most materials to non-residents. For many families the cost of the PLAC is a financial hardship.

You can join the library community in requesting permanent funding for reciprocal borrowing to remove this barrier to life-long learning.

Contact your legislators now and request that
Bill 1272, "State Support for Reciprocal Borrowing,"
be approved.



Call you library to ask for the addresses of the representatives of your district or call Toll Free,
House: Republican (1 800 382-9841) Democrat (1 800 382-9842)
Senate: Both Parties (1 800 382-9467)



LOOKING BACK/MOVING FORWARD

More library users, more library materials borrowed, more programs attended, ... are we gaining ground? You bet we are! The numbers keep going up, up up! Last year the Lowell Library system circulated 237,636 items, or 16 books or other materials for each resident of the library district. Over 570 library sponsored programs were offered to the public in '95. The number of children attending programs was 8,679 and there were 5,614 adults in attendance. We checked the archives to see how many children attended Summer Reading Club in the former library. In 1989, 509 children read a total of 12,714 books. In 1995, 849 children read 43,818 books!

1995 saw the Reference Department answered 8354 reference questions, up from 7,380 in 1994. The library upgraded the circulation system with the Lake County Public Library, adding 3 staff terminals and 6 public terminals. Two new CD ROM computers were also added at the reference desk.

Progress was made outside, as well as inside the library in '95. New handcrafted Cedar benches, placed around the library building, brought comfort and a relaxing spot to view the library grounds. The 5 1/2 wooded site will be further enhanced in '96 thanks to a \$7,500 Environmental Challenge Grant from NIPSCO for the purchase of bushes and shrubs.

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It was a hammer and nails job for the Schneider Branch Library in 1995. A remodeling effort gave the branch 152 square feet of extra space for new materials. Work is going strong on the new Shelby Branch, housed in a building purchased in '95 with funds from a \$75,000 Build Indiana award. A new roof for the building is the next priority.

The Lowell Public Library Endowment Fund, established in 1995, keeps on growing as more and more residents, businesses, and organizations seek to invest in the future of the library through their pledges and gifts of money. To date, more than \$30,000 has been raised.

The Tri-Creek community is growing. Over 763 new library patrons were registered in '95 making a grand total of 9,242 registered patrons for the Lowell Library District. West Creek registered 195, Cedar Creek 497, and Eagle Creek, 71. We welcome these new patrons and look forward to a busy '96 as more and more people seek out the materials, services, and programs the library has to offer.

SHELBY MOVES AHEAD

Remodeling work began at what will be the new Shelby Branch Library shortly after the first of the year. Old walls have been removed; new walls, electrical work and plumbing have been roughed in. Work should be completed and the new branch open early this spring.

Friends of the Library have stepped forward to pledge \$3,000 toward the project, with \$2,000 of that money coming from the **Wilco** receipt program.

Anyone wishing to be a part of the new Shelby library is invited to donate toward the building project. Gifts of any size, from \$35 for a folding chair to \$2000 for a book return, are welcome (please see enclosed form).

TAX ASSISTANCE

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will offer free tax assistance for elderly, handicapped, and low-income people by appointment only at the library and its branches beginning in February.

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

Federal tax forms are available at the library and its branches with State forms expected to arrive shortly.



LIBRARY FRIEND LEAVES LEGACY OF GOOD WORKS

Seth McLellan was a special man who went about his life working to change his community in quiet, positive ways. As a member of the Lowell Public Library Board, the last five years of Seth's life were dedicated to planning for the new library and then, upon its completion, working to secure its future for generations to come.

If success is gauged by the many people who loved and respected Seth, and by the decades of time he spent motivating children as an educator, administrator, coach, and friend, then Seth was a very successful man.

For those who knew him, and the many who will benefit from his tireless contributions to his community...we're glad he came our way.

LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND

The Lowell Public Library Endowment Board recently elected its present officers for the coming year with Steve Niedert as Chairman, Larry Hitzeman as Vice-Chairman, and Dennis Keithley as Secretary.

A \$2,500 donation was received from NIPSCO in December and recently friends, neighbors, former students and colleagues of Seth McLellan have given over \$1,600 to the Endowment in his memory.



LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

1505 E. Commercial Avenue • Lowell, Indiana 46356
219/696-7704 • Fax: 219/696-5280

January, 1996

Dear Friend,

The new Shelby branch library will soon be open, and you or your organization can be an important part of that facility by helping to provide some of the furnishings. While any amount is welcome, funds are especially needed for the following:

Number Needed	Item	Cost Each	Number You Are Donating
1120	Portions of shelves	10.00	_____
250	Tile for Rest Rooms	5.00	_____
36	Folding Chairs	35.00	_____
6	Folding Tables	125.00	_____
1	New Water Heater	190.00	_____
1	Sink	325.00	_____
1	Cabinets	700.00	_____
1	Microwave Oven	175.00	_____
1	Sweeper	200.00	_____
1	Under-counter Refrigerator	250.00	_____
1	Book Return	2000.00	_____

OR

Please use my gift where it is needed most. _____

Please put the following on the recognition plaque. (Gifts of \$50 and above will be recognized with a plaque.) _____

Enclosed please find my gift for \$ _____ or I pledge to contribute \$ _____
by _____.

(date)

Your Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

(Contributions can be dropped off at the library or sent to the above address)

Thank you for your continuing support of the library.

Sincerely,

N. Jeanne Guske, President
Lowell Public Library
Board of Trustees

Shelby Branch
23321 Shelby Rd.
P.O. Box 237
Shelby, IN 46377
219/552-0809

Serving the Tri - Creek Area

Schneider Branch
24002 Parrish Ave.
P.O. Box 19
Schneider, IN 46376
219/552-1000



HAPPENINGS

LIBRARY QUILTERS-

LOWELL - Each Monday, Feb. 5-26
9 AM - 12 Noon

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING-

LOWELL - Tuesday, Feb. 13
9 AM - 10:30 AM

SHELBY - Thursday, Feb. 15
9 AM - 11 AM

Screening is conducted on a first-come, first-served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

SAT PREPARATION - LOWELL

Each Tuesday, Feb. 6 - March 12 at 5 PM
Gloria Johnson will teach the complete
(verbal/math) preparation for the SAT
Fee is \$45.

LEARN TO QUILT - SHELBY

Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 9 AM
Helen Wagner and Edith Lessie will teach quilting techniques.

CASSEROLE BASKET WEAVING -

LOWELL - Tuesday, Feb. 6 at 8:30 AM
Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, Feb. 28 at 6:30 PM
SHELBY - Friday, Feb. 23 - at 9 AM
Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to weave a two handle "Casserole" basket. Fee for each workshop is \$21.

WEAVE A "BIG APPLE" BASKET - SHELBY

Monday, Feb. 12 at 6 PM
Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to weave the Apple Basket. Call for fee information.

CPR, THE "C" COURSE - LOWELL

Monday, Feb. 26 at 6:30 PM
American Heart Association CPR Certification Course taught by Katherine Misiore, R.N. and Leon Misiore, E.M.T.-Paramedic. There is a \$15 fee for the certification course.

TOLE-PAINTING CLASSES - LOWELL

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Each Tuesday, Feb. 27, Mar. 5, 12, 19, at 6:30 PM
Jackie Landfald will teach participants to create four tole-painting projects. Fee is \$35.

FREE CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS

Please bring your child's records when you visit the following locations:

CEDAR LAKE- CEDAR LAKE CLINIC

13963 MORSE ST.

Thursday, Feb. 1

12 PM - 6 PM

A FREE SERVICE OF ST. ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER.

LOWELL- OAK HILL SCHOOL

Monday, Feb. 12

9 AM - 2 PM

OFFERED BY THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

LOWELL- LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, Feb. 15

9 AM - 3 PM

OFFERED BY THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

SCHNEIDER- SCHNEIDER BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, Feb. 15

12 Noon - 6 PM

A FREE SERVICE OF ST. ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER.



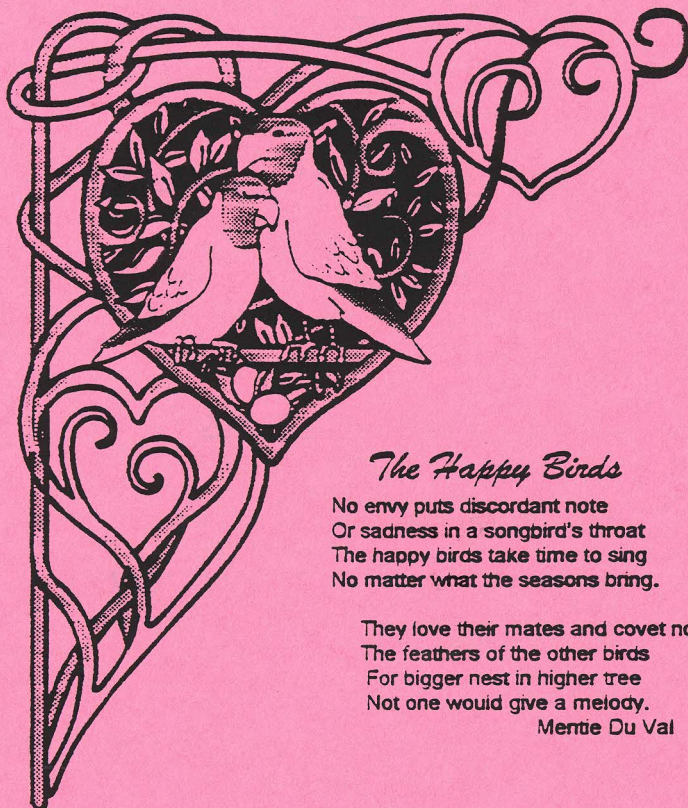
**FOOD 'N FLICKS
YOUNG ADULT MOVIE
HOUR
MATINEE SHOWING
SATURDAY, FEB. 17
2 PM
LOWELL**

HOLIDAY THANK YOU

Thank you, **Chris's 66 and Threads**, for your donations to our Christmas Drawing. Your efforts, as well as those of other area businesses that were named in our newsletter last month, put a smile on our patron's faces over the holiday season.

DINING OUT!

The Friends of the Library are looking forward to their February social evening on Wednesday, February 21. They will dine on Mexican cuisine at Tortilla Grill and Cantina in Lansing, Illinois at 7 PM. Friends who wish to carpool can meet at the library at 6:00 PM.



The Happy Birds

No envy puts discordant note
Or sadness in a songbird's throat
The happy birds take time to sing
No matter what the seasons bring.

They love their mates and covet not
The feathers of the other birds
For bigger nest in higher tree
Not one would give a melody.
Mertie Du Val

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"BE MY VALENTINE" CRAFT CORNER

CRAFT CORNER HOURS ARE:

LOWELL



Thurs., Feb., 1- 10 AM
Pre-schoolers

Thurs., Feb., 1- 3:30 PM
School age

SCHNEIDER

Thurs., Feb., 8- 3:30 PM
Both Crafts

SHELBY

Wed., Feb. 7- 3:30 PM
Pre-schoolers

Mon., Feb., 12- 3:30 PM
School age

Pre-schoolers will make a Valentine puppy.
School age children will create a tissue paper heart.

Pre-register by calling:

Lowell Public Library 696-7704
Schneider Branch Library 552-1000
Shelby Branch Library 552-0809



TODDLER TIME

Open up your child's world
to the magic of books. At

Toddler Time children 18 months to 3 years can
enjoy listening to stories read by Children's
Programmer Miss Chris.

Toddlers can learn finger plays, sing songs, and
interact with other children their age during the fun-
filled five week Toddler Time Program.

TODDLER TIME HOURS ARE:

SHELBY 9:30 AM
Mondays - February 19 - March 18

LOWELL 10 AM or 11 AM
Tuesdays - February 20-March 19

LOWELL 10 AM
Wednesdays - February 21-March 20

SCHNEIDER 9:30 AM
Thursdays - February 22-March 21