
Lowell Library Lines

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Libraries Depend On Donations To Help Build Better Community

Why do they keep asking for money? When they already get tax funds, why do public libraries seek private contributions?

The short answer is that although tax funds enable libraries to pay the basic operations costs, that is not enough. Outside gifts enable the library to do even more.

Librarians want to build a better community. They can do so only by offering a wide range of materials and programs, far more than tax funds allow.

Tax funds take care of the operating costs, but a public library must do more than keep the doors open and utilities operating. We must also provide the staff, materials and programs for quality service, to help people meet the needs of the future.

Individuals, organizations and businesses who contribute financially make it possible.

Community Support

The Lowell Public Library has a long history of support from the community it serves. Gifts to the library have taken many forms. Donations have been received for the library's gift fund or in memory of a loved one. Monies are donated for books, reference materials or equipment.

New best sellers and older books and materials are given to the library for its collection or for the Friends of the Library's ongoing booksale. Community residents supply the library with local history information for the Indiana files.

In addition, patrons bring in their food receipts for the WILCO Receipt Program or labels for the Campbell Soup Program to help in the library efforts to provide more materials. Adults and children visiting the library's often drop coins and bills into the library's "Penny Jar," which raised over \$500 for the library last year.

Most recently, the Lowell Public Library Endowment Fund which was established in 1989 to provide for the library's future demands, has received over \$36,000 in gifts and pledges to date.

Donations to the Endowment Fund or to the Gift and Memorial Fund are greatly appreciated. With community support the Lowell Public Library will continue to keep pace with the needs of those they serve.

Lions Provide For Large Print Readers

The Lowell Lions Club is helping to meet the library needs of patrons who are visually impaired. Over the last three years the Lions Club has donated over \$5000 for large print books and books-on tape.

Recently the Lions donated another \$500 for the library's large print collection. With the funds the library will purchase large print fiction and non-fiction books that are in demand by its patrons.



Travel Into Spring!

This winter is turning out to be a little tough. The Friends of the Lowell Public Library have one way you can put some rainbow colors back into your life. Take a comfort bus trip to the 1997 Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier on Saturday, March 15. The bus will leave the library at 8:30 AM for the trip to Navy Pier. Participants will re-board the bus at 4:30 PM for the trip back to Lowell.

At the show you will see more than 30 distinct gardens represented including Morton Arboretum's 75th Anniversary Garden, and the spectacular Chicago Botanical Garden. Restaurants are located on Navy Pier, and there is a food court at the show.

Fee for the comfort bus is \$10, non-refundable. The fee includes a small donation to the Friends to benefit the library. The bus fee does not include admission to the Flower & Garden Show. Tickets to the show are purchased at Navy Pier, \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Call the library at 696-7704.



Happenings in February 1997

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, February 3, 10, 17, 24
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Beating the Credit Trap - Lowell

Tuesdays, February 4 & 11 at 6 PM
Don't let bills get you down. The Consumer Counseling Service of Northwest Indiana will discuss ways you can save money, check your credit rating, repair your credit standing, make informed decisions before you purchase and avoid the credit trap at this free two-part workshop.

Home Safety and Security - Lowell

Tuesday, February 4, at 1 PM
Sgt. Frank Thorpe and Officer Rick Thompson of the Lowell Police Department will help you view your home from a burglar's point of view. Using demonstrations and video you can learn how to protect your family, home and possessions. Learn about locks, lighting, home security systems, alarms, etc.

Fit After Fifty - Lowell

Each Wednesday, February 5, 12, 19, 26
Each Friday, February 7, 14, 21, 28
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM
Join the group that's keeping in shape during the winter months. The Lowell Parks Department, in conjunction with the library, is offering physical fitness exercise programs twice weekly for persons fifty and older. The exercises, taught by Physical Fitness Instructor Linda Johnson, are designed to build strength, flexibility and endurance. There is a \$3 fee per session. Pre-Register at the Parks Department, 696-1570.

Prep For Complete SAT - Lowell

Each Wednesday at 6 PM, Feb. 5 - March 12
SAT Instructor Gloria Johnson will teach strategies for taking the SAT. She will review the verbal, math, and vocabulary portions of the SAT. Fee is \$50.

Basket Classes with Julie Duttlinger

Shelby - February 6, at 9 AM
February 10, at 6 PM

Lowell - February 12, at 6 PM
February 18, at 8:30 AM
February 25, at 6:30 PM

Call for information on type of basket and fee.

Dried Flower Creations - Lowell

Monday, February 10, at 6:30 PM
Holly Keithley repeats her popular dried flower classes. Participants can make an Everlasting dried flower wreath or a dried flower swag. Fee is \$22 for each craft.

Blood Pressure Screening

Lowell - Tuesday, February 11, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Shelby - Thursday, February 13, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Conducted on a first-come, first-served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center. If you wish to be put on a calling list to be notified the day before testing contact Nell Fabish at the library at 696-7704

CPR Course - Lowell

Thursday, February 13, at 6 PM
Take the life-saving American Heart Association CPR (Adult, Child, Infant) Course taught by Katherine Misiora, R.N. and Leon Misiora, E.M.T. - Paramedic. Fee is \$16. The course is for medical care providers and the general public.

What's Available For You in Lake County - Lowell

Thursday, February 20, at 10 AM
Judy Maicher, RN of Nursefinders will discuss the many resources available for people in the Lake County area including support groups, nutrition programs, home health care, transportation service, energy programs, etc. Maicher will also conduct blood pressure screening after the program for interested participants.

TAX ASSISTANCE

Trained volunteers will offer free tax assistance for elderly, handicapped, and low-income people by appointment only at the library and its branches. The program will be offered from February 7 to April 14. Sessions last 45 minutes. Please bring your records.

Appointments at the Lowell Public Library will be available each Monday from 4 PM to 7 PM beginning February 10, and each Friday from 9:15 AM to 1 PM beginning February 7.

The date and time for tax assistance at the Shelby and Schneider Branches will be announced. You may call to be put on a list to be notified.

Pre-Register for Programs by Calling:

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



For the College Bound

Financial aid, scholarship programs, the admissions process, deadlines... these are all concerns of students and parents of students who plan to enter college.

Bring your questions to the library on Tuesday, February 25, at 7 PM for "College Bound" presented by a representative of the office of Admissions & Financial Aid, IU Northwest.

You can learn about federal financial aid, grants, loans, work-study programs, career opportunities and more. Learn how to apply to the colleges of your choice, when to apply, how to get back into the classroom, etc. -13

Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

Out to Dinner!

It's Italian style for the Friends. A night on the town is planned for the Friends of the Library organization.

They will car-pool from the library at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 19, to head for Crown Point and dinner at *Amici*, located on the square.

At their last meeting the Friends voted to donate \$1,050 for children's programming at the library. Friends announced that \$200 in children's paperback books were donated to the library, purchased with proceeds from the Friends Christmas Children's Paperback Sale.

New members are always welcome to join the Friends. Contact Nell Fabish at the library.

For YA'S

Dance Craze Hits the Library

It's great fun and participants get plenty of exercise too! We're talking about the Electric Slide and the Macarena.

Young adults ages 10 and up can learn the popular line dances with Helen Casamassa at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, February 8, at 2 PM.

Fee is \$2. Pre-register by calling 696-7704

Crafters Wanted!

The Friends of the Library would like to invite handcrafters to at the 1st Annual Spring Craft Show to be held in the library's two meeting rooms Saturday, March 22, from 9 AM to 5 PM.

Booth space (4' by 8') is \$10 and space is limited to twenty booths. Call Nell Fabish at the library at 696-7704.

White Elephant Sale

A little bit of everything may be found at the White Elephant Sale to be held at the Schneider Community Building on Wednesday, February 5, beginning at 7 PM.

Shop for household goods, toys, tools, yard items, entertainment items, games, etc. A bake sale is also planned.

The Schneider Branch Library is busy collecting items for the sale. If you would like to donate, the library will accept donations Monday through Thursday, from 4 PM to 7 PM and on Saturday, 9 AM to 12 Noon. Sorry, no appliances or clothing can be taken.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase needed items for the Schneider Branch Library.

Meetings

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, February 17, at 7 PM

Free Child Immunizations

Cedar Lake Clinic - 13963 Morse St.

Thursday, February 6, 12 Noon - 6 PM

Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

Lowell Public Library

Thursday, February 20, 9 AM - 3 PM

Sponsored by the Lake County Health Department

Schneider Branch Library

Thursday, February 20, 12 Noon - 6 PM

Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center



Craft Corner

It's a Valentine Craft Corner and children can have fun celebrating the holiday early. Pre-schoolers will make Valentine cookies. School age children will play Valentine Bingo.

Shelby - Pre-school Craft -
Wed., Feb. 5 - 3:30 PM
School Age Craft -
Mon., Feb. 10 - 3:30 PM

Lowell - Pre-school Craft -
Thurs., Feb. 6 - 10 AM
School Age Craft -
Thurs., Feb. 6 - 3:30 PM

Schneider - Both Crafts -
Thurs., Feb. 13 - 3:30 PM

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1505 E. Commercial Ave.
Lowell, JN 46356

Toddler Time

Children's Programmer Miss Chris will read stories to children 18 months to 3 years. Toddlers will learn to sing a song and play games in this five-week program.

Toddler Time is a wonderful opportunity for children to interact with other children their age.

Shelby - Each Mon., Feb. 17-Mar. 17
9:30 AM

Lowell - Each Tues., Feb. 18 - Mar. 18
10 AM & 11 AM
Each Wed., Feb. 19 - Mar. 19
10 AM

Schneider - Each Thurs., Feb. 20 Mar. 20
9:30 AM



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