



Texas Star Beckons Library Director

It seems you can take the man out of Texas but you can't take Texas out of the man! Lowell Public Library Director Michael Furl is going back to his roots. Recently Furl announced that he has accepted the post as Head of Circulation at the Richardson Public Library, in the Dallas area. Close family members in Texas and the prospect of warmer winters were strong factors in Furl's decision to accept the new position.

During the two years Furl served as Lowell's director, the library recovered from the cash flow/budget crisis that resulted from the 1996 reevaluation. Internet access was made available to the public, a 5-year Long Range Plan was set to begin in 1999, the Board Policy Handbook was totally revised, refinancing of Building Bonds was completed, the library parking lot was repaved and three street signs were erected to direct people to the library. Furl also led the sub-committee of the Endowment Fund in fundraising campaign and recently the library announced Sunday hours.

Library staff and Board of Trustees members wish Furl a fond farewell and much success in his new position.

On a Sunday Afternoon

Remember the days of the "Coffee Houses." People sat around little tables enjoying espresso and flavored coffees, enjoyed delicious pastries while listening to the music played by guitarist,

The Friends of the Library are bringing back those days at their "Coffee House" on Sunday, March 7, from 1 PM to 4:30 PM at the library.

While you sip your coffee and dine on gourmet desserts, acoustic guitarist Josh Holmes will entertain you with a selection of favorite musical arrangements from the 50's, 60's and 70's. Bring your friends and relatives and relax in the comfort of the Program Room, where you can look out at the open woods, and enjoy the wonderful musical entertainment planned for your listening pleasure. Cover charge for the event is a \$1 donation. The donation and proceeds from the sale of the refreshments will be donated to the library for special needs.

The "Coffee House" event is being held in conjunction with the start of the library's new Sunday hours that will be from 1 PM - 5 PM during the school season.

Gardens of Flowers

Take a trip out of winter's gloom and enter a spectacular scene filled with flowers from around the world.

The Friends of the Library will sponsor a comfort bus trip to Navy Pier for the Chicago Flower & Garden Show on Sunday, March 14. The bus will leave the library at 9:30 AM for the Flower Show and return to Lowell at 5:30 PM. Bus space is limited. Deadline to register is March 3. Fee for the comfort bus trip is \$13 (non-refundable) due upon registration and includes a donation to the Friends.

This year's show is a lush botanical wonder-land with over 30 spectacular gardens to view and 150 retail booths to enjoy. Visit "Mr. McGregor's Garden" a theme garden from the "Adventures of Peter Rabbit." Or explore the forest of "Where the Wild Things Are."

Thrill at "Chicago's Erupting Volcano" with lush tropical flowers, erupts every half-hour. The "Ultimate Garden Pond" features twin waterfalls cascading into a beautifully designed pond.

Don't miss this show stopper! Register now!



HAPPENINGS IN FEBRUARY

Adult Programs:

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: February 1, 8, 15, 22

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting project and questions to the Library Quilters. Enjoy the fellowship of the Library Quilters

Fit Forever- Lowell

Each Monday: February 1, 8, 15, 22

Each Wednesday: February 3, 10, 17, 24

Each Friday: February 5, 12, 19, 26

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning, strengthening, and flexibility exercises. Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department, the program is led by Physical Fitness Instructor Sonia McPhillips. Fee is \$24 per month.

Basket Classes with Julie Duttlinger:

Weave a "Sweetheart" Wall Basket - Shelby

Thursday, February 4, at 9 AM

Tuesday, February 9, at 6 PM

Fee is \$23

Weave a Welcome Wall Basket - Lowell

Tuesday, February 16, at 8:30 AM

Thursday, February 18, at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, February 24, at 6:30 PM

Fee is \$24.

Note: Bring a bucket, towel, plastic bag, scissors, pencil, tape measure and clothes pins to class.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Lowell - Tuesday, February 9, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Shelby - Thursday, February 11, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

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

CPR "C" Course - Lowell

Thursday, February 11, at 6 PM

Register for the life-saving Adult/Child/Infant CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Course of the American Heart Association. Fee is \$15 for the general public (Heartsaver) and \$20 for health care professionals seeking renewal (Healthcare Provider Renewal) and Heartsaver Plus for persons not needing all three: the adult/child/infant combination.

"Sweets for Your Sweetie" Gourmet Cooking - Lowell

Saturday, February 13, at 11 AM.

On the menu of Chef Vicky (of Nellie Jayne's Cafe), for her popular cuisine cooking course, are delicious deserts.

Vicky will teach participants to make Bailey's Irish cream truffles, raspberry swirl cheesecake with chocolate topping, and a chocolate caramel fondue, served with fresh berries and poundcake. Fee is \$20. Dine on these creations served with coffee, compliments of the library.

Pre-register for programs:

Lowell 696-7704

Schneider 552-1000

Shelby 552-0809

Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, February 15, at 7 PM.

Volunteers to Give Tax Assistance

Tax assistance for low to moderate income persons, disabled people, or elderly taxpayers in Lake County, will be offered by volunteers of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Volunteers Jim Frey and Bob Campion of Crown Point and Martha Gates of Lowell will assist area residents in preparing their tax returns. Each individual session is 45 minutes and is by appointment only.

Tax assistance at the Lowell Public Library will be held each Friday from 9 AM to 12 Noon and each Saturday from 10 AM to 1 PM. Call 696-7704 for an appointment.

Beginning February 2, tax assistance at the Schneider Branch will be held every other Tuesday, starting at 4:15 PM. Call 552-1000 to schedule an appointment. At the Shelby Branch Library tax assistance will be held every other Tuesday beginning February 9, at 4:30 PM. Call 552-0809 to schedule an appointment.

State and federal forms are available at the library and its branches.



You Can Do It!

Want to learn to surf the Web...but you are afraid of your computer?

Come on down to the library and take a free individual Internet training class. Call 696-7704 to schedule your appointment.

Rigg's Reference

North America in Colonial Times: An Encyclopedia for Students, a twelve-volume set, is one of the new additions to the library's reference collection under the call number 970.02. Enhancing the publication are more than 200 black-and-white illustrations and 16 maps of North America in different time periods.

The maps showing the routes of the European explorers, colonies established by European powers, and the homelands of various Native American tribes.

Large Print Books On Parade

It's a windfall for readers of large print books! Recently the library purchased over 325 selections of fiction and non-fiction large print books for the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Among the new fiction arrivals are:

Hidden Jewel - V.C. Andrews
Fear Nothing - Dean Koontz
Sudden Prey - John Sandford
Zeke and Ned - Larry McMurtry
Star - Danielle Steel
Bech at Bay - John Updike
McNally's Puzzle - Lawrence Sanders
Homecoming - Belva Plain
Evening Class - Maeve Binchey
The Eagle Has Landed - Jack Higgins
The Body Farm - Patricia Cornwell
The Kitchen God's Wife - Amy Tan

Free Childhood Immunizations

Cedar Lake Clinic

Thursday, February 4, 12 Noon to 6 PM

Schneider Branch Library

Thursday, February 18, 12 Noon to 6 PM

Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

Lowell Public Library

Thursday, February 18, 9 AM to 3 PM

Sponsored by the Lake County Health Department

Please bring your child's immunization records.

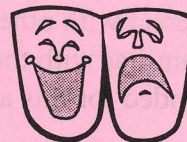
"ACTING UP!"

Theater Training

Taught By:

Drama Coach

Kim Yurkovich



Saturdays

Feb. 20 - Mar. 27

10 AM - 12 Noon

Lowell Public Library

Course Fee is \$30

For Ages 12 and Up

Call 696-7704

S.A.T. Preparation

Gloria Johnson will teach students to prepare for the 1999 S.A.T. Test. Math and verbal sections of the test will be covered.

Students will learn effective test taking strategies, get acquainted with new vocabulary they need to know, review math concepts to better prepare for the test, etc.

Course fee is \$70 and includes an S.A.T. book.



Hooray for Toddler Time

Toddler Time is a fun-filled, 5-week event for children ages 18 months to 3 years that features "story readings," finger plays, and singing.

Your child can interact with other toddlers and become familiar with the library's many board books intended for this age group.

Shelby - 9:30 AM

Each Monday, February 15 - March 15

Lowell - 10 AM or 1:30 PM

Each Tuesday, February 16 - March 16

Each Wednesday, February 17 - March 17

Pre-register for programs: Lowell 696-7704 Shelby 552-0809 Schneider 552-1000



"Be My Valentine" Craft Corner

Miss Chris's Craft Corner will be one of the sweetest for children attending this fun program.

Pre-schoolers will make Valentine paper hearts.
School age children will play Heart Bingo.

Lowell

Pre-school - Thursday, February 4, at 10 AM

School Age - Thursday, February 4, at 3:30 PM

Shelby

Pre-school - Monday, February 8, at 3:30 PM

School age - Wednesday, February 10, at 3:30 PM

Schneider

Both Crafts - Thursday, February 11, at 3:30 PM

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