

Dear Friend and Patron:

The library's purpose is to help you and your family with your needs for informational, educational, cultural and recreational materials.

But in order to continue to provide you with our present level of service, we need your help.

There are two measures before the Indiana General Assembly which would help us and all libraries in the State.

The first is a request for state support of \$1.00 per person for the library information network (which includes public libraries).

The second measure (House Bill 1567) would increase the present 55¢ ceiling on local library tax rates to 60¢. Our tax rate would still be controlled by the tax freeze and the wishes of you, our taxpayers. Several other libraries have reached this maximum rate and have had to reduce personnel, slash book budgets, cut hours, and neglect building repairs.

We project that the Lowell Library will be at that ceiling in a year or two. If the ceiling is not raised, we will have to take some of these same measures.

If you would like to help, please write a brief letter enclosing a "library buck" or call:

Representative Esther Fifield
12512 Buchanan Street
Crown Point, IN 46307
663-0401 or 1-800-382-9842

Senator Sue Landske
7325 W. 143rd Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303
374-4144 or 1-800-382-9467

Representative Jerome Reppa
8210 Monroe Avenue
Munster, IN 46321
836-8879 or 1-800-382-9842

Representative Pat Kiely, Co-Chair
Ways and Means Committee
House of Representatives
Indianapolis, IN 46204
1-800-382-9842

and ask for their support for the Indiana State Library Budget Request and House Bill 1567, increase maximum tax rate for public libraries.

Thank you for your help.

Sincerely,

Virginia Maravilla

(Mrs.) Virginia Maravilla, Director
Lowell Public Library

P. S. Pick up your "Library Buck" at the main desk.



