

Lowell Library Lines

Your Invitation to



The 1997 Spring Craft Fair



Saturday, March 22,

9 AM to 5 PM

(bake sale too)

Lowell Public Library

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Oh Oprah!

Is America reading? Just ask Oprah Winfrey and the American Library Association. Or just ask us! Oprah's "Book Club" is a hit with libraries across the nation and patrons at the library are lining up to reserve her latest book pick.

Here's how it works. Each month Oprah chooses a book (novels only) as the topic for one of her daily talk shows. The book selected is among the books that Oprah has read and wants to share with her audience and viewing public.

Enter the ALA (American Library Association) and book publishers. They work with Oprah's staff on the "Book Club." The ALA places Oprah's selection on a Web site letting librarians know the "Book Club" selection. At Oprah's request the publisher of each "Book Club" selection donates 10,000 books to schools and libraries from a list provided by the ALA.

The following is a list of "Oprah" books the library has in its collection.

- Deep End of the Ocean* by Jacquelin Mitchard
- Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison
- The Book of Ruth* by Jane Hamilton
- She's Come Undone* by Wally Lamb

The World At Your Fingertips

Resting on an elegant wood stand with brass claw feet and antique brass-plated meridian is the library's latest and most stunning addition to the reference section.

The new Rand McNally 16" raised relief world globe (located on the east side of the reference desk) is rich in color and enhanced with ornate details. The globe provides a wonderful reference tool for researchers.

"Only a globe can give a correct picture of the earth as a whole. Because the surface of a globe is rounded like the earth's surface, a globe represents all parts of the earth's surface true to scale. Distances, areas, and directions can be observed without the distortion caused by projections used for flat maps. The shortest distance between two points on the earth or globe is defined by what is called a great circle. Navigators make use of a great-circle route in planning ship and air lanes. A great circle can be measured directly on a globe."

World Book Encyclopedia

The globe is a gift to the library in memory of Edna P. Roberts, mother of Library Board Trustee Norma Ruley. Donators were fellow members of Mrs. Ruley's bridge club and the Friends of the Library.

