

Special Events

National Library Week

APRIL 22-28

Come be our guest as we join libraries all across the nation in the celebration of National Library Week.

During this special week we will showcase the resources your library has to offer.

Spend some time with us sharing your thoughts and ideas for our future growth while enjoying the refreshments we will offer courtesy of staff and Friends.

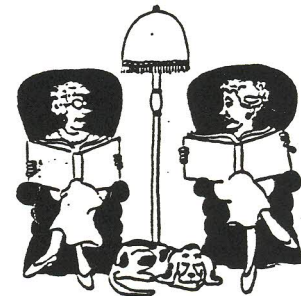


OUR STARS WILL SHINE

And what a night it will be as Story Time hosts "Night of a Thousand Stars."

A gala evening is planned for your youngster on Wednesday, April 25 at 4:00 PM. Our stars, State Senator Sue Landske, Artist Carole Boller and Lowell Tribune's Marlene Zloza share their love of reading with children by reading aloud from their favorite books, sharing stories that instilled in them the joys of reading when they were youngsters.

Sponsored by the American Library Association and the American Association of School Librarians, this event will focus on the importance of family literacy and emphasize the benefits of families reading together.



LIGHTS ON FOR LITERACY

Jump on the bandwagon! Join us as we put the spotlight on family literacy. Please turn on your porch light Monday, April 23 from 7 PM to 9 PM for a more literate America.

If you are driving, turn on your headlights. Spread the word that it's "Time to Take Time to Read."

Reading informs you, entertains you, has the power to make you laugh or cry, motivates you to seek out new challenges, keeps you mentally fit, and provides a brief escape from the stresses of daily living. Books are friends that will be lifelong companions.

Let's all turn off the tube and take time to read. Better yet, take time to read with someone you love. Take time to read a story, to share this pleasure with your child, grandchild, or friend.

A love of reading is still the key to learning and success in life.



Thursday, April 12
Blood Pressure/Diabetes Testing
Shelby Branch - 9 AM - 11 AM
Lowell Public Library - 12:30 PM - 3 PM

Friday, April 20, Saturday, April 21
Spring Book Sale
9 AM - 5 PM

April 22-28
National Library Week
Book Sale, celebrity readings for children,
"Raise a Super Reader" program for parents
are some of the activities planned for our
National Library Week celebration.

Stop in and have coffee and cookies on us!

Tuesday, April 24 and May 1
"Parenting a Super Reader"
7 PM

A two part program aimed at aiding parents
to motivate reading in youngsters and young
adults.



WORKSHOP TO BE HELD AT THE LIBRARY

Plans are in the making between the
Lowell Public Library Literacy Program
and local companies to make literacy
services more readily available to em-
ployees of these companies.

Presently, Globe Industries, Har-
dings and Avery Graphics, each are de-
veloping an in-house program to be of-
fered to any employee who is interested
in improving their educational skills.

To deal with the influx of new
students, the Lowell Public Library will
hold a workshop for anyone interested in
becoming a tutor for the Adult Literacy
Program. Rita Wold, literacy tutor
trainer from Munster, will conduct the
classes at the Lowell Adult Learning
Center on Wednesday and Thursday, April
11 and 12, from 9:30 AM to 3:30 PM.

Volunteers interested in tutoring
must be able to empathize with the adult
learner and the many challenges he or
she may encounter, and also, have the
dedication to stay with the program
once they are placed with a student.

To register for this 6 hour workshop,
call 696-7707 and ask for Nell or Teri.

The Library Service and Construction
Act, Titles I and II, have been recom-
mended for zero funding by the Department
of Education and the President to the
House and Senate.

Title I funds helped us establish our
mini-branches in Shelby and Schneider and
provided our first small literacy grant.
We were planning this year to request
funds for terminals for the public, to
help us complete our automation project.

We were also planning to apply for
Title II funds to supplement local money
when we begin construction of our new
library.

These grant funds have helped com-
munities throughout Indiana and the na-
tion to improve library service. Now,
as we bemoan the low literacy rates and
place renewed emphasis upon education,
it is difficult to understand why the
Department of Education would wish to
discontinue these much needed funds.

If you feel LSCA, Title I and II
should be continued, please write to:

Congressmen James Jontz
1039 Longworth Office Building
Washington D.C. 20515

Senator Richard Lugar
305 Hart Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

Senator Dan Coats
411 Russell Office Building
Washington D.C. 20510

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of
Trustees will meet Monday, April 23, at
7:30 PM, following the executive session
at 7:00 PM to discuss land and personnel.

Introducing

SETH MCLELLAN APPOINTED TO LIBRARY BOARD

Retired Lake Prairie School Principal
Seth McLellan is the latest appointee and
newly elected secretary to the Lowell Public
Library Board of Trustees. He will be taking
a seat formerly held by Shirley Nassau. Mrs
Nassau served two terms on the board as acting
treasurer and then secretary.

PARENTING A SUPER READER

A two-part program focusing on motivating children and teenagers to read will be held Tuesday, April 24 and May 1 in the Community Room of the Lowell Public Library at 7:00 PM.

On April 24, Dr. Heather Harder, Professor of Education at Governors State University, will focus on ideas for parents on encouraging preschoolers to start reading.

Then Kathy Daly, 6th grade teacher at St. Edwards School in Lowell, will discuss ways parents can reinforce the reading skills elementary students use in class, and how parents can provide opportunities for children to practice their reading skills while reading for their own enjoyment.

The second segment of the reading program held on May 1 will be geared towards the middle and high school student, and will be presented by Gigi Johnson, English teacher.

She will instruct parents on techniques older students can use when doing homework to determine the purpose of what they are reading. Strategies students will find useful when reading in the content area of their homework will be discussed.

SAT tests will also be addressed.

There will be a question and answer period after each program.

Pre-register by calling 696-7704.



happy easter!

FRIENDS MEETING

Dinner at Ramsey's Landing and a visit to the Wheatfield Public Library are on the agenda for the next Friends meeting, Wednesday, April 18.

Friends will meet at the library at 5:30 PM to car pool to Ramsey's Landing in DeMotte. After dinner they will tour the Wheatfield Library.

Anyone interested in joining the Friends can contact Nell Fabish at the library, 696-7704.



To pre-register for programs call
Lowell Library - 696-7704
Shelby Branch - 552-0809
Schneider Branch - 552-1000

CRAFT CORNER

"EASTER TIME"

The Easter Bunny will be coming soon to hide all the brightly colored Easter eggs made by the boys and girls.

He will be surprised when he visits the homes of pre-schoolers attending Craft Corner at the Lowell Public Library and its branches.

They will be making Easter baskets that look just like him.

School age children will prepare for Easter by making a "Lil' Chick" basket.

LOWELL CRAFTS

Thursday, April 5
Pre School 10:30 AM
School Age 3:30 PM



SCHNEIDER CRAFTS

Thursday, April 12
Pre School and School Age 3:30 PM

SHELBY CRAFTS

Thursday, April 19
Pre-School 4 PM

Thursday, April 26
School Age 4 PM

STORY TIME CONTINUES

SHELBY BRANCH

March 26-April 30
Each Monday 10:30 AM

SCHNEIDER BRANCH

March 26-April 30
Each Monday 1:30 PM

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

March 27-May 1
Each Tuesday 10 AM

March 28-May 2
Each Wednesday 10 AM and 1:30 PM



Announcing

**books are
ROLLING IN**

SPRING BOOK SALE

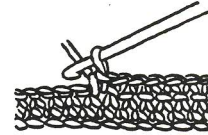


Here we go again - another book sale. Friends had so many books to sell at the November book sale (over 4,000) and not enough room to display them that they have scheduled another sale for April 21 & 22, 9 AM to 5 PM.

Book lovers will find fiction, mystery, adventure, western, science fiction, etc. Non-fiction books will cover anything from crafts, carpeting and child care to cooking, sports and home interiors.

There will be a pre-sale on Thursday, April 18 for volunteers who help Friends set up for the sale.

Anyone wishing to volunteer can contact the library at 696-7704.



FRIENDS TO HOLD RAFFLE

Look for the beautiful ivory colored afghan on display at the Lowell Public Library.

The afghan, handcrafted for the Friends of the Library by Mrs. Cecil Krost will be the prize in a drawing held at Friends' "Childrens" Paperback Book Sale" held in June.

Donations are \$1.00 a ticket or 6 for \$5.00. Tickets will be available at the Lowell Public Library the second week in April.

The Friends thank Mrs. Krost for creating such a lovely piece of craftsmanship to raise funds for special library purchases.