



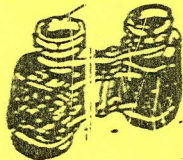
AUTOMATION AT LAST (ALMOST)

For those of you who have been carrying around those little plastic cards with zebra stripes on the back for several years, there's good news! The library boards of Lowell and Lake County have signed an agreement for joint use of Lake County's computer system.

In the next four weeks, Lowell will be installing terminals and other related equipment. Staff will be receiving training and getting ready to serve you better. Then one day when you come up to the desk to check out your books, we'll simply take those books and your library card and pass them under a laser light. No more writing down long numbers.

At first, we will only check out books on the computer; other types of materials will still be checked out by hand for the time being.

This new method will save time for our patrons and staff. There may be a few glitches at first as we learn the procedures, and we hope you'll be patient with us!



LIBRARY BOARD LOOKS AHEAD

At their April 12 meeting, the Lowell Library Board gave their approval to employ a library building consultant.

The consultant will study the present services and facilities of the library and project space needs through the year 2000. The consultant will then examine various alternatives for meeting those needs, presenting a written report to the library board.

It is expected that the study which is an out growth of the library's long-range plan will begin this summer and take several months to complete.

ELLEN CARLSON CAMUS MEMORIAL FUND

The Ellen Carlson Camus Memorial Fund has been established in memory of Ellen Carlson Camus, daughter of Arne and Marcia Carlson, and wife of Richard Camus, Jr., to assist in the operation of the Shelby Branch of the Lowell Public Library.

It is intended that interest from the fund will be used to purchase children's books for the Shelby Branch, or to fulfill other needs for operation of that branch.

Over \$400.00 in donations have been received to date from Tom and Mary Stuart, Charles and Alice VanNada, the Friends of the Lowell Public Library, and several anonymous donors.

Donations may be made to the Lowell Public Library and designated for the Memorial Fund.

