

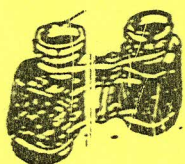
AUTOMATION AT LAST (ALMOST)

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.

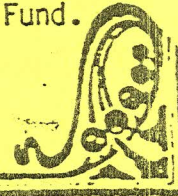
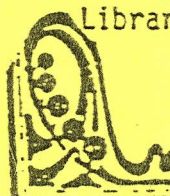
ELLEN CARLSON CAMUS MEMORIAL FUND

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.





STAFF NOTES

Adult Programming

Wednesday, May 10 - 7:30 PM The Board of Trustees will meet in the community room.

Thursday, May 11 9 AM to Noon - 1 PM to 3 PM Blood Pressure and Diabetes Testing Free to all ages, first come, first serve. Those who want diabetes check should not eat or drink one hour before.

Thursday, May 11 - 10:30 AM "Medicare Catastrophe Coverage of 1988: How It Affects You" Speaker Bud Baker, tax authority.

Friends of the Library meeting Wednesday, May 24 at 7:00 PM. Library community room



It was wedding bells for staff member Christy Carson and Carey Jackson this April! Congratulations and much happiness!!!

Cathy Salyers will be with us temporarily to assist with reference and other special projects. Welcome!

Nell Fabish attended the United Way Annual Conference in Chicago at the Conrad Hilton. The guest speaker, Barbara Bush, spoke on the progress being made to combat illiteracy in America. A class act!

Nancy Campbell & Barbara Berkey attended a 2 day workshop on 2 parts for instructional programming of our new C D Rom.

Farewell to Kristi Patchett as she prepares for her school finals and senior graduation.

STUDENTS AND RESEARCHERS!

C D Rom (Compact Disc Read-Only Memory) has come to the Lowell Public Library and will soon be available for patron use.

This valuable tool looks like a compact disc used for music but stores print information.

An entire set of a 21 volume encyclopedia, about 9 million words, can be put on a single compact disc.

Our C D Rom discs include: Academic Encyclopedia, Facts on File News Digest, Reader's Guide Abstract Index to magazines, and Micro Soft Bookshelf, which includes American Heritage Dictionary, World Almanac 1987, Bartlett's Familiar Quotations, Chicago Manual of Style, Business Information Sources, and Roget's II: The New Thesaurus.

After staff has become acquainted with the workings of the C D Rom it will be made accessible to the public.



"Battle of Gettysburg"

Cannon roar, the battle lines are drawn, and the Union and Confederate army look in mortal combat in the greatest battle of the Civil War; Gettysburg!

This newly acquired video re-enactment was donated to the library by the Three Creeks Historical Society. The video has exciting action, animated maps, and awesome historical moments.

Look for it at our video display.

UP! UP! UP!

Circulation continues to climb at all three of our libraries.

In March, for the first time, the Shelby branch loaned over 1000 items. Last April, the first month they were open, their circulation was 205. Quite an increase in one year! That's with a collection of 1,433 books, records, etc.

The Schneider branch now has 43 new patrons compared to 7 one year ago.



FIRE

Once upon a time, there was a dragon named Fire. One day he met a friend named Kenny at his cave. Kenny told Fire the dragon to leave his cave because another dragon named Rex was coming.

Fire didn't heed the warning, and he stayed home. Dragon Rex came to Fire's cave and said, "You'd better fight or you're gonna be in BIG trouble!!!"

Fire had to think of a way to make friends with Rex because Fire didn't like to fight.

Fire decided to tell Rex to look in the mirror. Rex looked in the mirror and saw his own dirty face. Rex got scared because he saw the ugliest, dirtiest, meanest, baddest dragon in the whole world. Then Rex ran away and said he'd never come back again.

Kenny moved in with Fire the dragon.

One day, Fire said, "Why don't we share the cave with Rex!" So Kenny and Fire went to Rex's cave and said please be friends with us and share our cave.

Rex said no because he was still a bad dragon.

Fire couldn't breathe fire like all the other dragons. Kenny said he wished that Fire would be bad sometimes so he could fight with Rex. Fire said, "WHAT???" and he blew fire out of his mouth.

Now that Fire could blow fire, Rex was afraid of him and Kenny so he decided it would be better just to make friends so Fire went in to his cave and got balloons for everybody to have a party.

Rex was still crabby so Fire gave him the biggest balloon in the whole world with a picture on it. This finally made Rex happy, they all shared cake and lived happily ever after.



Story composed by children during a special "National Library Week" Program

Special thanks to Delila Phillips who acted as scribe.

Lowell Public Library at 696-7704
Schneider Branch Library at 552-1000
Shelby Branch Library at 552-0809

CRAFT CORNER

LOWELL

Pre-school Craft

Thursday, May 4 - 10:30 AM - Robins, Bluejays, Cardinals! Children can choose from a variety of different colored construction paper to make their favorite bird at this craft session. An adult must accompany each child.

School Age Craft

Thursday, May 11 - 3:30 PM. "Pandas A Plenty" Children will cut paper plates into shapes that will form a Panda bear.

SHELBY

Pre-school Craft

Thursday, May 18 - 3:30 PM A "Flock of Birds" will be constructed by children, using brightly colored paper. An adult must accompany to help.

School Age Craft

Thursday, May 18 - 4:00 PM "Pandas A Plenty" Children will cut paper plates into shapes that form a Panda bear.

SCHNEIDER

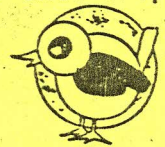
Pre-school Craft

Thursday, May 25 - 2:00 PM A "Flock of Birds" will be constructed by children, using brightly colored paper. An adult must accompany to help.



School Age Children

Thursday, May 25 - 4:00 PM "Pandas A Plenty" Children will cut paper plates into shapes that form a Panda bear.

Welcome



"FOOTPRINTS"

NAMED. 
BY 

ANNE WINGATE

Anne is a 3rd grader at Oak Hill School.

Footprints, our new library mascot, will live with all the other animal friends in the children's section of the library.