

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES



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1994 ARTISTS SHOW THEIR DAZZLING TALENT

Spring is finally here, and soon she will begin to dazzle us with a landscape of spring bouquets and budding trees. Library patrons will also be dazzled by an array of colors inside the library during the Friends of the Library 14th Annual Student Art Exhibit held May 16-21.

Students of Tri-Creek Elementary schools will exhibit many different types of art, including oils, watercolors, paper mache, and wire sculpture. A reception in honor of the young artists will be held for the students and their families Wednesday, May 18, at 7 PM in the Library Program Room.

THE WEEK THAT WAS!

At a "There's Beauty in Books" special Bookwalk event to celebrate National Library Week (April 17-23), 60 pre-school youngsters and their families met "Belle" (Lowell Senior High School student Lu Parrish).

During THE GREAT READ-IN, held that evening, Friends of the Library member Linda Pancheri delighted youngsters Kindergarten through 5th grade with her stories. Over 70 children attended.

Earth Day (April 22) saw the library reference desk filled with snakes, turtles, a gecko, a salamander, butterfly collection, and plants from the Tropical Rain Forest. Each visiting child received environmental stickers and an Earth Day newsletter.

OLYMPIC BOBSLEDDER SHARES HIS LIBRARY EXPERIENCE

Fresh from the bobsled runs in Lillehammer and a visit to the White House, Olympic athlete Brian Leturgez took time out from his busy schedule to visit the Lowell Public Library.

Our thanks to Brian who came to lend his support for the National Library Week (April 17-23) awareness campaign, "Libraries Change Lives". Sharing his story of how libraries have had a positive impact on his life and telling of his love for reading, Brian related that as a cub scout his first experience in a library began with an introduction to Dr. Seuss books. They quickly became his favorites.

Libraries became a focal point of research for Brain during his college years before graduating from Indiana State. As a member of the U.S. Bobsled Federation, Brian continues to train and compete with his teammates in Europe five to six months a year but still manages to slip in some reading time, currently with "Awakening the Giant Within" by Anthony Robbins.

Now libraries are helping Brian toward his quest for world championships and his role in the 1998 Olympics. "As an Olympic athlete, finding sponsorship money to support myself is almost as important as the actual training for the competition itself. The public library has been the most valuable resource in helping me to find the vital information to target potential sponsors.", said Brian.

WATCH FOR MORE LIBRARY STORIES!!!





WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS

What a pleasure it was for us to say thank you to many of our library volunteers attending a special brunch in their honor on April 16. Honored were members of the Library Board, Leasing Corporation, Foundation, Literacy Advisory Board, Literacy Tutors, Friends of the Library, Library Quilters and Library Helpers.

If we failed to recognize anyone, we are truly sorry, for we value each and every volunteer. If you did not attend please accept our heartfelt appreciation for the many hours you have freely given in support of your library.

VOLUNTEER TO BE AN ESL TUTOR!

The Lowell Public Library Literacy Program is looking for volunteers to work with non-English speakers. Volunteers are not required to speak another language. Tutors will learn how to teach survival skills through dialogue and sight recognition. The workshop will be held May 17, and 18, in the library's Meeting Room from 9:15 AM to 3 PM. Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

LITERACY TUTORS AND ADVISORY BOARD TO MEET



A tutor/advisory board meeting will be held at the library on Wednesday, May 4, at 3:30 PM. At the meeting each tutor and board member will receive a pin for contributions to the literacy program in 1994. A work session will to plan up-coming literacy activities will follow.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Monday, May 17, at 7:30 PM following a joint meeting with the Leasing Corporation at 6:30 PM and an Executive Meeting at 7 PM.

A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT FOR PUBLIC COMPUTER USERS

Our computers for public use are getting a workout! Over 185 time blocks were scheduled during the month of April.

Computer users must complete an agreement before using the computer for the first time. A maximum of two consecutive hours per day may be reserved. If at the end of a user's appointment the next block of time is not reserved, the user may extend his appointment. Reservations will be held for no more than ten minutes after starting time.

The library board recently updated our computer user's agreement to include the following policy revisions.

COMPUTER OPERATION: Users must have a basic knowledge of computer operation. Anyone wishing to use the computers must do so during the hours the computer aide is present until certified to use the computer independently. Patrons may not alter or attach equipment to the library's hardware. The Lowell Public Library is not responsible for data or program loss.

FEE: There is no fee for Lowell Public Library District residents for use of the computer. Computer users who live outside the Lowell Library District must pay a fee of \$5.00 per hour. There is a \$.15 per page printing fee for printer ribbon and paper expenses.

<u>DISK STORAGE:</u> The library does not provide disks for storage. Formatted disks are available for purchase at the reference desk for \$1.50.

COMPUTER PRIVILEGES: Failure to observe the computer policy or to relinquish the computer at the end of your scheduled time may result in loss of computer privileges.

Effective June 1, 1994

ADULT PROGRAMS

LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET - LOWELL May 2, 9, 16, 23, Every Monday, 9:00 AM

FREE MONEY CONTROL WORKSHOP - LOWELL May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 Tuesdays 7:00 PM A representative of Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northwest Indiana will present a four-part series on learning to manage your money. Participants can receive a free credit report. Bring your questions and a friend.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING LOWELL - May 10, Tuesday 9 AM - 10:30 AM



SHELBY - May 19, Thursday 9 AM - 11 AM

A representative of St. Anthony Medical Center will conduct blood pressure screening on a first-come, first-served basis. If you would like to be placed on a calling list to be notified of the next blood pressure screening contact Nell Fabish at the library. (696-7704)

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS - LOWELL May 9, Monday 9 AM - 3 PM May 19, Thursday 9 AM - 3 PM Free immunizations will be given by technicians of the Lake County Health Department. IAP (IMMUNIZATION ACTION PROGRAM) is a State of Indiana sponsored program. Participants are asked to bring their children's immunization records.

CURLEY SUE BASKET - SHELBY May 9, Monday - 6 PM Julie Duttlinger will teach participants the techniques of creating this basket style. Fee: \$22

"A PATCH OF HISTORY" - SHELBY May 19, Thursday - 7 PM Quilting Historian Carole Sutton will present an exciting trunk "Show and Tell" that traces quilting developments in the context of our country's history from colonial beginnings to the present day.

IRIS BASKET - SHELBY

May 20, Friday - 9 AM Come join the fun learning how to make a basket with Julie Duttlinger.

Fee: \$15

WOMEN'S FINANCIAL WORKSHOP - SHELBY May 25, Wednesday - 7 PM Clarissa Fuller, IDS Financial Services Representative, will present this program. She will focus on the effects of inflation, tax planning, and financial emergencies. Bring your questions and learn about money and how it works for you.

To pre-register call: LOWELL - 696-7704 **SCHNEIDER** - 552-1000 SHELBY - 552-0809



By popular demand, the Friends of the Library's on-going booksale is back in action. The booksale is located at the southwest corner of the non-fiction section of the library, next to the large print books.

If you would like to donate a box or two of hardback books, paperbacks, or magazines in good condition, you can drop them off at the circulation desk. We would like to ask patrons with more than two boxes of donations to contact the library to make sure we have room for storage. Proceeds from the booksale are donated to the library to fill special needs.



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TO MEET

The Friends of the Library will hold their monthly meeting Tuesday, May 10, at 7 PM. Friends are meeting one week earlier this month to prepare for the Student Art Exhibit they are sponsoring the week of May 16.

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CRAFT CORNER

Pre-schoolers will be making a colorful butterfly that can be attached to a string and school age crafters will make an octopus windsock.

The butterflies and octopi just might be seen soaring in the wind after Craft Corner.

LOWELL - Thursday, May 5
Pre-schoolers - 10:00 AM
School age --- 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thursday, May 12 Both ages - 3:30 PM

SHELBY - Thursday, May 19
Pre-schoolers - 3:30 PM

Thursday, May 26 School age - 4:00 PM

FROM THE HEARTLAND

It was a gala event! A landscape of colors draped the walls of the Library's Program and Meeting rooms during the Library Quilters "1st Ever Quilt Show". The exhibit, held on April 9, provided a showcase for over 100 traditional, antique, modern and contemporary quilts and quilted pieces. Over 750 visitors could also enjoy baked goods and coffee from the Quilter's "coffee shop" in the library's foyer.

Tickets are available for a May 7 quilt drawing at the library. First prize is an Amish Triangle Quilt, second prize, a quilted Christmas wall hanging and third prize, a quilted "Cat" pillow.

The Library Quilters will donate the proceeds from the raffle and bake sale to the library to place back issues of the Lowell Tribune on microfilm.