

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

MAY

1996

HISTORIC HOMES OF LOWELL MAY 21, 7 PM

Part of the charm of the town of Lowell is in its older homes. For the last several months, the library has been collecting information and photographs on many of the homes built in the town before 1910. The research was performed by Lowell residents Dick Schmal and Jo Cade and photographs were taken by Don Cade. The final twenty-four houses featured by the group were selected on the basis of historic significance, age, condition, appearance, uniqueness, and availability of information. The homes will be the focus of a photo exhibit and brochure to be presented on May 21, at 7 PM at the library.

Do you own an older house that may qualify for the National Register? Special guest speaker Karen Kiemnec of the Historic Landmarks Foundation of Indiana will discuss the steps needed to have your home included on the National Register of Historic Places. She will explain what being listed on the National Register means, myth versus fact, and what the benefits can be. Packets of information will be available for those who want to know more about the process. Only two sites in Lowell are currently on the National Register, the Halstead House and Buckley Homestead, although many more may be qualified.

Ms. Kiemnec will also give tips for renovating older houses, including how to do any inspection of your home, planning, right and wrong ways of renovating, and where to get the right materials. Becky Crabbe of Buckley Homestead will present the just-published "Lake County Historic Sites and Structure Inventory Report," which lists most of the older buildings in the county.

The program and publications were made possible by an Indiana Heritage Research grant, a joint effort of the Indiana Humanities Council and the Indiana Historical Society.



THE 16TH ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

MAY 20-25

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM ROOM

Come to an art extravaganza and view the work of student artists from Kindergarten through 5th grade from Oak Hill, Lake Prairie, Three Creeks, St. Edward and Lowell Baptist schools.

The Children's Room will be alive with color, as walls, windows, and ceilings become the background for the art exhibit. A reception to honor the young artists will be held on Thursday, May 23, at 7 PM. Family members are invited. A drawing of art materials will be held for all children attending and cake, punch, and coffee will be served.

The exhibit is sponsored by the Friends of the Lowell Public Library.

THE WHOLE TOWN'S TALKING

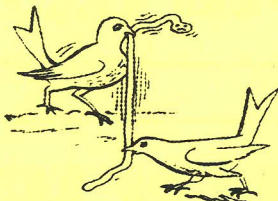
It seemed like the whole town of Shelby turned out to visit the new home of the Shelby Branch Library on April 1, opening day.

The welcome mat was out as over 200 people stopped by to visit with Branch Head Eleanor Bartz and her husband Waldo. Between chats visitors checked out over 200 books, videos, cassettes, magazines, etc. Libraries may traditionally be quiet places but this library was abuzz with good cheer as patrons expressed their pleasure with their new library. Good friends from St. Theresa's Church, former home of the branch, brought a cake the following Saturday, to celebrate the occasion.

For children and adults with special physical needs the library is an especially welcome sight. Visitors were thrilled that they now have easy access to their favorite materials.

Dedication of the new library will take place on June 2, at 2 PM.

Happenings In MAY



LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET - LOWELL

Each Monday - May 6, 13, 20
9 AM - 12:30 PM

THE "PAPER TWIST" BASKET - SCHNEIDER

Thursday, May 2, at 7 PM
Create this charming basket with Cheryl Durham
Call 552-1000 for fee information.

"PICNIC" BASKET WEAVING - LOWELL

Tuesday, May 7, at 8:30 AM or
Wednesday, May 22, at 6:30 PM or
Wednesday, May 29, at 6:45 PM
Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger will teach
participants to make a picnic basket with
wooden lid. Fee for the workshop is \$37.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

SHELBY - Thursday, May 9
9 AM - 11 AM

LOWELL - Tuesday, May 14
9 AM - 10:30 AM

Conducted on a first-come, first-served basis
by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

WEAVE A "GATHERING" BASKET - SHELBY

Monday, May 13 at 6 PM
Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger will teach
participants to weave the "Gathering" Basket.
The fee for this workshop is \$25.

"THINK GREEN" - SCHNEIDER

Tuesday, May 14, at 7 PM
Trade bulbs, seeds, plants, or perennials as you
listen to garden-savvy speaker Darlene Rigg tell
you how to create the best looking and most
productive garden in your neighborhood.

MONEY CONTROL WORKSHOP - LOWELL

Come to a free three-part series each Wednesday,
May 15-29, at 6 PM. The Consumer Credit
Counseling Service of Northwest Indiana, a
non-profit affiliate of United Way, will teach money
management skills.

"MEDICARE MADE EASY" - LOWELL

Tuesday, May 7, at 7 PM
Bring your Medicare questions to this free
information seminar. Get a basic overview of
Medicare and information on supplemental
insurance. Presented by Barbara Deiotte, CSW,
of St. Anthony Medical Center

CPR THE "C" COURSE - LOWELL

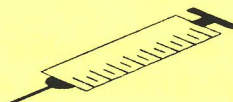
Wednesday, May 29, at 6 PM
Take the life-saving American Heart Association
"C" (adult, child and infant) CPR Course taught by
Katherine Misiora, R.N. and Leon Misiora, E.M.T. -
Paramedic. Fee is \$15.

Pre-register by calling:

Lowell - 696-7704

Shelby - 552-0809

Schneider - 552-1000



FREE CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

**Please bring your child's records when you
visit the following locations:**

CEDAR LAKE - COMMUNITY CENTER

Each Friday, 9 AM - 3 PM
OFFERED BY THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT.

CEDAR LAKE - CEDAR LAKE CLINIC

13963 MORSE ST.
Thursday, May 2
12 PM - 6 PM
A FREE SERVICE OF ST. ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER.

LOWELL - OAK HILL SCHOOL

Monday, May 13
9 AM - 2 PM

LOWELL - LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Thursday, May 16
9 AM - 3 PM
OFFERED BY THE LAKE COUNTY HEALTH
DEPARTMENT.

SCHNEIDER - SCHNEIDER BRANCH LIBRARY

Thursday, May 16
12 Noon - 6 PM
A FREE SERVICE OF ST. ANTHONY MEDICAL CENTER



CRAFT CORNER

It's welcome to Spring at Craft Corner. Pre-school children will create a tulip garden using paper and egg cartons. School age children will construct a pencil pal using pipe cleaners.

LOWELL - Pre-school Craft

Thurs. May 9, at 10 AM

School Age Craft

Thurs. May 9, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register by calling 696-7704

SHELBY - Pre-school Craft

Thurs. May 23, at 3:30 PM

School age Craft

Thurs. May 30, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register by calling 552-0809

SCHNEIDER - Both Crafts

Thurs. May 16, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register by calling 552-1000

YA CPR COURSE

LOWELL

MONDAY

MAY 13, at 6 PM

CERTIFICATION FEE \$3.
AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION

CHILDREN'S

"COOKIE" BASKET

CRAFT - SHELBY

THURSDAY

MAY 2, at 4 PM

\$10.

For children 10 and older

RIGG'S REFERENCE ROUND-UP

(From Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg)

Looking for information on investments, annuities, life insurance? Would you like to learn more about insurers of home, auto, fire, theft, disability and health?

Standard & Poor's Insurance Company Rating Guide has ratings on over 3000 companies and their affiliates. Located in the Reference Section under 368.0065, the book also contains 300 full reports on life, health, auto, fire, commercial, annuity, and reinsurance firms and includes Standard & Poor's unique "claims-paying ability" rating for them.

The rating guide also has a five-year financial performance chart on major firms.

FRIENDS ELECT OFFICER

At their April meeting Friends of the Library voted to retain Henry Franz as Vice-president and elected Yvonne Regeski as Secretary.

Friends will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 15, at 7 PM. New members are welcome.

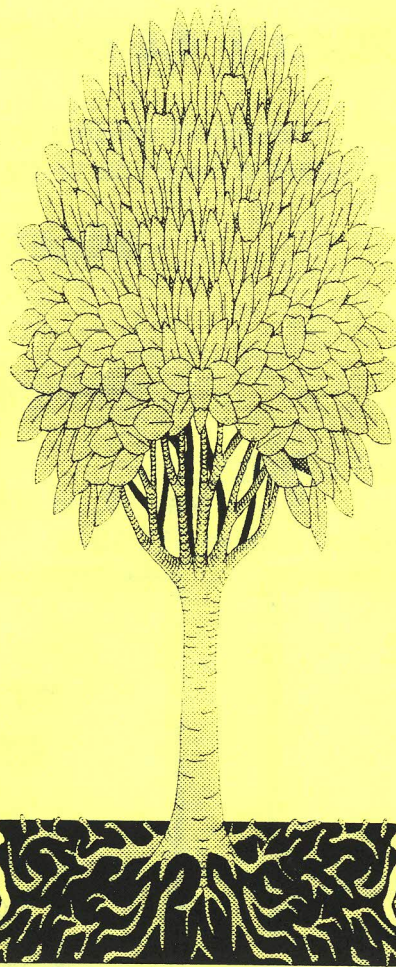
LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The Lowell Public Library will be closed on Friday, May 17, for in-service training. The library will resume regular hours on Saturday, May 18.

The library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed on Monday, May 27, in observance of Memorial Day. The libraries will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 28.

*I think that I shall
never see
a poem as lovely as
a tree.*

Joyce Kilmer



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LIBRARY ARBORS

Spring is here, jonquils are popping up, and trees are budding as the warmer weather comes. With the change in season more attention is being focused on the woods surrounding the library.

The Library's Board of Trustees has completed two more components of the landscape plan that was developed to preserve and enhance the 5 1/2 acre wooded site that make up the library grounds. With an "urban forestry" grant from the Small Business Administration through the DNR, and donations from area residents and organizations, two hundred and thirteen shade and ornamental trees have been planted, providing a wide variety of texture, color and scale to the library site. This spring, a NIPSCO Environmental Challenge Grant made the addition of 175 shrubs and understory plants possible.

A Library Arbors brochure has been created to bring public awareness to the environment, explain the goals of the Library Arbors Project, and describe the trees that have been planted and recognize the donors to the tree project. Additional copies of the brochure will be available at the library circulation desk at the end of May.

On May 11, volunteers will create a Nature Trail by spreading mulch along a designated path through the library grounds. Refreshments will be served. Volunteers are asked to call the library at 696-7704. A rain date is set for May 18. Sign up now! Give Mother Nature a helping hand and provide an educational tool for your community.