

LITERACY PROGRAM RECEIVES A BOOST

A grant of \$24,872 has been awarded by the U. S. Department of Education to assist the Lowell Public Library in its fight against illiteracy.

Since it began in 1987, the literacy program has tutored 15 students, some of which have gone on to complete their GED (high school equivalance diploma).

With this funding, created through the Library Services and Construction Act, the literacy program can now be expanded by opening additional learning stations in Lowell and the communities of Shelby and Schneider.

The grant will also enable the program to hold training sessions for tutor trainers and tutors, develop print and audio visual matials collections at all stations, and establish a computer-assisted instruction lab for use by the literacy tutors and students.

Statistics from the Adult Literary Coalition tells us that 34% of Indianas adult population has not completed high school. 600,000 of these adults are functionally iliterate.

With new findings, our literary program will be able to reach many more educationally disadvantaged adults.

Tutor training will begin at the Lowell Public Library in the fall.

If you are interested in helping with this worthwhile program, contact Nell Fabish, Literacy Coordinator at the Lowell Library, 696-7704.



WE'RE PLUGGED IN

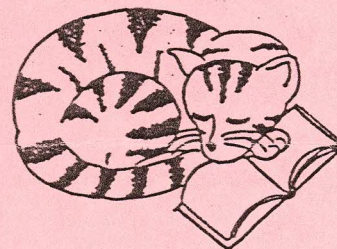
Those two computer terminals standing at attention on the circulation desk mean that, as of June, you no longer have to write those endless numbers when you check books out. Relief at last!

With this new automation, cards can be renewed, new registrations entered, searches can be made at other libraries for materials that are not in our collection and overdue notices will be automatically printed.

As we are still in the process of bar coding other materials, only books can be checked out with the computers. Materials such as records, compact disk, magazines and pamphlet information will still be done manually.

Remember to bring your card with you each time you visit the library.

Funding for the terminals was provided through the generous donations of the Lowell V. F. W. Memorial Post and the Friends of the Library.



STAFF NOTES

Patty Ernest is back with us for the summer. Patty is a senior at Valparaiso University majoring in Georgraphy and English.

We welcome Michelle Swett, our new page. She will be a senior at Lowell High School.

Our director, Virginia Maravilla and staff Nancy Campbell and Chris Str... attended ILA/ILTA seminars in Ft... The theme was "Good Library is Good Business."

Have
a



Time!

ACTIVITIES:

*Annual Pet Show

*Book Walk

*Weekly Drawing For A Prize

*Videos Each Wednesday

*Fun Filled Carnival on Aug 9 for each person who reads 10 books!!

*Make a Special Dinosaur Booklet!!

*No Age Limit

*June 12-First Day To Sign Up

*Programs Each Monday

Thursdays at Shelby & Schneider

For further information call
the library at 696-7704!



CHILDREN'S BOOK FAIR

The "Book Fair" is coming to the Lowell Public Library June 15, 16 & 17.

The paperback book fair will be open during regular library hours, 9 AM to 8 PM Thursday, 9 AM to 5 PM Friday and Saturday.

This is an excellent opportunity for your child to improve his reading skills during the summer while enjoying the wonderful selections available at the fair.

A wide variety of books for every age level will be available for purchase. Titles include: The World of Dinosaurs, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Bunnica Best Friends Forever, Beverly Cleary's Ramona, and The Land Before Time.

Also available are fun to draw books, posters, book marks and covers, sticker books, and lots of other surprises.

Friends of the library are sponsoring the fair and the proceeds will be used to purchase several new childrens books for the library.



Lowell Public Library

250 North Fremont Street
Lowell, Indiana 46356-1899



JUNE HAPPENINGS

"A Plant Happening" Wed. June 7 - 7:00 PM

Tom Cronin of Floraland will speak on "Caring for your plants." Bring a plant to the program and exchange it for another.

Blood Pressure and Diabetes Testing

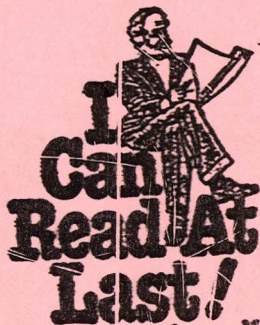
Thurs. June 8 - 10 AM to Noon - 1 PM to 3 PM
The Lake County Health Department will be at the Library to provide free tests for people of all ages. First come first serve.

"Money Management Seminar" Wed. June 14 - 7 PM

"You owe it to yourself" a free money management seminar with Amy Nassau Taylor, representative of Waddell, Reed Investment Services. Learn about college funding, retirement planning, reducing bills, tax advantages, paying yourself first!

Library Board to Meet Wed. June 14 - 7:30 PM

The Library Board meets in the community room.



LITERACY VOLUNTEER HONORED AT LUNCHEON

Mary Kersey, Lowell Public Library Literacy volunteer, was honored May 10 at a special luncheon held at the Holiday Star Plaza in Merrillville.

The luncheon was co-sponsored by the Whiteco Metrocom and Porter and Lake County school superintendents.

Mary, a mother of four, began tutoring two years ago and is now working with her second student.

Her first student wanted to read and write well enough to prepare for his GED (high school equivalency diploma) which he has since earned.

The Lowell Public Library congratulates Mary for this well deserved award and would like to extend its sincere appreciation to Mary and to all our tutors for giving their time and dedication so that others may benefit.

Our thanks to all the tutors: Mary Kersey, Margaret Chism, Delila Phillips, Linda Koppen, Marge Herlitz, Julia Laumayer, Mary McDaniels, Bettye Ford, Barbara Cunningham, and Denise Cordrey.

Also, our thanks to the many volunteers who have taken the literacy tutoring or have given assistance to this program in other ways.

Your efforts on behalf of our literacy program have enriched many lives.

To pre-register for any program call:
Lowell Library at 696-7704
Schneider Branch Library at 552-1000
Shelby Branch Library at 552-0809



BOARD LOOKS AHEAD

1990, 2000, 2010

In helping with their Long-Range Plan, the library board has decided to hire a consultant to help them plan for future building needs.

David R. Smith, of Hopkins, Minnesota, was chosen for this important task. Mr. Smith has been involved in the planning for some 80 library buildings.

Mr. Smith will be visiting Lowell several times in the next few months. During his first visit at the end of June, he will interview library staff, board members, and citizens. Using this input and statistics for the library and community, he will then prepare a report of space needs for the future. If it is determined that additional space is necessary, Mr. Smith will suggest alternatives for meeting those needs.