

# LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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## ONE FINAL QUESTION ABOUT A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING

You've all heard a great deal about the proposed new library in recent weeks and what it might cost.

Most people assume that it would be cheaper to build onto and remodel the old library than it would be to build a new one. In some cases that might be true. But because the library has been awarded almost a million dollars in grant funds, and plans to sell the existing library, the cost to the local taxpayers for a new library, will actually be less than to remodel and enlarge the existing library, not to mention the fact that there will be plenty of room for parking and additions to the building in the years to come.

No, the grant money cannot be used for remodeling. The grant application requested funds to be used for a new building... they cannot be used for any other purpose. Yes, we could apply for them again next year, but the Build Indiana money (of which we are to receive \$528,113) may disappear into the state's general budget, and the Federal Library Services and Construction Act Funds are threatened with extinction every year.

The question therefore is this:

When is it cheaper to build a brand new library on a 5½ acre site than it is to expand and remodel an old one on less than 2 acres?

Answer:

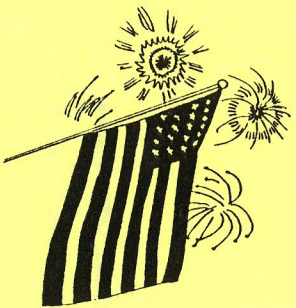
When you have almost a million dollars in outside funding and a building in good condition to sell.

### LET THE FIGURES SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES

#### Construction Related Costs Only ①

REMODEL & EXPAND EXISTING BUILDING TO 22,000 ft.	NEW LIBRARY 22,000 feet	DIFFERENCE
\$1,725,453	2,732,150	
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\$ 1,725,453 ②	\$ 1,603,037	\$ 122,416 less



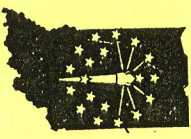


July

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

If you would like to have a new library with plenty of space for future expansion for less than the cost of a remodeled and enlarged building that will be land-locked, please write today to:

Dr. C. Kurt Zorn, Chairman  
State Board of Tax Commissioners  
201 State Office Building  
Indianapolis, IN 46204



and urge approval of the Lowell Public Library Building Project.

OR

Drop your letter off at the library by the 10th of July.

P.S. Why didn't we tell you this before?

We did not want to count on receiving the Build Indiana money until it was a certainty. That happened only a few days ago when the Governor signed the budget. It took a few more days to verify that our library's request was included.

- (1) Includes construction, equipment, site development, contingency funds, insurance, architects, and engineers fees. Does not include cost of property in either case (1988 cost for 1+ acre - old school site - \$60,000 - 50 parking spaces; 1990 cost for 5½ acres - \$77,500 - 90 parking spaces). Bond related costs would be about equal in both cases.
- (2) Updated from figures provided in 1988 by Interdesign, increased 5% to increase size to 22,000 sq. ft. and 5% inflation per year, 1989 - 1991
- (3) If sale of the existing library is not included, the cost of the new building would be \$77,684 more than remodeling and expanding the existing building.

## BLOOD PRESSURE/DIABETES AND VISION SCREENING PROGRAM

### TAKES A SUMMER BREAK

The Blood Pressure/Diabetes and Vision Screening Program at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby Branch Library will not be scheduled for July and August, but will resume the second Thursday of every month beginning in September.





## KIDS READING PROGRAM MAKES BIG SPLASH

Diving into the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches each day, the kids of "Dive In the Reading's Great", the library's Summer Reading Club Program, are reading up a storm.

At the Lowell Public Library, 502 youngsters are stocking the ocean motiff with hundreds of hungry sharks and at the Shelby Branch Library there are 204 youngsters signed-up and in the Schneider Branch there are 46 participants, all stocking the oceans with sharks. The children's sections of each library are proof of the reading the children are doing this summer. For the first ten books read, a child receives a shark and then for every ten additional books read a new fish is given.

They are certainly keeping library staff extra busy these days, as they check out 10 to 20 books at a time. They are well on their way to becoming super readers, putting their summer vacation to good use, and having lots of fun at the same time.

Youngsters can still sign up for all the great activities at the library and its branches.



## BOOK BONANZA!

Lots of new paperback books are destined for the children's collection at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

The new books came as a result of a two week book sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Friends and library staff sold hundreds of paperback books to library users from June 10th - June 21st.

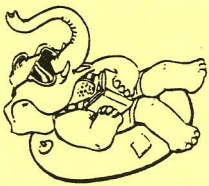
When the sale was over the library was able to purchase over \$600.00 in books for its own collection and the children's collection of the Schneider and Shelby Branches.

## LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES TO MEET

The Lowell Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on the 15th of July at 7:30 PM.







REMEMBER: When you read 10 books, you'll get a shark to hang up in the library. Our library needs to be filled with sharks by the end of Summer Reading!

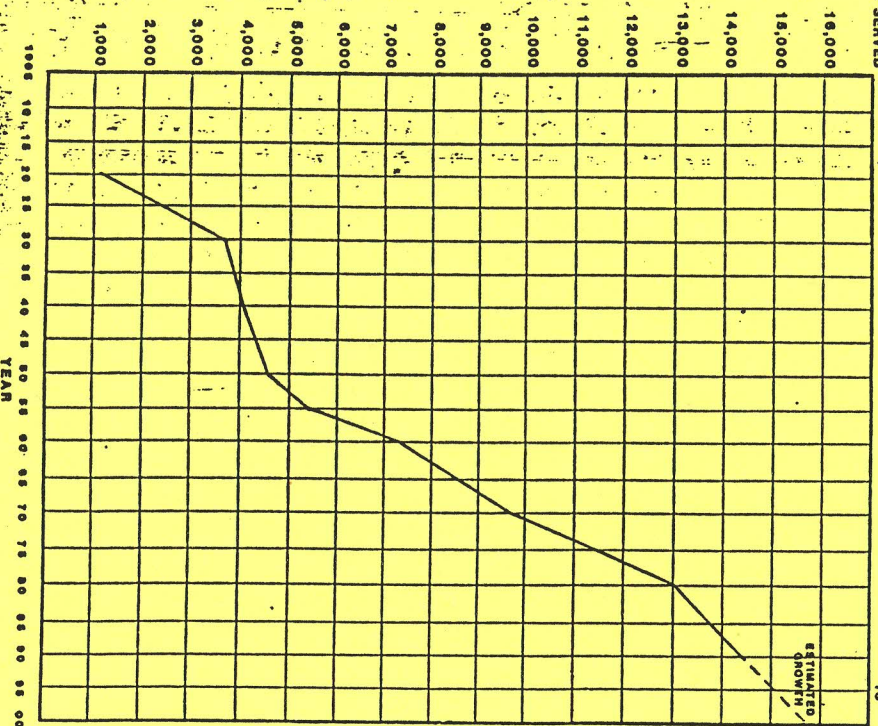


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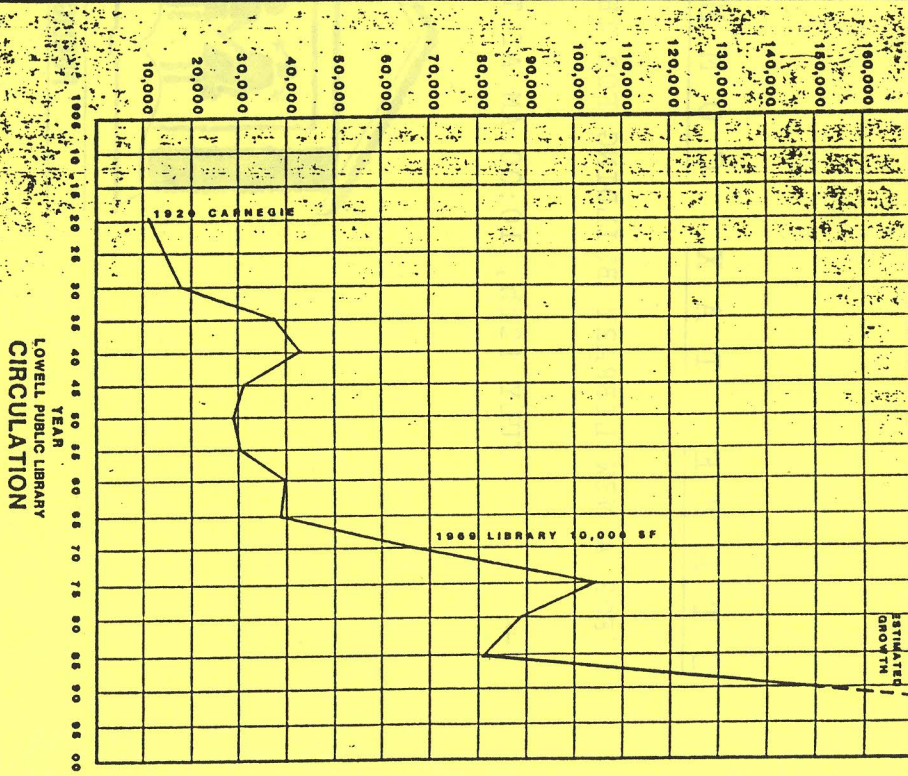
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POPULATION SERVED LIBRARY STATISTICS 19



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# HOW WE

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FOR A NEW LIBRARY BUILDING FOR THE TRI-CREEK DISTRICT ON WEDNESDAY,

JULY 12th, 10:00 AM AT THE LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY



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