

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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LOOK WHAT'S HAPPENING !



DAY by DAY

Day by day, the new Lowell Public Library moves towards completion.

Carpenters have been busy in the interior framing offices and study rooms. The wallboard is almost complete. Painters are putting on the sealer coat with vinyl wall-covering to follow. Ceramic tile has been laid in the restrooms.

As the building enters the final stages of construction, the library staff is asked almost daily, "When will you move?". Until the new library is closer to completion, the answer can be no more specific than "this fall." As soon as we have a date, we'll let you know.

PRESENT LIBRARY PURCHASED BY TOWN

At their June 14 meeting, the Lowell Town Council agreed to purchase the present library building for a new town hall. Proceeds from the sale will be used to provide library service to residents of the three townships that make up the library district.

The present library will more than double the space available for the town offices, utilities, and parks department, as well as increasing the number of parking spaces available for the staff and public.

The town will be paying for the building over the next five years from current revenue, with no increase in the tax rate.

THE POW WOW BEGINS !

Early morning library patrons are accustomed to the quiet of the library during that first opening hour. However, this was not the case on Monday, June 7. On that day, patrons were met with the sounds of the chatter of dozens of eager youngsters waiting their turn to register for the "Pow Wow With Books" Summer Reading Club Program.

Over 300 enthusiastic youngsters registered that day and by the beginning of the next week the library and its branches were well over the 600 mark in registration.

The theme for this year's reading program, "Pow Wow With Books", provides the children with an opportunity to learn more about Native American culture. Youngsters will have lots of fun making Indian crafts, learning about Indian music and dances, and reading stories about famous Indian people.

The children's area of the library is filled with brightly colored Indian signs and symbols and dozens of Indian headdresses already cover the ceiling in recognition of the number of books club members have read since the program began.

In keeping with the Reading Club's Indian theme, Lowell residents Bob and Martha Burger have loaned the library their fascinating collection of Native American artifacts and artwork. A description of each piece and its use accompanies the exhibited items in the showcase.



LOWELL LIBRARY

July 5, Mon. LIBRARY CLOSED!

Summer Reading Program has been cancelled for today.

July 7, Wed. - VIDEOS

10:30 AM or 1:30 PM

"Alexander Who Used to Be Rich Last Sunday" & "McBroom's Ghost".

July 12, Mon. - PUPPET SHOW

1:30 PM

The Lowell Public Library and the Lowell Parks Department will have a program in the Library Park (located behind the library). Please bring something to sit on (rug, towel, blanket). After the show, popcorn & Kool-aid will be served.



July 14, Wed. - VIDEOS

10:30 AM or 1:30 PM

"Freckle Juice" and "The Frog Prince".

July 19, Mon. - CRAFT DAY

10:30 AM or 1:30 PM

Not feeling well lately? Come to the library to make a medicine pouch to cure your ills.

July 21, Wed. - VIDEOS

10:30 AM or 1:30 PM

"Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day" and "Mike Mulligan & His Steam Shovel".



July 26, Mon. - SPECIAL PROGRAM

1:30 PM

"POW WOW" with the dancers of the Order of the Arrow Boy Scouts of Calumet Council. Step inside a teepee and learn how the Indians lived decades ago.

Dressed in Indian ceremonial costume, the Scouts will perform Native American dances including the Buffalo Dance. You can learn to dance with them! Listen to

Native American drum music and eat fried bread that will be prepared for you by the Scouts.

July 28, Wed. - VIDEOS

10:30 AM or 1:30 PM

"I'll Fix Anthony" and "Mom's on Strike".

JULY 31, SATURDAY - LAST DAY TO ENTER BOOKS IN YOUR SUMMER READING BOOKLET.



"POW WOW WITH BOOKS"

Boys and girls can learn more about our Native American Heritage by checking out some of the fascinating and informative books on Indian life and culture found in the Children's collection.

A special list of popular books on America's Indian people is available at the "Native American Books" display table near the main entrance to the library.

Beginning readers will delight in the stories of Red Fox and His Canoe, Small Wolf, Tall Boy and the Coyote, Little Eagle, Hawk I'm Your Brother and Hazy Mountain.

Older youngsters can read about Indiana's Miami tribe, and other Native American peoples.

American Indian Habitats will instruct children on building Indian homes or shelters. Indian Talk: Hand Signs of the American Indian will describe the Indian way of speaking. Children can have hours of fun making Indian crafts using directions from Indian Handcrafts, Totem Poles or Indian Crafts.

Young adults may enjoy reading A Circle Unbroken, Brother Moose, Where the Broken Heart Still Beats, To Spoil the Sun and Calico Captive.



July

SHELBY BRANCH ONLY !

PET SHOW July 1, Thurs.- 10:30 AM

Live and stuffed pets are welcome. Please restrain all live pets on a leash or in a cage. Thank you.

SCHNEIDER and SHELBY BRANCHES

SPECIAL TIME! 12:00 NOON

Bring a sack lunch and listen to special Indian stories read by Miss Chris. Drinks will be provided. Please bring something to sit on (rug, towel, blanket). We will be outside, weather permitting.

Schneider - July 6, Tues.
Shelby - July 8, Thurs.

ANIMALS, ANIMALS, ANIMALS! 10:30 AM

Meet veterinarian Dr. Hardwick and some of his unusual animals.

Schneider - July 13, Tues.
Shelby - July 22, Thurs.



CRAFT DAY 10:30 AM

Not feeling well lately? Come to the library and make a medicine pouch to cure your ills.

Schneider - July 20, Tues.
Shelby - July 15, Thurs.

SPECIAL TIME! 1:30 PM

Step inside a teepee and have fun learning Indian dances and music performed by the Calumet Council Boy Scouts in Indian dress.

Schneider - July 27, Tues.
Shelby - July 29, Thurs.

LAST DAY TO ENTER BOOKS IN YOUR SUMMER READING BOOKLET!

July 31 for Lowell, Schneider, and Shelby!



GAMES! GAMES! GAMES!

"Rev" up your computer for the fast-action shareware games you can check out from the video section of the library.

IBM, or IBM-compatible, computer users will be glued to the monitor playing Cosmo's Cosmic Adventure, an arcade game that works with keyboard or joystick. With FPC-Railroad you are the engineer, navigating up to 5 trains on any of 37 pre-designed railroad routes.

Zentris is a stunning 256-color VGA Tetris variation while CD-Man is a 3-level PacMan clone from Sweden. If you like mazes you might try Entrap, a 3-D arcade game of mazes.

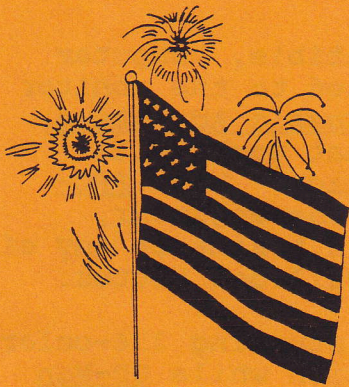
Like to play games at a slower pace? We have 3-D Chess, or, take a walk on the Boardwalk, playing Monopoly with your friends. Our card game shareware is super! Super Solitaire offers 20 different games to challenge your skills. GO FOR IT!!!

HELP US WITH BUILD INDIANA

If you read the last newsletter, you knew that the state does not seem inclined to release the half million in Build Indiana Funds that were awarded to the Lowell Library to help with construction costs for the new building.

We are asking all residents of the library district over 18 years of age to sign a petition posted in the library, asking that those funds be released to us. The money will be used to reduce your taxes.

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Independence Day



MIAMI INDIAN CHIEF TO VISIT LIBRARY

"Our Native American Heritage", as told by Chief Wakakakei, a member of the Miami Indian Tribe of Indiana, will be presented at the Lowell Public Library Thursday, July 8, at 3:00 PM.

George Dorin (Chief Wakakakei) was elected Eagle Band Chief of the Indiana Miami, when his uncle, Chief Mon-Gon-Zah, died at the age of 91. Adults and children can enjoy listening to Dorin speak of the history of the Miami Indian and describe their customs and culture. He will also tell of the Trail of Tears and Laura Slocum, who was captured by the Miami when she was a child.

Included in the program is a fascinating exhibit of Native American artifacts including an Indian head-dress, tomahawks and arrows.

Pre-register by calling 696-7704.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Monday, July 19, at 7:30 PM, following the joint meeting of the Leasing Corporation at 6:30 PM and an Executive Meeting at 7:00 PM.



A PICNIC ON THE LAKE

Friends of the Library will hold their annual picnic at the Cedar Lake home of Friends member Janet Granger, Tuesday, August 17, at 6:00 PM. Members are welcome to carpool from the library at 5:30 PM.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS



The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. The libraries will resume regular hours Tuesday, July 6.