

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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IN THE PRESENCE OF GIANTS

"To Know something about trees- about even one tree.. is to know something important, something fundamental, something profound about the nature of the world and our place in it." ... From The Living Earth Book of North America.

The tall oaks and maples that surround the new library site are magnificent to behold. Dominating their territory, they nevertheless have embraced new trees recently planted as part of a Small Business Association \$20,000 matching grant through the Indiana Department of Natural Resources.

The new trees are rich in diversity, texture, and seasonal color. Thirty four varieties of trees are represented, including four species of Maples, four Oaks and three Ash that will create a glorious canopy of shade over the drives and walks of the library grounds. Other species of trees are Ohio Buckeye, Pagoda, Dogwood, Carolina Silverbell, Black Gum, Hop Hornbean, Tulip Tree, River Birch, and Apple Serviceberry. Austrian and White Pine will color the winter's landscape.

The trees are a major part of the Library Arbors Project, begun by the library in 1993. The goal of the project is to preserve and replenish the trees for the good of the environment while providing the woods as a natural learning setting for library visitors. A site plan and brochure are currently being prepared to help visitors learn about the trees.



WELCOME NEWS!

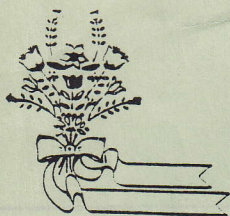
The library is pleased to announce that once again it is the recipient of a Library Services and Construction Act Title VI grant.

The grant (\$34,692) will allow the program to continue to provide a "full spectrum literacy program" helping students achieve their literacy goals in reading and writing, or speaking English, along with improving basic math skills. Computer literacy classes will also be added to the program. This has become an increasingly important need among students hoping to improve their employment opportunities. As many jobs requiring minimal skills disappear, skills such as computer literacy become increasingly important among students hoping to find employment.

Many literacy students and their tutors have found computer learning a wonderful new and rewarding way to learn. Learning disabled adults, who are reported to total nearly 89% of adult learners, find new hope in technology. Computers with synthesized voice capabilities and multi-sensory applications are proven forms for working with learning disabilities.

Today it is reported that nearly half the adult population in the U.S. is unable to function at the lowest levels of literacy. Renewed funding allows the library to continue much needed literacy efforts.

The library's literacy program began in 1987. Throughout the program's seven year existence, nearly three hundred students have been helped.



JULY

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER

Norma Ruley, a Lowell Library Trustee, is the newly elected President of the Northwest Indiana Library Boards Association (NILBA).

NILBA is an informal association of library boards whose members meet four times a year to hear speakers on a variety of library related topics. They also discuss subjects of mutual concern with trustees from other libraries.

Ruley has been a member of the Lowell Board since 1985 and has served as treasurer since 1990. A life-long resident of Lowell, she is employed at the Lake County Highway Department. Library Trustees in Indiana are appointed and serve without pay.

PARK OUTING FOR FRIENDS

Liberty Park fits the bill for the Friends of the Library's Annual Picnic on Sunday, July 10 at 1 PM.

Friends have had a busy year. Since September of '93 Friends have manned an information booth at the Labor Day celebration, sponsored events such as the Santa Claus Storyhour, National Library Week, the Student Art Exhibit and the Paperback Booksale, donated funds for children's programs, and purchased a new copier for the public to use.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, July 18, at 7:30 PM following a joint meeting of the Leasing Corporation at 6:30 PM and an Executive Meeting at 7:00 PM.

ADULT PROGRAMS

LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET - LOWELL

June 6, 13, 20, 27

Every Monday, 9:00 AM

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

LOWELL - Tuesday, July 12

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM

A technician of St. Anthony Medical Center will conduct blood pressure screening on a first-come, first-served basis.

CHILDHOOD IMMUNIZATIONS

LOWELL - Mon., July 11 &

Thurs., July 21

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SHELBY - Mon., July 25

9:30 AM - 12:30 PM

A nurse of the Lake County Health Department will conduct immunizations on a first-come, first-served basis. Please bring a record of immunizations.

Pre-register for programs. Call:

Lowell Library - 696-7704

Shelby Branch - 552-0809

Schneider Branch - 552-1000

BECOME A LITERACY TUTOR

Volunteer to be a literacy tutor. Attend a tutor training workshop at the library on Monday, July 25, Tuesday, July 26, and Wednesday, July 27, from 5:30PM to 8:00 PM. Call the library for more information.



HOLIDAY CLOSING

The Lowell Public Library and its Schneider and Shelby branches will be closed on Monday, July 4 in observance of Independence Day. The libraries will resume their regular hours on Tuesday, July 5.



SUMMER READING PROGRAM

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY SCHEDULE

- Mon., July 4 - NO PROGRAM - LIBRARY CLOSED
- Wed., July 6 - VIDEOS - 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
"Let's Give Kitty A Bath" & "Lyle, Lyle, Crocodile".
- Mon., July 11 - PUPPET SHOW - 1:30 PM
The Lowell Public Library & Lowell Parks Department will sponsor the show in Evergreen Park (located across the street from the library). Please bring a rug, blanket or towel to sit on. After the show, popcorn & Kool-aid will be served.
- Wed., July 13 - VIDEOS - 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
"Action Stories With Lamb Chop" & "Morris Goes To School".
- Mon., July 18 - BOOK WALK - 10:30 am OR 1:30 PM
Join in & win a book!
- Wed., July 20 - VIDEOS - 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
"Mouse Soup" & "Paddington Goes To The Movies".
- Mon., July 25 - CRAFT - 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
Want to be the best dressed person in Lowell? Come to the library & make a haunted house hat & be the envy of everyone!!!
- Wed., July 27 - VIDEOS - 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
"Moving Machines" & "A Pocket For Corduroy".
- SATURDAY - JULY 30 - LAST DAY TO ENTER YOUR BOOKS ON YOUR SUMMER READING RECORD SHEET!**

SCHNEIDER BRANCH SCHEDULE



- Tues., July 5 - BINGO - 10:30 AM
Join the fun & play bingo at the library. There will be special treats for the winners!
- Tues., July 12 - CRAFT - 10:30 AM
Let's have some fun & make a spine-tingling activity book.
- Tues., July 19 - BOOK WALK - 10:30 AM
Join in & win a book!
- Tues., July 26 - CRAFT - 10:30 AM
Want to be the best dressed person in Schneider? Come to the library & make a haunted house hat & be the envy of everyone!!!
- SATURDAY - JULY 30 - LAST DAY TO ENTER YOUR BOOKS ON YOUR SUMMER READING CLUB RECORD SHEET!**

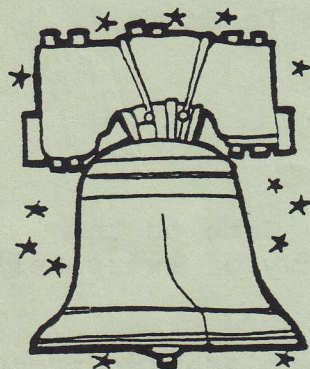


SHELBY BRANCH SCHEDULE

- Thurs., July 7 - BINGO - 10:30 AM
Join in the fun & play bingo at the library. There will be special treats for the winners!
- Thurs., July 14 - CRAFT - 10:30 AM
Let's have fun making a spine-tingling activity book.
- Thurs., July 21 - BOOK WALK - 10:30 AM
Join in & win a book!
- Thurs., July 28 - CRAFT - 10:30 AM
Want to be the best dressed person in Shelby? Come to the library & make a haunted house hat & be the envy of everyone!!!
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HAPPY FOURTH OF JULY

LISTEN AND YOU WILL HEAR...

Stories read by one person to another carry a magic of their own. Not only does the listener hear the words of the story being told but also the rhythm of those words. Through stories, poems, and songs, the reader's special interpretation brings the story to life.

Young children in grades K-3 can attend "Read-Along" at the Lowell Public Library and enjoy the tales told to them by young adult readers. Participants will also meet new friends and, best of all, they can turn the tables on the storyreader and read their own story out loud. The Read-Along Program is held each Thursday, June 9-July 28, from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM.

Space is limited, so register now. Call the library at 696-7704.

SUMMER READING CLUB HAS INSPIRING RESULTS

What a wonderful sight it was to see so many children swarm into the library and its branches on Monday, June 6... the first day of the library's "Scare Up A Good Book" Summer Reading Club Program.

As of June 28, over 800 children have enrolled in the reading program, and with each passing day the number of new members increases.

It is sheer enjoyment for staff of the libraries to see so many young faces checking out books, then returning them for new ones and recording their reading accomplishments on their record sheets.

Don't miss out on the July activities. Register now and become a "Scare Up A Good Book" Reading Club member.