



# LOWELL LIBRARY LINES



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## HOT OFF THE PRESS...

**UNDER SUNNY SKIES...**The weather was beautiful for the outdoor dedication of the Shelby Branch Library, held on June 2. Branch Head Eleanor Bartz and her husband, Waldo, worked tirelessly to make the dedication a success as did a host of other volunteers, including staff member Becky Clinton; Father Bede Hepnar who bestowed his blessing on the library's new home; the Lowell VFW that so handsomely presented the American flag; the LHS Trumpet Trio who gave the crowd a wonderful rendition of the National Anthem; State Senator Sue Landske who spoke so eloquently about the Shelby Branch; Dr. and Mrs. Herbert Hardwick who entertained the children of the Shelby area with the Hebron Animal Hospital's fascinating wild pets; and the people of St. Theresa's Church who once again gave their support to the library by allowing the use of the church for the children's program. Thank you to all.

Cookies and punch were served by Julie and Bill Duttlinger and the Shelby 4-H Club, who helped provide the delicious refreshments along with Shelby's Story Hour Moms, Friends of the Library members, and staff. What a team! Thanks, too, to the library board, who donated time and talent to the dedication. The Shelby Branch Dedication is a fine example of a community coming together to make good things happen for its library.

**TARANTULAS BRING IN THE CROWD...** Over 350 children and adults filled the library to capacity and beyond for "Dr. Spider and His Amazing Tarantulas" on June 17. "Dr. Spider" (Dr. Robert Wolff of Trinity Christian College in Des Plaines, Illinois) brought the spiders to the library and its branches as part of the "Buggy For Books" Summer Reading Club Program. Wolff travels to schools and libraries to educate children on the importance of spiders in nature and to demonstrate how gentle they are when properly handled. All eyes widened when he brought out his huge "Goliath," Bird Eating Tarantula. Goliath is a black, nine inch in diameter, giant. At the conclusion of his program "Dr. Spider" invited each and every child and adult to hold a tarantula. Most of the 300 participants actually.....did!

**KIDS GO "BUGGY" OVER BOOKS...** Children went "Buggy For Books" the first day to register for Summer Reading Club. Over 300 members were registered at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. Over the last two weeks the count has grown to over 500. Young adult patrons are also busy winning adventures. They can fill in a contest entry blank for each book they read. The more books they read the better their chances of winning tickets to baseball games, theme parks, auto races, the Shedd Aquarium, etc.

**SILK SPINS AT THE LIBRARY..**View the lifecycle of the silkworm. The silkworms belong to Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg and are part of the "Buggy For Books" Summer Reading Club Program. Darlene brought the worms to the library when they were about the size of a pin head. They live at the reference desk and feed on mulberry leaves. When they grow to maturity they begin to spin their silk around themselves, forming a cocoon. They will emerge from the cocoons, mate and lay eggs. Come visit them at the library and watch them change.

**ENDOWMENT FUND UPDATE...**The library's Endowment Fund has grown to over \$36,000. Bill and Lois Mitchell are the newest founding sponsors and two of the growing list of area residents who are investing in the future of the library through the Endowment Fund. Mr. Mitchell is a member of the Endowment Board. He served on the Library Board for 16 years and, after a year off, rejoined the library board in 1995.



