

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Change is an inevitable part of life, but changing the service of physical facilities of a business or public institution without planning is very much like building a house without a blueprint. You may come up with the end result but it may not be what is needed or wanted.

That is why the Lowell Public Library has invested time and money in planning for the future, service and space needs of the library.

With the purchase of 5½ acres of land on Commercial Avenue, the library has ensured that building site is available for a new home for the library sometime in the future.

Input from the citizens of the library district, the formation of a Long-Range Planning Committee, advice from experts in the field of library planning and space needs and three years of research by the library director and the Board of Trustees led to the decision of the board to purchase this building site.

Many suggestions were made by local residents to relocate to other existing buildings or purchase their building sites. All were taken under advisement by the board, researched and deemed unsuitable.

Answers to questions most asked by the public concerning the library's future plans are available at the information station in the library.

One of the chief concerns was that the new site will create a traffic hazard and safety problem for pedestrians.

The Library Board has consulted with experts in the field of traffic safety from the State Highway Department and traffic engineer Michael Harfigan of McDonough Associates.

Both experts felt that with measures proposed by the library, it may actually make the area safer than existing conditions.

The library will be working closely with them and with the local police department as plans progress on safety measures to be taken.

Please visit the library and pick up a copy of the material concerning the library's future available at the information station.



Independence Day

"Those who expect to reap the blessings of freedom must, like men, undergo the fatigue of supporting it."

Thomas Paine

TERRIFIC

Devouring books at a record pace, the "Wild About Reading" club members of the Lowell Public Library and its branches are giving the library's book collection quite a workout.

Over 1,000 books were checked out by these youngsters during a recent library program and members make daily visits to the library for more treasures to read.

A fresh supply of new children's books will add to their choices, thanks to the Friends of the Library after a recent "Young People's Book Sale." Friends purchased more than 100 new children's books to donate to Lowell, Shelby and Schneider libraries.

The Lowell Public Library would like to thank the Friends for helping to encourage children to read through their generous gift to the children's collection.



Summertime

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meetings on Monday, July 23 & August 27, at 7:30 PM

GOOD NEWS

WELCOME EAGLE CREEK!

Library staff are gearing up to prepare for an increase in circulation and welcome the library's newest patrons - residents of Eagle Creek Township.

Until recently Eagle Creek was part of the Hebron library district. When Hebron merged with the Porter County Library District the Porter Library Board approached the Lowell Library to see if it was interested in serving Eagle Creek Township.

Until this year most Eagle Creek school children attended Lowell schools, but were in the Hebron district. With the closing of Center School, all Eagle Creek students will be attending school in Lowell.

Both boards thought it would be in the best interest of the Eagle Creek students to be able to receive full service from the library already serving their district.

The Lowell Library selects many of its materials with these schools in mind.

On June 20, the Porter County Library Board voted to transfer Eagle Creek residents to the Lowell Public Library system.

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees accepted the transfer on June 25. The resolution will become effective July 2, adding 1,400 people to the 13,200 people currently served by the Lowell Public Library.

Lowell's tax rate will also be lowered with the increase in its service area.

The library staff is looking forward to providing service, materials and programs to its new friends and patrons.

OLD FRIENDS ARE BACK

Last year tutors from the Lowell Literacy Program began teaching English as a Second Language (ESL) to migrant workers on an area farm.

Many of those students, residents of Mexico, are back to work on the farm this summer and so are our tutors. Spending every Sunday afternoon helping to improve the migrants' English skills and exchanging dialogue about life in Mexico and America, the tutors are helping their students develop skills that will help them in the work place and as consumers.



Dorothy Tortoricci has been tutoring on the Herr farm for one year. She meets on Tuesdays with the farm workers wives and on Sundays, with the men. She rarely misses a tutoring session and continued going faithfully throughout the coldest winter months. At this time, Dorothy is helping to encourage the children of these families to learn what books and reading are all about.

Lucy Perez, a Griffith resident, is tutoring 2 of the more advanced students in the migrant program. Lucy is a very dedicated tutor and divides her tutoring between the Herr farm in Lowell and another farm in Demotte. Lucy is fluent in Spanish and helps out as a translator at both sites.

Abe Morales, Vista Volunteer from Portage, is also tutoring every other weekend with Lowell's program and helping to break in new tutors who have volunteered for this summer's session.

Welcome back to all our friends!

FRIENDS TO MEET

Time for some summer fun. After a year of hard work Friends are getting together for a picnic by the lake. to be held at the home of Janet Granger August 1!



ADULT PROGRAMS

There will be no medical screening in July.

Thursday, August 9

Blood Pressure/Diabetes Testing

Lake County Health Department offers free testing.

Shelby Branch - 9 AM to 11 AM

Lowell Library - 12:30 PM - 3:00 PM

First-come, first-served basis. Participants taking the diabetes test should fast for 2 hours before taking the test.

Thursday, August 9

Vision Screening

Free screening for cataracts and glaucoma is offered by Opticare 2000 to the first 20 Senior Citizens. This service will be offered at the library on a monthly basis.

"AND THE WINNER IS..."



The lucky recipient of the Friends of the Library "Summer Afghan Raffle" is Lowell resident Nora Pecinka.

Nora was delighted to hear that her name had been drawn by library patron William Nagy and that now she was the proud owner of a beautiful ivory colored afghan hand-crafted by Cecil Krost for the Friend's fundraiser.

Friends wish to express their gratitude to Cecil Krost and William Nagy for their support.



NEW BRANCH HEAD

Greeting patrons at the Schneider Branch Library is it's new branch head, Betty Beier. Betty was very familiar with the Schneider Branch, as she served as nutrition manager at the Schneider Community Building for 8½ years and helped at the Schneider Branch.

Former branch head Lori Beier, Betty's daughter, is now a full time staff member at the Lowell Library.

A steady stream of wild animals are migrating to the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Over four hundred youngsters enrolled in the "Wild About Reading" Summer Reading Club are working at a fevered pace to become top notch readers and fill the library jungle with more wild animals.

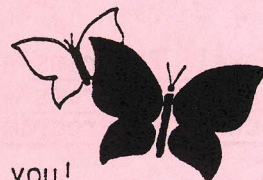
After hanging their animal in the jungle, the animal must be fed. For every additional 10 books read by a child, their animal receives a banana, leaf or peanut. Some of the greedy monkeys are holding 10 bananas, representing 110 books read, in the first 10 days of the program!

Lining the book stacks of the main library and its branches are "African masks," made by club members, at a recent craft class at the Lowell Library and its branches. 170 kids attended.

Staff members and the public are very impressed with the creativity that is shown in the youngsters art work.

Videc hour at the Lowell Library and craft classes have been attended by over 100 children most sessions. It's standing room only for a successful beginning of the Summer Reading Club.

STAFF NEWS



Get well! We miss you!

Mrs. Eleanor Bartz, Shelby Branch Head, and Loretta Brewer, Lowell staff member, are out for R and R (rest and recuperation).

Hats off to three of Lowell's most promising young women who are recent graduates of the Lowell Senior High School Class of 1990.

Jennifer Heniff, tutor for the Lowell Literacy Migrant Program, was named class valedictorian and plans to major in pre-medicine at Indiana University.

Michelle Swett graduated with high honors receiving a scholarship from Valparaiso University where she will major in Business/Spanish.

Former page Delana Chavez was queen of the prom. She will be attending Ball State University in Muncie.

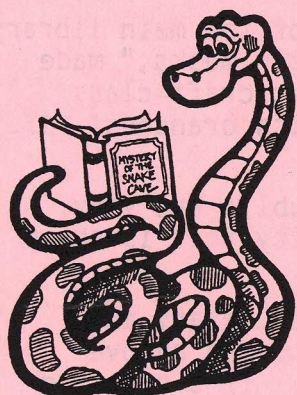
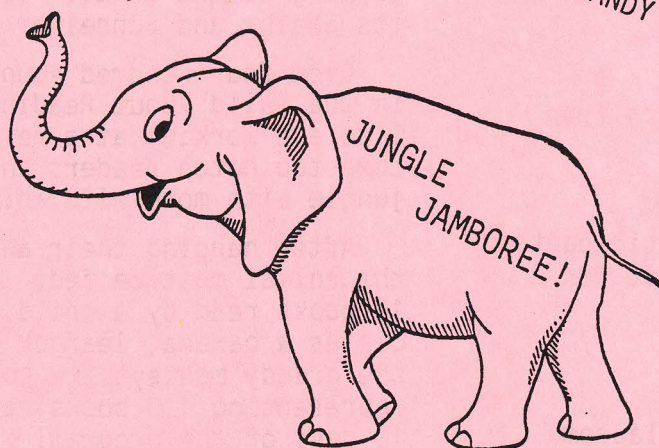
Congratulations Graduates!

WILD ABOUT READING

BOZO BUCKETS!

CANDY WALK!

DUCKS IN THE POND!



LOWELL- WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 8, 1:30 PM
SHELBY BRANCH- THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 10:00 AM
SCHNEIDER BRANCH- THURSDAY, AUGUST 9, 11:30 AM

PRIZES TOO!

KOOL-AID



"WILD ABOUT READING" SUMMER READING PROGRAMS

Lowell Programs - Mondays at 1:30 PM
Shelby Programs - Thursdays at 10:00 AM
Schneider Programs - Thursdays at 11:30 AM

July 2 - Lowell
July 5 - Shelby & Schneider
Create an African necklace

Special "Tuesday - July 10
Puppet mania at the Library Park, 9:30 to noon. Library and Parks Dept. will hold a puppet show. Children will also make a puppet sock.

July 12 - Shelby Branch
"Great Worm Race" Bring your speediest worm!
Schneider Branch
Make a crafty monkey!

July 16 - Lowell
Meet veterinarian Dr. Hardwick and his animals

July 19 - Shelby Branch
Veterinarian Dr. Hardwick and his animals
Schneider Branch
Visit a Schneider horse ranch. Signed permission slips are needed to attend this program.

July 23 - Lowell
Book walk - Join in and win a book!

July 26 - Shelby & Schneider Branches
Book walk. Come join the fun and get a book!

July 30 - Lowell
Aug. 2 - Shelby & Schneider Branches
Create a crazy creature bookmark.

Aug. 6 - Lowell & Branches
Last day to enter books for Summer Reading record sheet



"Video time"
Lowell Public Library - July 11 - Aug. 1
2 feature films each Wednesday at 1:30 PM