

# LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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## FATE OF NEW LIBRARY IN HANDS OF TAX BOARD

We're holding our breath! Will there soon be a new Lowell Public Library to serve the needs of 14,500 residents of the library service district?

After conducting a hearing on Friday, July 12 concerning the proposed new building, the field hearing officers from the State Board of Tax Commissioners took the evidence they had accumulated and their recommendations to the Tax Board. The three Tax Commissioners will make the final decision.

The Tax Commissioners had earlier ruled in favor of the new library, but a remonstrance filed by local taxpayers meant that a field hearing had to be held locally, and the commissioners might reverse their earlier ruling.

Twelve citizens spoke against a new library, emphasizing the increase in taxes; nineteen residents spoke in favor of the new library. They discussed limitations of the present building for children's programs, lack of quiet area for reading and study and for literacy tutoring sessions, lack of parking, and the cost of delaying the building program.

Supporters of the project were hoping for a decision from the Tax Commissioners by Friday, July 19, the date set by the Indiana State Library for a decision on the federal grant funds. The Tax Commissioners had not reached a decision by that date, but the State Library extended their deadline. By doing so, the State Library has allowed Lowell Library to remain in the running, but it also gives other libraries a chance to qualify for the \$401,000.00 in grant funds. The \$528,113 in Build Indiana Funds were not effected by the deadline.

The library would like to thank all of those who spoke (or were willing to speak and didn't get the opportunity) at the hearing in favor of a new building. We know it is not always easy to take a public stand on an issue, particularly a controversial one. Your support means a great deal to us.

A special thanks to the seven members of the library board, the five members of the leasing corporation, and the Friends of the Library who have been willing to give up their free time and sign their name on the dotted line to make this project happen.

For those of you who missed the hearing, a video cassette is available at the library for you to borrow.

## **BULLETIN**

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED WORD THAT THE TAX COMMISSIONERS HAVE APPROVED

THE NEW LIBRARY



# August HAPPENINGS

## LAST DAY TO

## ENTER BOOKS

Monday, August 5th will be the last day to enter books in the Summer Reading Club Program. Over 830 youngsters from the Lowell Public Library, Schneider Branch Library and the Shelby Branch Library have record sheets filled with lists of books they have read this summer.

Checking out as many as 1,000 books daily, the children are reading up a storm this summer as evidenced by the many fish-eating sharks (symbols of the number of books each child has read) lining the mock oceans in the children's section of the library and its branches.

Each child checking out books was able to participate in special drawings every week, receiving gifts from area businesses for their winning slips.

## KIDS COOL OFF

## WITH OCEAN CRAFT

We're having a heat wave! The children of Summer Reading Club will seek relief from the soaring temperatures by creating their own ocean-view pictures at the Lowell Public Library and its branches.

The craft program will take place at the Lowell Public Library Monday, July 29th at 10:00 AM or 1:30 PM.

The craft hour will be held on Thursday, August 1st, 10:00 AM at the Shelby Branch and 11:30 AM at the Schneider Branch Library.



## LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Monday, August 19th at 7:30 PM in the library Community Room.

## BOOTH #99

Be sure to visit the Industrial Building at the Lake County Fair, August 9th - 18th. Booth #99 will be manned by library staff from the Lowell, Lake County, and Gary Public Libraries along with members of the Northwest Indiana Literacy Coalition and literacy tutors.

Learn what new services are being offered by area libraries. Find out how you can help the war against illiteracy. Enter the drawing for free books, posters and materials.



HAVE A FUN TIME AT THE FAIR ! !

## CPR COURSE C

## OFFERED FOR STUDENT NURSES

A two session class, Wednesday, Aug. 21 and Thursday, Aug. 22, 6:00 PM - 10:00 PM, will be held for student nurses interested in learning CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) and FBAO, (Foreign Body Airway Obstruction) for adult, child and infant.

There will be a \$10 fee for participants who will receive certification from the American Heart Association.

Register by calling 696-7704.



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

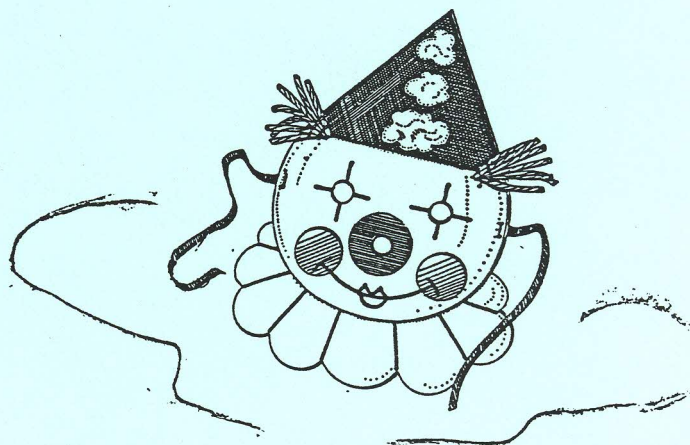
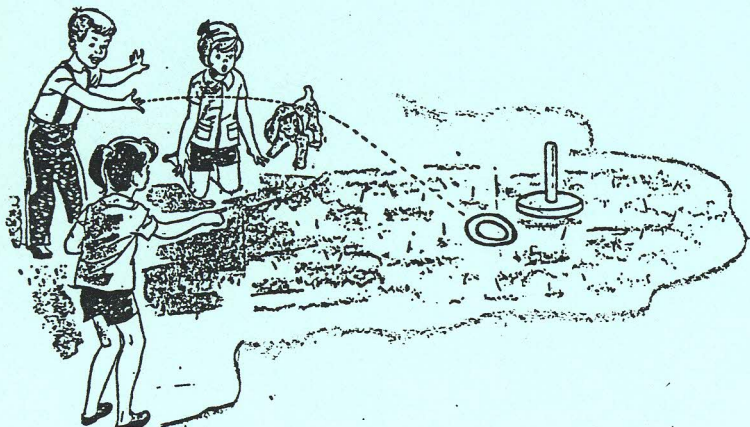


For the "DIVE-IN, The Reading's GREAT!" Summer Reading Club Members it is time to put down the books and celebrate their super reading feats with a Fun Filled Carnival!

The carnival will be held at the Lowell Public Library Wednesday, August 7 th at 1:30 PM and at the branches, Thursday, August 8th. Shelby Branch will have its carnival at 10:00 AM and the Schneider Branch Library at 11:30 AM.

Youngsters can try their skills at the popular "Bozo Buckets", "Ring Toss" and take a walk on the "Candy Walk". They will guess how many "Shark Bites" are in the jar and have their faces painted by a budding artist.

Lots of fun is in store for over 830 Summer Reading Club kids who can attend this fun filled carnival, the closing event of another Summer Reading Club year.





### THANKS FOR CARING

I want to thank the Tri-Creek community for its interest in the proposed new library building program.

On Friday, July 12th, there was a well-attended tax hearing where opponents and proponents exercised their privilege as citizens of this great country - America - to have their side of the story heard by impartial witnesses. The fieldpersons for the Tax Commissioners complimented all of those assembled for their considerate attitudes - something that they said does not always happen in heated situations.

Whether we have a new library or not, we can be proud that we are not an apathetic area where issues are not discussed.

Again, thank you for caring.

Mary K. Bruce  
President  
Lowell Library Board

