

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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GROUNDBREAKING TAKES PLACE UNDER SUNNY SKIES

The day was beautiful---the weather warm, as the June 5 groundbreaking ceremonies for a new Lowell Public Library for the Tri-Creek area were about to begin.

At the building site, their hard hats firmly in place and hands clasping golden colored shovels that glistened in the sunlight, library board trustees, leasing corporation members and the library director took to the task of digging the first clumps of dirt that would symbolize the start of construction of the new facility.

With a short speech addressing the many years of research that had gone into the planning of the new facility and what a pleasure it was to represent the library and the community at such an exciting time in the building process, Jeanne Guske, President of the Library Board, concluded the ceremonies.

Throughout the proceedings, cameras clicked and video tape recorded the event. The photographs and film will be placed in the historical files of the new library.

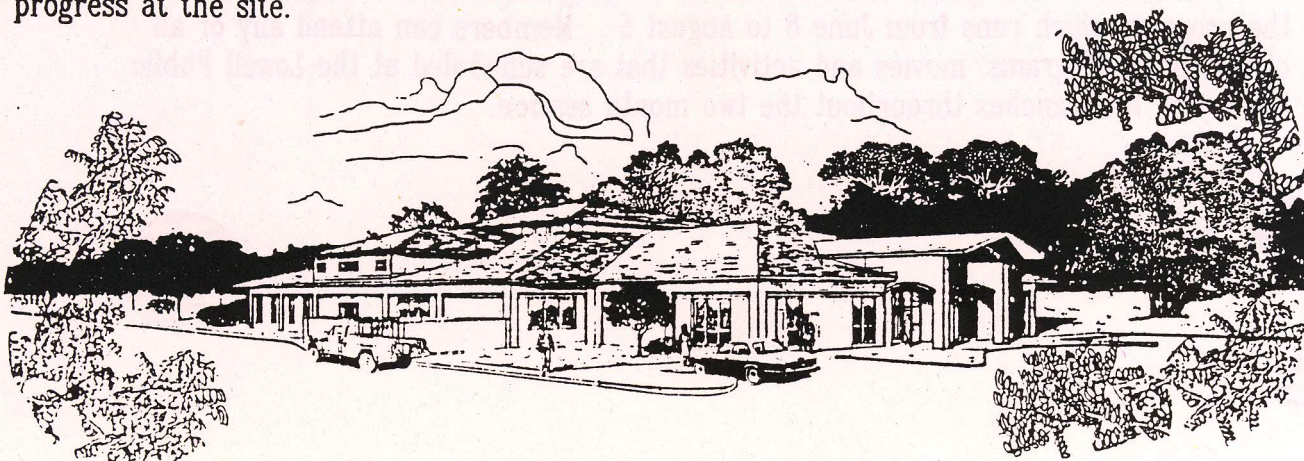
Now the bulldozers, graders, trucks with front end loaders, and backhoes are converging on the construction site, where they will put in roadways, lay the foundation and begin to erect the much needed and eagerly awaited new Lowell Public Library.

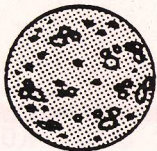
A committee has been formed to "color the new library." Committee members will choose the color scheme for the exterior of the building; brick, roof and trim, and also the colors that will grace the walls, floors and furnishings for the interior of the new library.

Working with the group will be resident artist Carole Boller, David Frist and Daunn Guthrie of the Rowland Associates, interior design firm of Indianapolis, and David Nice, of Pecsok, Jelliffe, Randall and Nice, architects for the building project.

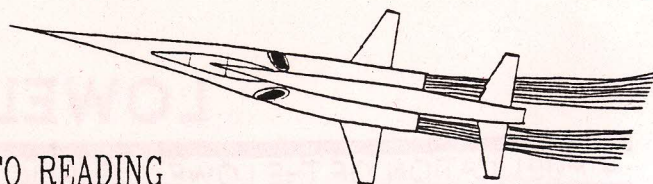
A large sign has been placed at the entrance to the construction site declaring the site as the future home of the community's new library.

As the work continues, the library will continue to keep the community informed of progress at the site.





YOUNGSTERS "BLAST OFF" INTO READING



If there is any question that reading is important in the lives of children, check out what's happening at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Just three days after the area schools closed for summer vacation youngsters poured into the libraries to register for "outer space" adventure as members of the "Blast Off With Books" Summer Reading Club Program. Within the first week of the program the number of children registering for the summer reading club program was well over the 600 mark!

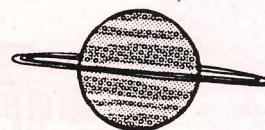
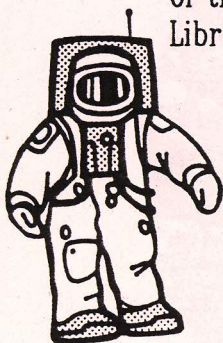
At the Lowell Public Library, 525 youngsters to date have registered for the program. On the first day of registration, June 8, youngsters entering the library or its branches were surprised to find a brightly colored galaxy of stars, planets and spaceships suspended over the children's section. Even the furniture had been changed to look like a space headquarters.

Movies were shown at the Lowell Public Library on the third day of registration and will continue to be shown every week, on Wednesdays until the end of the summer program, August 5. Craft programs, a pet show, rocket demonstration and "Book Walk" are just some of the other upcoming activities youngsters will enjoy as reading club members.

Every ten books a club member reads earns him/her an alien creature to place upon the library rocket ship. Less than a week into the program the ship at the Lowell Public Library was already filled with funny little creatures, from the over 550 books the children had completed reading.

Some of the children registered are toddlers whose moms, dads, grandparents and guardians have chosen to read to them. Starting children to develop a love for reading at an early age is the best way to insure that they will become lifelong readers.

Youngsters can register to be a Summer Reading Club member anytime during the program which runs from June 8 to August 5. Members can attend any or all of the many programs, movies and activities that are scheduled at the Lowell Public Library or its branches throughout the two month session.



JULY/AUGUST

LITERACY TUTORS RETURN TO THE FARMS

They are the seasoned veterans of the Lowell Public Library Literacy Program for Migrant Workers. Once again they will return to area farms to teach "Survival English" skills to the agricultural workers who have come from Mexico to sow and reap the season's harvest.

They will be joined by the rookies, the new volunteers of the literacy program. Together these dedicated tutors will make life easier for the farm workers, teaching them English language skills that will enable them to cope with daily life during their stay in this country.

Cedar Lake resident Dorothy Tortorici, Lowell residents Jane Canfield and Lucy Mendoza, Darlene Roy of Demotte, and Lucy Mendoza, a Schneider resident, are the returning tutors for the migrant program. They are joined, by new tutors: Mary Lou Delong, Angelica Kepes, Joanne Brewer, and Betty Larsen of Lowell, and mother and daughter team Gayle and Wendy Whitaker of Crown Point.

Vicki Wood, Literacy Coordinator for the library, held a workshop for the new tutors in May to teach the tutoring techniques that will be useful when working with the students the farm. The students, (fourteen have enrolled in the program to date and more are expected) will each be given an Oxford Picture Dictionary, and two Spanish-to-English communication booklets.

The tutors visit the farms every Sunday afternoon, setting up picnic tables under shade trees, where they will work with their students for two or three hours each session.

Tutors are also busy collecting clothing and household goods for the workers. Since the workers must travel from Mexico they are unable to bring with them many of the items that are necessary for everyday living. In the clothing area, blue jeans, T-shirts, work boots, and light weight jackets are needed. Donations of sheets, pillowcases, towels, blankets and pots and pans

would be appreciated and, as the season heats up, fans would also be very welcomed by the workers.

Donations for the migrant program can be brought to the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.



CHILDREN PROFIT FROM FRIENDS BOOKSALE

"BLAST OFF WITH BOOKS" Summer Reading Club members will have plenty of new material to whet their appetites, thanks to the Friends of the Library.

Before going on summer hiatus, the Friends donated over \$600 in paperback books to the Lowell Public Library and its Schneider and Shelby Branches for their children's collection.

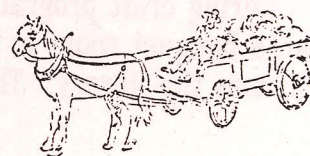
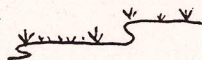
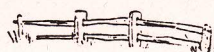
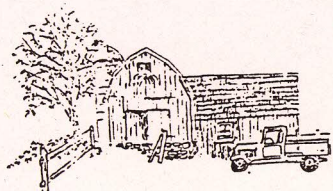
The funds were garnered from the proceeds of the Children's Paperback Booksale the Friends held during the first few weeks in June.

Friends will resume their meetings beginning the 3rd Wednesday in September. If you would like to become a Friends member contact Nell Fabish at the library or ask for an application at the circulation desk of the library or its branches.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees and Leasing Corporation will hold a joint meeting Monday, July 20 at 6:30 PM in the Library Community Room.

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Monday, July 20, at 7:30 PM following an Executive meeting at 7:00 PM to discuss land.



FREE MEDICAL TESTING



Medical Testing is offered at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby Branch, the 2nd Thursday of each month. All testing is free and on a first-come, first-served basis.

Thursday, July 9

BLOOD PRESSURE TESTING

Shelby Branch 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM at the fire station.

Lowell Public Library 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

Thursday, August 13

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VISION SCREENING

Testing for Cataract and Glaucoma Eye Screening will be conducted by technicians from the Desnick Eye Center.



SCHNEIDER BRANCH DOUBLES ITS CIRCULATION

Super readers are descending on the Schneider Branch Library in droves to read the latest and most popular books. Since the start of the "Blast Off With Books" Summer Reading Club Program, circulation has doubled over the same time period last year.

The Summer reading program includes activities in keeping with the "outer space" theme. Games such as "Martian Bingo" and an "Outer Space" book walk are sure to delight the club members.

During craft programs youngsters head for the large banquet room in the Community Center that houses the library. There they can spread

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

out and have lots of room to enjoy the crafts and games that have been planned for them during the summer.



SHELBY BRANCH PACKS THEM IN

Youngsters "Blasted Off With Books" in a big way at the Shelby Branch Library. Soon after their schools let out for summer vacation over 150 children registered at the branch library to become members of the "Summer Reading Club Program".

Sitting under the stars, planets and rocket ships that hang from the ceiling (representing the reading program's "outer space" theme), youngsters are enjoying the latest paperback books donated to the library from proceeds of the Friends of the Library Booksale.

A mock space station rests atop a cabinet, and books on space flight are displayed to capture the imagination of young readers.

The children are also enjoying the fun craft programs that have been scheduled at the Shelby Branch. Recently the youngsters made astronaut helmets, and soon they will design their own rocket ships.



LIBRARIES ANNOUNCE HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed Saturday, July 4, in observance of the Independence Day holiday. The libraries will resume regular hours Monday, July 6.



JULY/AUGUST SUMMER READING CLUB PROGRAMS

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Wed., July 1 - VIDEOS 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
"Alexander Who Used to be Rich Last Sunday" &
"Freckle Juice".

Mon., July 6 - PUPPET SHOW 1:30 PM
The library and 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 puppet show, popcorn
& kool-aid will be served.

Wed., July 8 - VIDEOS 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
"Corduroy & Other Bear Stories" & "Arthur's Pet
Business".

Mon., July 13 - ROCKET LAUNCH 10:30 AM
Tom Zlamal, a 4-H member will show us
how to build and shoot off a rocket
at the Library Park, located behind the library.



Wed., July 15 - VIDEOS 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
"Beatrix Potter Collection- The Tales of Peter
Rabbit, Benjamin Bunny, & Flopsy Bunnies" &
"Arthur's Birthday".

Mon., July 20 - BOOK WALK 1:30 PM
Join in & win a book!

Wed., July 22 - VIDEOS 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
"Electric Grandmother" & "Let's Give Kitty a
Bath".

Mon., July 27 - CRAFT 10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
Blast off in a spaceship that you can make at
the library.

Wed., July 29 - VIDEOS 10:30 PM or 1:30 PM
"Lyle, Lyle Crocodile" & "Millions of Cats".

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1ST - Last day to enter books
on your Summer Reading Program record sheet !!

Wed., Aug. 5 - CARNIVAL !! 1:30 PM

SHELBY AND SCHNEIDER BRANCHES

Thurs., July 2 - COSTUME CONTEST !!

Shelby - 10:00 AM

Schneider - 11:30 AM

Everyone come dressed as your favorite martian,
alien, astronaut, or robot. You may win a prize
for the best costume.

Thurs., July 9 - SHELBY KIDS 10:00 AM

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

Thurs., July 9 - SCHNEIDER KIDS 11:30 AM

Let's get together and play Martian bingo.

Thurs., July 16 - ROCKET LAUNCH

Shelby - 10:00 AM

Schneider - 11:30 AM

Tom Zlamal, a 4-H member will show
us how to build and shoot off a rocket.

Thurs., July 23 - BOOK WALK

Shelby - 10:00 AM

Schneider - 11:30 AM

Come join the fun and win a book.

Thurs., July 30 - CRAFT

Shelby - 10:00 AM

Schneider - 11:30 AM

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the library.

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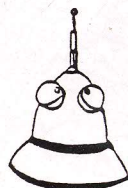
Thurs., Aug. 6 - CARNIVAL!!

Shelby - 10:00 AM

Schneider - 11:30 AM

When you check out books, enter our weekly
drawing to win a prize!

* ALL CHILDREN ARE INVITED TO ATTEND
PROGRAMS AT ANY LOCATION.



LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY
250 N. Fremont St.
Lowell, IN 46356

FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL !!

Bozo Buckets

Wednesday, August 5 - 1:30 PM
at the
Lowell Public Library

Sack Races

Candy Walk

Thursday, August 6
10:00 AM
at the
Shelby Branch

Popcorn & Kool-aide

Bean Bag Toss

Thursday, August 6
11:30 AM
at the
Schneider Branch

