

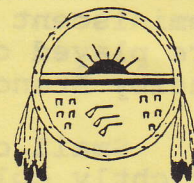


LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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SUN TO SET ON "POW WOW" ADVENTURE



Over 700 youngsters traveled the path of the "Pow Wow With Books" Reading Club Adventure this summer. Begun June 7 at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches, the 2 month program was designed to provide children with plenty of fun-filled activities while enjoying a cultural experience based on our Native American heritage.

Along the way, youngsters listened to Indian stories and made teepee and canoe crafts and medicine pouches to cure their ills. Their path took them on a trip down the book walk and they won special books for their own libraries at home. One warm day in July they spread their mats out on the grounds of Library Park and joined youngsters from the Parks Department program. Together, they enjoyed a special puppet show, "The Lion and the Mouse," sponsored by the library and the Lowell Parks Department.

Stormy weather threatened the "Great Pet Show" at the Lowell Library but at the last minute the rain clouds disappeared and the sun shone on a myriad of barking dogs, purring kittens, chirping birds, gerbils, fish, hermit crabs, etc. The Schneider Branch was also blessed with sunny weather for its pet show. The Shelby Branch Library wasn't so lucky, and rainy weather forced the animals inside. They created quite a spectacle for library patrons who laughed at seeing so many four legged creatures eyeing their strange environment. Each pet contestant at the "Great Pet Show" received an award for its unique qualities.

Not many boa constrictors can claim to have visited as many libraries as "Jake the Snake." This year he brought his friends-- a handsome bat, a legless lizard, and a turtle to the Shelby and Schneider Branches. Jake always travels with Dr. Herbert Hardwick of the Hebron Animal Hospital. Reading Club members were charmed by Ashley, a beautiful golden retriever, and Dr. Hardwick's special friend.

Older children and adults learned from Chief Wakakeika, Eagle Band Chief of the Miami Indian Nation in the State of Indiana, of the history and culture of the Miamis and their life today as they struggle for recognition as a tribe.

Order of the Arrow Boy Scout Troop 452 of the Calumet Council, Two Waters District, also visited the library and its branches. Fredrick Prentiss, the troop's Ceremonial Advisor and a member of the Mississippi Chippewas, made Indian bread for club members while Assistant Advisor Jeri Guinee, costumed in traditional Indian dress taught the children Indian sign language, and Scout Brian Lasinski built a 20-foot teepee on the grounds of the library and branches and invited club members to sit inside.

"Pow Wow With Books" comes to a close with the Grand Finale Carnival held August 4 at the Lowell Public Library, August 3 at the Schneider Branch and August 5 at the Shelby Branch Library.

August



"A GATHERING PLACE"

Many of Norman Rockwell's illustrations celebrate small town life at its best. Scenes reminiscent of those illustrations are played out each day at the Shelby Branch Library.

Small children reach for brightly colored books while their mothers chat or browse thru the latest bestsellers. Amid the constant flow of library patrons returning books and videos, someone sits behind the daily paper scanning news events of the previous day.

For Mrs. B., (Branch Manager, Mrs. Eleanor Bartz), and library page, Vicki Boteler, every day is hectic but rewarding. The library, which is nestled in the basement of the St. Theresa Church, is often spilling over with Summer Reading Club members attending programs or listing the books they have read in their record booklets.

As a former 4-H leader, Mrs. B. taught many of the parents of the children who now attend summer reading club programs. It is gratifying to her to be able to serve the new generation. Her husband Waldo helps her keep the library branch tidy and picks up library materials at the main library. Mrs. B was born and raised in Shelby. She and Waldo have 4 grown children, 9 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

Shelby is a close-knit community which takes pride in its library. This is reflected in the number of patrons registered (over 300 to date) and a circulation of materials figure of 13,346 for the first 6 months of this year alone.

Library Friend Norma Nichols often volunteers her time to help in the library, including checking to see if the hallway goose is dressed in suitable attire for the month. The phone rings -- the caller may want to register for the

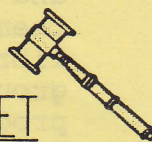
popular basket-making classes held at the library each month, or ask to be placed on the calling list for blood pressure screening.

In between checking out books and videos, Mrs. B. listens as patrons share the happenings of the community, such as the latest addition to the town's population (a boy or a girl).

"Listening to so many of my fellow residents express their praise for the library (now in its 5th year) is music to my ears." states Mrs. B.

The Shelby Branch Library is -- Norman Rockwell revisited.

LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET



The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting Monday, August 16, at 7:30 PM following a joint meeting of the Leasing Corporation at 6:30 and an Executive Meeting at 7:00 PM. A special meeting will be held on August 23, at 6:30 PM.

FRIENDS PROVIDE READING FUN!

Over 200 new paperback books were recently donated by the Friends of the Library to be added to the Children's collection of the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

The paperback books were purchased with proceeds from the Friends' Children's Booksale held June 7 through the 19, at the library and its branches.

The Friends of the Library are looking forward to meeting new members at their annual picnic on the lake at member Janet Granger's Cedar Lake residence.

The picnic will be held Tuesday, August 17, at 6:00 PM. Friends can carpool from the library at 5:30 PM.

FUN-FILLED CARNIVAL



POW WOW WITH BOOKS SUMMER READING CLUB

PRIZES

Candy Walk

Lowell Public Library
Wednesday, August 4 - 1:30 P.M.

Popcorn & Kool-aid

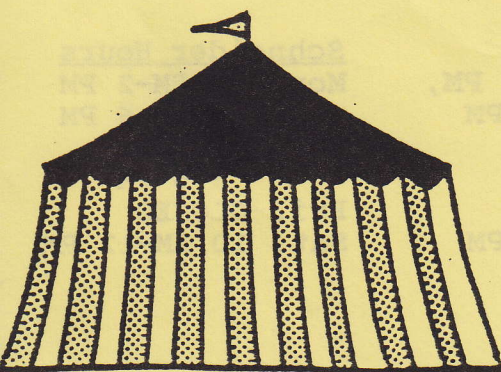
Schneider Branch
Tuesday, August 3 - 10:30 A.M.

Bean Bag Toss

Shelby Branch
Thursday, August 5 - 10:30 A.M.

Sack Races

Bozo Buckets



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"A Good Book Is The Best Of Friends, The Same To-day And Forever."
Martin Farquar Tupper (1810-1889) Proverbial Philosophy, Series I. "Of Reading"



"FINISHING TOUCHES"

One of the most exciting times in the construction process of the new library is when the final touches are being added to the interior of the building.

Installers are now laying the new carpet and wall coverings. After interior construction is completed, installation of the shelves and furniture will take from 4 to 6 weeks.

Placing the furniture in just the right spots to ensure comfort and good lighting for our patrons will be a top priority. Every effort has been made to make the colors of the walls, floors and furniture aesthetically pleasing and practical to maintain.

We plan to open our doors for the first time in mid-October. Watch for further announcements!

KEEP HEALTHY

The Lowell Public Library will offer free blood pressure screening Thursday, August 12, from 12 noon to 1:30 PM. Testing will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis by a paramedic of the Lowell Fire Department.



LIBRARY ANNOUNCES WINTER HOURS

It's back to school for Tri-Creek area students on Monday, August 23!

The Shelby and Schneider Branches will begin winter hours on that same day.

Shelby Hours:

Mon. 10 AM-12 PM,
4 PM-7 PM
Tues.-Thurs.
4-7 PM
Fri. CLOSED
Sat. 10 AM-2 PM

Schneider Hours

Mon. 12 PM-2 PM
3 PM-6 PM
Tues.-Thurs.
3-6 PM
Fri. CLOSED
Sat. 10 AM-12 PM