

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

AUGUST

1996



THE INSIDE SCOOP!

A COMMUNITY OF READERS...Way to Go!!! The numbers are saying thumbs up to the users of the Lowell Public Library! Circulation figures from January to June of '96 show that library patrons checked out over 82,600 books.... up from 76,200 books from the same time period in '95.

Books, magazines, cassettes, books-on-tape, videos, multi-media materials, etc., all show a substantial increase in circulation from last year's time frame. Computer software is another hot ticket item for checkout. The numbers show a 76 percent increase in borrowing of computer software from the '95 figures.

And...according to the 1995 Statistics of Indiana Libraries, published annually by the Indiana State Library, out of 238 libraries in the state of Indiana, the Lowell Library District ranks number 29 in terms of per capita circulation, putting it in the top 12 percent. Circulation per capita for Lowell, Shelby, and Schneider is 16.19, up from 15.48 in 1994. The state average is 10.2. Yet the library district is only 79th in terms of population.

Library staff has another way of gauging how much our community uses their library. During the "Buggy For Books" Summer Reading Club programs, library staff often find times when practically every book in the children's fiction section has been checked out. Staff who do not normally work on the circulation desk are called on to help check in books and rush them to the shelves to be available for more children to borrow.

Young Adults are reading up a storm, too. Weekly drawings for adventure trip tickets are held at the library and its branches each week for young adults who read books at their level and fill out an entry slip for each book they read. The drawing slip boxes are always filled!

Each day new materials arrive at the library for processing to keep up with the demand by patrons for more selections. The Tri-Creek area is a community of library users and the library is committed to offering the best in materials, services, and programs to bring in even more patrons.

GOODBYE TO OUR "BUGGY" READERS...How much we will miss the "Buggy For Books" Summer Reading Club members rushing up to the circulation desk to talk about the books they are checking out, or telling us that they were weren't "scared at all" when they held a "real live" tarantula at a special program for club members, or... how many "bugs" they have on their "bug" jars hanging from the ceiling in the Children's Room. The bugs in the jars represent the number of books each club member has read over the two-month long program which ends August 8. Over 600 children are Reading Club members this year at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. What a great way to spend a summer vacation!

SPEAKING OF BUGS....From caterpillar to butterfly! Library visitors can gaze at caterpillars from the northwest Indiana area that are being raised at the library's reference desk. They will soon turn into Black Swallowtail and Question Mark butterflies. And... as soon as they are available, other varieties of moth and butterfly caterpillars will join them...growing into beautiful butterflies at the library. Our thanks to Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg for bringing this wonderful example of the workings of nature to the library, so others could learn and enjoy.

HAPPENINGS IN AUGUST

LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET - LOWELL

Each Monday - August 5, 12, 19, 26

9 AM - 12:30 PM



SELF-DEFENSE FOR WOMEN - LOWELL

A four-week course held each Tuesday & Thursday beginning August 6, at 6 PM. Instructor for the course is Lt. Col. Charles Coffin, a Special Forces Operation Officer for the 308th Brigade in Homewood, Illinois. Coffin will be assisted by his wife, Linda. The course is designed for women 14 years and older and will teach effective ways women can protect themselves when threatened with assault. The course is sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department in conjunction with the library. For fee information and registration contact the Parks Department at 696-1570.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

SHELBY - Thursday, August 8, 9 AM - 11 AM

LOWELL - Tuesday, August 13, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Conducted on a first-come, first-served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

CPR COURSE - LOWELL

Wednesday, August 21, at 6 PM

Take the life-saving American Heart Association CPR (Adult, Child, Infant) Course taught by Katherine Misiore, R.N. and Leon Misiore, E.M.T. - Paramedic. Fee is \$15. The course is for medical care providers and the general public.

"FIT AFTER FIFTY" - LOWELL

Each Wednesday, 9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

The Lowell Parks Department, in conjunction with the library, is offering a physical exercise program for persons fifty and older. Fitness instructor Linda Johnson will lead participants in exercises to build strength, flexibility and endurance. Fee is \$3 per session. Pre-register at the Parks Department, 696-1570.

FOR THE COLLEGE BOUND: A NEW VOCABULARY SAT COURSE

The library is adding a new SAT course to the Verbal and Math SAT courses offered each year. Students interested in enhancing their performance on the vocabulary portion of the SAT will be offered the new five-week course held each Tuesday, at 6 PM, beginning September 10. Call 696-7704 for information.

FREE IMMUNIZATIONS

Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

Cedar Lake Clinic - 13963 Morse St.

Thursday, August 1, 12 PM - 6 PM

Schneider - Schneider Branch

Thursday, August 15, 12 Noon - 6 PM

Sponsored by the Lake County Health Dept.

Cedar Lake Community Center

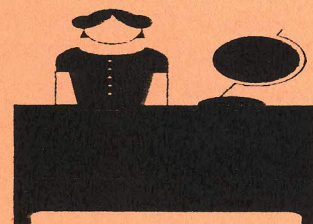
Friday, August 2, 9 AM - 3 PM

Please bring your child's records when visiting these immunization sites.

BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, August 19, at 6:30 PM.

RIGG'S REFERENCE ROUNDUP



Help from the helplines!

One of the latest additions to the reference section is the *Directory of National Helplines: A Guide to Toll-Free Helplines, FaxLines, Web Sites, and Other Public Service Numbers* (R 361.32). Over 500 social, economic, health, and environmental helplines as well as travel services are emphasized. Each listing includes phone numbers, hours to call, and what kind of publications are offered.

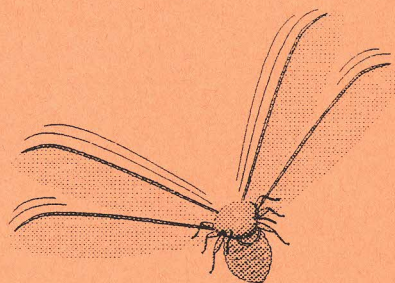
Let's get practical! In *The Practical Guide to Practically Everything* (R 031.02), a consumer annual, you can find information in 14 broad areas to help you save time and money. Subject areas include money, health, education, careers, house and garden, travel, sports (including the Olympics), entertainment, cars, computers, the U.S.A. and the world.

ALL IN THE NUMBERS FOR NEW STAFF MEMBER

Vickie Wenk never stopped adding and subtracting when she finished her schooling. Vickie has now joined the library staff as Bookkeeper. She and her husband John are Lowell residents and in her spare time Vickie enjoys creating crafts. Welcome!

Farewell to former Bookkeeper and Administrative Assistant, Naomi Snow, who is moving to Minnesota where her husband has taken a teaching position.

Summer Reading Carnival



SAT., AUGUST 3 -

Last day to enter your books on your Summer Reading Record Sheet!!!!

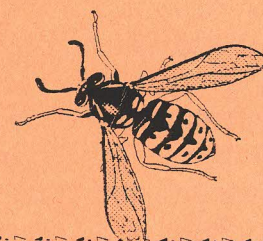
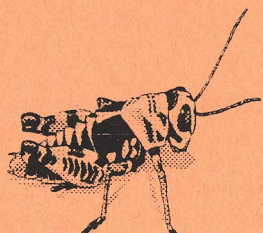
Come to the Carnival!!! Enjoy playing bozo buckets, bean bag toss, and more buggy games! Also popcorn and Kool-Aid will be served.

LOWELL - Wed., August 7, at 1:30 p.m.

SCHNEIDER - Tues., August 6, at 10:30 a.m.

SHELBY - Thurs., August 8, at 10:30 a.m.

**YOUR TICKET to
the
CARNIVAL
FINALE!**





Bulk Rate
U.S. Postage
Paid
Lowell, IN
Permit No. 159
Non-Profit

If you were stranded on a desert island, what books would you want to have with you? Write your choices down on a slip of paper and give them to staff next time you're in the library. We will publish results in next month's newsletter.



YA'S GO FOR THE MOTION POTION

Have fun...get fit! "Shake Your Body," an aerobics program for young adults; grades 5 through high school, will be held at the library on Wednesday, August 14, at 10 AM.

Physical Fitness Instructor Lydia Kozlowski will teach participants what part aerobics can play in keeping fit. With "wild & crazy" music young adults will participate in aerobics exercises. Wear something comfortable. Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

CELEBRATION AT THE STATION

In appreciation of the Young Adult Volunteers of the library, the Friends of the Library are sponsoring a miniature golf outing at Celebration Station in Merrillville. The YA volunteers will meet at the library and ride to the Station. An ice cream feast will follow!

FRIENDS ON THE GO!

Friends had a great time at their "Oldies But Goodies" rummage sale, held July 25, at the INN TOWNE Bed & Breakfast, (home of Friends members Tom and Kathy Spencer). Hundreds of donated items went quickly as community residents turned out to find some bargains, lunch on hot dogs, and help the library.

Over six hundred dollars was raised at the sale to purchase additional children's books for the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. In June, the Friends held the Children's Paperback Booksale, and raised funds to purchase one hundred paperback books, cassettes, and hardbacks for the children's collection. Look for the "Oldies But Goodies" Rummage Sale to be an annual community event!

Friends plan to have a fun time feasting and socializing at their annual picnic at the Spencer's home on Sunday, August 4, at 1 PM.