

Anyone Can Be a Philanthropist

“Philanthropy” means love of humankind. The children and adults dropping coins into the library’s Wishing Well do not think of themselves as philanthropists...but they are. The money placed in the Wishing Well will help to purchase children’s books for the enjoyment and education of young library patrons.

Donors to the Lowell Public Library Endowment Fund are helping the library prepare for the future needs of all who will walk through its doors. The monetary gifts, pledges, and bequests to the Endowment Fund were given by people touched in some positive way by their library experiences. These donors want to help ensure that the next generation will also be able to benefit from all the library can offer. To date, community residents, organizations and businesses have donated or pledged up to \$37,000 for the fund.

The Library Endowment Board is grateful to these donors for their support and would like to spread the word about the Fund to others who want to be a part of this great effort. Gifts in the form of monies or pledges will be held in perpetuity with only the interest income used to enhance library services.

By using “Planned Giving,” a donor can specify in their will that a portion of their estate be set aside to be given to the Library Endowment Fund. The bequest can be a large or small sum. Planned gifts come from assets that might include appreciated stocks, bonds or property.

The role of libraries is constantly changing in this high-tech information age. The ability to provide instant information in an increasingly complex world is no longer a luxury but a necessity, and libraries must be up to the challenge. With the help of an ever growing number of library supporters our library will continue to meet the increasing needs of the community.

To learn more about the Library Endowment Fund contact Library Director Mike Furl or write the Lowell Public Library Endowment Fund, 1505 E Commercial Ave, Lowell, IN 46356.



etc....

The wonderful thing about rummage sales is the possibility of finding the unexpected: the never-been-used camp cot, an old but still serviceable hot water heater, fabric for quilt making, or other treasures.

Shoppers came early at the 2nd Annual Friends of the Library Rummage Sale held at the home of Friends members Tom and Kathy Spencer on July 24. The day before the sale a steady stream of community residents brought items to donate to the sale, ensuring a large and well rounded offering for bargain hunters.

Over \$675 was raised to purchase books for the children’s collection of the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches.

In other news “Ribs on the Roast” is the order for the Friends of the Library’s Annual Picnic for members and their families. The picnic will be held on Sunday, August 10, from 1 PM to 5 PM, at the Spencer’s home. Place settings are provided. Members are asked to bring their own beverages, and if they would like, a dish to share. New members are welcome to attend and can pick up a membership form at the circulation desk of the library or its branches.

Watch For These!

- ... SAT College Preparation Course begins September 24
- ... Drawing/Cartooning Classes for adults and young adults begins in September, date to be announced
- ... Basket Weaving Classes begin September 16

