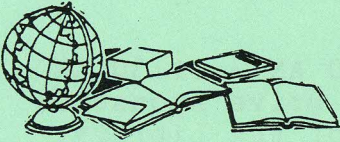


LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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LITERACY GRANT RECEIVED

The Lowell Public Library Literacy Program let out a sigh of relief with the welcome news that the literacy program would receive new federal funds. A \$34,826 grant from the LSCA (Library Services and Construction Act), Title VI is expected to breathe new life into the library literacy program which began in 1987. The only provider of basic literacy services for adults reading below a fifth grade level in its library district, the program also provides ESL (English as a Second Language) tutoring as well as "Survival English" classes for area migrant workers.

The program was expanded in 1989 with funding through an LSCA, Title VI grant. Objectives and achievement for recruitment of tutors and students during the grant period, (October 1, 1989 - September 30, 1990) far exceeded the program's objectives.

Unfortunately the grant was not renewed the next fiscal year, forcing the program to operate on a shoestring budget provided by private donations and maintained through the dedication of the library's volunteer tutors and the commitment to literacy of the library board and director.

Under the new grant the library will launch a new recruitment campaign by direct contacts with potential students and with other agencies who serve those potential students.

A media blitz, including posters, flyers, radio and television announcements will be used to spread the word that help is available at the library for those people wishing to improve their reading skills.

New materials will be provided for tutors to use with their students. An additional computer will be purchased for use by students who benefit most from computer instruction and the library will increase its software material with computer programs that teach phonics, spelling and basic math.

To assist those students who learn best from audio/visual methods, a VCR and TV monitor, as well as video cassettes, such as, "Intensive Phonics" will also be provided to help improve reading skills.

For all the wonderful volunteer tutors who have given so generously of their time and talents, the library is deeply appreciative.

Your concern for those individuals who have struggled with the problems of low reading skills and received a new lease on life because of your efforts is truly commendable.

With the new funding the library will be better able to help you in your endeavors to help others.

TERRIFIC

BRANCHES SET WINTER HOURS

Shelby Branch

Monday - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM
4:00 PM - 7:00 PM
Tues. - Thurs. - 4:00 PM -
7:00 PM

Friday - CLOSED

Sat. - 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Schneider Branch

Monday - 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM
3:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Tues. - Thurs. - 3:00 PM -
6:00 PM

Friday - CLOSED

Sat. - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

MIGRANT WORKERS SET FAST PACE



We're impressed! Learning a foreign language is not easy. For the migrant workers on area farms who can only meet with their teachers for two hours each Sunday afternoon, the process is even more difficult. The tutors of the Library Literacy Program For Migrant Workers are proud of the progress their students are making. Jose can read and understand the stories he reads now; Leardo knows what the street signs mean; Juan sounds like a bank teller as he counts money in English and makes change.

This year, tutors helped make English Language Read-Along audio tapes and cassettes for their students to take back home to Mexico when the harvesting season is over in late September. The students can use these to further their studies before coming to the farms again next year where they will begin anew with their classes.

Bravo! - to these students and to their caring and dedicated tutors who have taught them so well.

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

ADULT PROGRAMS

*Blood Drive

Sept. 7th - 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM
Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored
by the Friends of the Library.
"Register Now and Help Save a Life!"

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE/DIABETES/ VISION SCREENING

Sept. 12th - 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
at the Shelby Branch Library.

Sept. 12th - 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM
at the Lowell Public Library.

Fasting for two hours before the diabetes testing is required. Testing is made possible by the Lake County Health Department and Opticare 2000.

ART EXHIBIT

Sept. 22nd - 28th
at the Shelby Branch Library

Charlotte Flatt, a Shelby resident, will exhibit her oil and acrylic paintings at the Shelby Branch Library for the public to view.



* BASKET WEAVING

Sept. 23rd - 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
at the Shelby Branch Library.

Learn how to make the oldest craft known to mankind. Basket weaving will be taught by Julie Duttlinger.

* "STARTING YOUR OWN BUSINESS"

Sept. 24th - 7:00 PM
at the Lowell Public Library

Basic information for starting a business program will be presented by SCORE representative, Bill Bradshaw.

*PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

Dive In!

"The Reading's GREAT!"

Do young people want to spend their summer reading books - learning about the world around them?

Just ask any of the kids of the Lowell Public Library, Shelby and Schneider Branches Summer Reading Club Program. 867 club members in total read 26,615 books over the summer reading club period, June 10th - August 9th.

"Dive In! The Reading's GREAT" was the program's theme and the children's area was decorated with an ocean motif. Hundreds of sharks dominated the ceilings of the libraries, symbols of the number of books each child read. Several brightly colored paper fish could be seen hanging from the shark's jaws, also symbols of books read by the children.

New books sailed down from the main library in Lowell to the branch libraries in Schneider and Shelby to keep up with the demands of club members there, who overwhelmed the shelves, seeking new adventures in reading.

"Dive In! The Reading's GREAT"? 26,615 books later - IT SURE WAS!



CRAFT CORNER



"Dino" the Dinosaur looks good enough to eat. That's because he's made of popcorn. Pre-school youngsters attending Craft Corner will make their own "Dino".

"Silly Willy" will be great fun to make for school-age children who will construct this rolled paper dog at their Craft Corner.



Craft Corner Hours:

Lowell - Pre-school craft is Thursday, Sept. 5th at 10:00 AM.

School-age craft is Thursday, Sept. 5th at 3:30 PM.

Schneider - Both Crafts Thursday, Sept. 12th at 3:30 PM.

Shelby - Pre-school craft is Thursday, Sept. 19th at 4:00 PM.

School-age craft is Thursday, Sept. 26th at 4:00 PM.

Super

JOIN US!

Friends will hold their regular meeting Wednesday, September 18th at 7:00 PM in the Library Community Room. New members are also welcomed. Contact Nell Fabish, at the library for information.



LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, September 16th at 7:30 PM.

On August 26th, at 7:30 PM the Library Board will hold a special meeting to adopt the 1992 budget.

"STORY TIME BEGINS"

An exciting six-weeks program of story-telling, games and songs awaits youngsters three to five years of age at "Storytime".

Lowell - Sept. 17th - Oct. 23rd
Each Tuesday at 10:00 AM
Each Wednesday at 10:00 AM
and 1:30 PM

Shelby - Sept. 16th - Oct. 21
Each Monday at 9:30 AM

Schneider - Sept. 19th - Oct. 24th
Each Thursday at 9:30 AM



Storytelling

BIG FUN FOR LITTLE ONES

THANK YOU,



SENATOR LANDSKE

State Senator Sue Landske is well known as a steadfast supporter of education and public libraries for the important part they serve as an extension of the educational system. Her efforts in helping the Lowell Public Library receive \$528,113 Build Indiana Funds for a new library building were greatly appreciated.

If you would like to send Senator Landske a note of thanks for her help in providing better library service to our community, her address is:

Senator Sue Landske
7325 W. 143rd Avenue
Cedar Lake, IN 46303