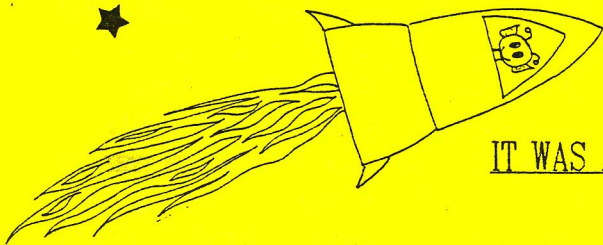


LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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IT WAS A SOARING SUCCESS!!!



All systems were go for the kids of the "Blast Off With Books" Summer Reading Club Program of the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. Registering in droves for the program, just two days after school let out for summer vacation, the youngsters really got into the spirit of the library's "outer space" theme. For every ten books club members read they could choose a "space alien" to place aboard the library's many rocket ships, created to inspire the young readers.

Read they did, devouring 23,890 books during the two month program. More than two thirds of the members read ten books or more, and in the process showered the rockets with their funny looking aliens that represented the readers' accomplishments.

Reading wasn't the only activity. Children's programmer, Chris Straka, kept the youngsters busy with exciting "space" adventures. The members made space helmets, played Martian bingo, took a "moon walk" and won a free book, participated in weekly drawings for prizes and dressed as their favorite alien for the costume contest. They also got to see a real rocket blast off when Tom Zlamal and Josh Frizzell, two members of the Schneider Busy Juniors 4-H club, demonstrated their homemade rockets.

The library joined forces with the Parks Department to put on a wonderful puppet show for the children. "The Great Pet Show" gave the youngsters a chance to show off their pets, some of them of the unusual variety. Darlene Rigg, Lowell Reference Librarian, brought her daughter's pet snakes to the show. They were so popular they were brought back for a special program on how to raise snakes given by Darlene's children, Kim and Sam.

Speaking of snakes, Dr. Herbert Hardwick, a Hebron veterinarian, brought his pet boa constrictor named Jake to the Shelby Branch for all the club members to meet. Jake is a real supporter of the reading club program, visiting the members each year to promote interest in books about reptiles. Dr. Hardwick also showed the youngsters his sparrow hawks, Egyptian tomb bat, Australian tortoise and an Argentine horned frog.

The last day of the Summer Reading Club Program was devoted to the "Grand Finale" carnival. The children had loads of fun competing in sack races, the bean bag toss, took a walk on the Candy Walk and played Bozo Buckets.

The Summer Reading Club Program is over and school has begun but library staff know they will continue to see their young friends again. After all, THEY'RE SUPER READERS!



CRAFT CORNER

Heads will turn when they see the pre-schoolers of Craft Corner sporting their new Allie Alligator headbands. School age youngsters will create pencil bookmarks using brightly colored felt pieces.

LOWELL - Thursday, Sept. 3

Pre-school - 10:00 AM

School age - 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER - Thursday, Sept. 10

Pre-school & School age 3:30 PM

SHELBY

Thursday, Sept. 17

Pre-school - 3:30 PM

Thursday, Sept. 24

School age - 4:00 PM



STORY TIME

A fun-filled time of stories, dances and songs await your child at Story Time.

Story Time is a great way to help children, ages 3 to 5, develop a love of reading and learn social skills by interacting with other children.

SHELBY

Each Monday, Sept. 14 - Oct. 19

9:30 AM

LOWELL

Each Tuesday, Sept. 15 - Oct. 20

10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

Each Wednesday, Sept. 16 - Oct. 21

10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

SCHNEIDER

Each Thursday, Sept. 17 - Oct. 22

9:30 AM

IS IT REALLY SUMMER?

Oh those crazy, lazy days of summer--- sunshine, picnics, trips to the beach. How about cold, wet and dreary? It's not as if the sky is falling but let's face it, summer was a major disappointment for most of us this year. First we had a drought and we hoped for some rain to help the gardens and the farmers' crops. Then Mother Nature went into overdrive sending us the second wettest July in our history---not to mention the tornadoes in June. She sure made things tough for the farmers and in the process reeked havoc with the construction schedule for our new library, as day, after day, after day -- the rains came. A delay in receiving a steel order has also slowed things down a bit.



The construction crew was able to complete excavation for retaining walls and prepare an area for a bridge to be placed over a culvert that leads to Harrison Avenue, the library's north exit. The rain did have one positive note; the library was able to draw interest on the approximately \$150,000 they would have spent for construction cost for that time period. Grant monies for the project were not affected by the slowdown. With a little luck Mother Nature will take a breather and construction will be able to move forward at a faster pace.

The design committee for the new facility has been hard at work finalizing their selections of color scheme and furniture. Their selections for the exterior of the library are on display near the entrance of the existing library's main room. Landscaping the new library site, enhancing its splendid woods, is one of the next priorities for the library board to undertake. In the interest of safety and security no trespassing signs have been posted throughout the parameters of the building site, and only authorized personnel are permitted entrance.

A new library is on its way--- bit by bit we're putting it together. The library staff will keep you posted on the latest developments. HERE'S HOPING FOR SUNNY SKIES.

ADULT PROGRAMS

Sept. 14, 21, 28

LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET

Every Monday, 9:00 AM

Sept. 10.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

9:00 AM-11:00 AM - Shelby

1:00 PM-2:00 PM - Lowell



Sept. 10

HEARING TEST

Lowell Public Library only.

9:00 AM-12:00 PM

1:00 PM-5:00 PM

Sponsored by the Indiana Trail Grange #2361 and the Lowell Public Library. Screening conducted by technician, Mary Bannia.

Sept. 14-Oct. 26

BASIC SPANISH

7 week course held each

Monday 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM

Taught by Estelle Sanchez

Sept. 16- Nov. 18

THE PARENTING WORKSHOP

Each Wednesday, 7:00 PM

Presented by Educator Paul Schuyler using the S T E P (Systematic Training For Effective Parenting).

Fee \$15 (or \$18 per couple) for workbook and materials.

Sept. 17, 24

SIGN LANGUAGE FOR BEGINNERS

Presented by Nancy Calderone

Thursdays, 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

To pre-register for programs call:

Lowell Library - 696-7704

Shelby Branch - 552-0809

Schneider Branch - 552-1000

Sept. 24

"PAINTED LADIES"

Presented by Hank Ivy

Thursday, 7:00 PM

Enhancing the exterior of your home through color schemes.

Signing interpreter provided.



LIBRARY BOARD TO MEET

On the September schedule for the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees is a joint meeting of the Board and the library's Leasing Corporation to be held Sept 21 at 6:30 PM.

Following the joint meeting, the Board will hold an executive session at 7:00 PM to discuss land before holding their regular meeting at 7:30 PM.

A special meeting of the Board will be held September 28 at 6:00 PM.

LIBRARY FRIENDS TO HAVE BOOTH AT LABOR DAY CELEBRATION



Friends are busy preparing their booth for the Labor Day Festivities to be held in Lowell, September 6 & 7.

Whimsical Christmas ornaments will be sold at the booth to benefit library services and programs.

The Friends will also sell tickets for their annual Quilt Raffle. Lowell resident Harold Heuson donated the first prize, an antique Yo-yo quilt.

The second and third prizes will be multi-colored quilted jackets donated by the Library Quilters. The drawing will be held December 18.



LIBRARY OFFERS PARENTING WORKSHOP

Parents and grandparents alike often refer to "the good old days" when life seemed more simple and everyone's role was more clearly defined.....there was an atmosphere of peace and order in the era of "Father knows best" and "Do what your mother says." But times have changed. Relationships have changed between men and women, employees and employers, children and adults. Concerned and sometimes bewildered by the effects which these and other social changes have had on family relationships, today's parents have an increasing interest in finding more effective ways of relating to their children.

"The Parenting Workshop", nine, weekly sessions from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM beginning on Wednesday, September 23 at the Lowell Public Library is presented in cooperation with the Tri-Creek School Corporation. The workshop is based upon proven communication skills which have been utilized by over two million parents across the country who have participated in the nationally

acclaimed program STEP (Systematic Training For Effective Parenting).

The cost of the workshop is \$15.00 which includes The Parent Handbook and weekly handouts. Videos tapes of typical parent/child confrontations will be discussed in relation to interest of the group.

It is extremely beneficial for both parents to participate in order to develop mutual parenting skills and they may share the handbook and pay just \$18 for the couple. STEP is for all parents, single or otherwise, and is beneficial for anyone who is in a position of communicating with other family members.

Pre-register for the workshop by calling 696-7704. Payment for the workshop is due upon registration.

LABOR DAY CLOSINGS

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed September 7, 1992 in observance of Labor Day.

The libraries will resume regular hours Tuesday, September 8.

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