

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

SEPTEMBER

1996



ON TO NEW ADVENTURES!



Library Director Virginia Maravilla recently announced that she is leaving the Lowell Public Library to take another position. She leaves behind a record of accomplishments that will benefit the Tri-Creek community for generations to come. Her most prominent achievement was to spearhead the move to build a new library for the Lowell Library District. She built public support for the new building, saw it through its approval process, and supervised details throughout the building process. The plan became a reality when the new library first opened its doors in November of '93.

Situated on five wooded acres, the library is 24,000 square ft. (over twice the size of the former library). The per-capita circulation at the new library was 16.19 for the year '95. Only 28 out of the 238 public libraries in the state have a higher per-capita circulation than Lowell, putting Lowell in the top 12%. In 1995, people visiting the library numbered 153,772.

Among the other achievements under the direction of Maravilla was the opening of two branch libraries in 1987, one in Shelby and one in Schneider. The Shelby Branch has since been moved to a larger facility and the Schneider Branch renovated. Also, Eagle Creek Township was taken into the Lowell Library District, expanding the library's tax base and service area. Maravilla instituted the library's literacy program providing services in Basic English Reading Skills and English as a Second Language. Lowell Library also offered tutoring of English Survival Skills on area migrant farms, the only Indiana library to provide this service.

The Library Arbors-Nature Learning Center is an on-going project to preserve the community's natural heritage. Maravilla oversaw the planting of more than two hundred shade and ornamental trees to enhance the library grounds and the "Nature Trail" that winds through the library woods, providing an outdoor classroom as well as a setting for library programs.

A Capital Projects Fund was begun during Maravilla's years as director, one of the first in the state. (Only 30 libraries in the state have this fund now). The fund, which provides for the purchase of equipment and computers and for repairs and maintenance, has helped offset the cost of the new building. Securing funds for the benefit of the library was one of Maravilla's many successful endeavors.

Over \$700,000 in gifts, grants, and pledges were given to the library to help furnish its new facility, support its literacy program, remodel its branch libraries, secure new technology, enhance the library's surroundings, and provide for its future needs. Build Indiana Funds; Library Services and Construction Grants; a Small Business Administration Grant through the Department of Natural Resources; a NIPSCO Grant; and donations from local businesses, organizations, and residents all have been given in recognition of the library's efforts to continually better itself. Maravilla also focused on the future library needs of the community. This led to the formation of the Lowell Public Library Endowment Fund, dedicated to providing for the future informational, educational, and recreational needs of the library. In its first year, the Endowment Fund received over \$36,000 in gifts and pledges.

A member of the Friends of the Lowell Public Library, Maravilla took part in the organization's foundations and special events and helped build the membership to its present level of 30 members. Last year the Friends raised over \$4,000 to benefit the library and became a founding sponsor of the library's Endowment Fund.

We wish her well as she heads for new adventures and challenges in her new position.



HAPPENINGS IN SEPTEMBER

LIBRARY QUILTERS MEET - LOWELL

Each Monday - September 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
9 AM - 12:30 PM

"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 fitness exercise program for persons fifty and older, to build strength, flexibility and endurance. Fee is \$3 per session. Pre-register at the Parks Department, 696-1570.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

LOWELL - Tuesday, September 10, - 9 AM - 10:30 AM

SHELBY - Thursday, September 12, - 9 AM - 11 AM

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

CPR COURSE - LOWELL

Thursday, September 26, 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.

VOCABULARY PREP FOR THE SAT - LOWELL

Each Tuesday, September 10, 17, 24 at 5 PM.

Students interested in enhancing their performance on the vocabulary portion of the SAT will be offered this new three-week SAT course. Fee is \$25.

"THINK GREEN PLANT EXCHANGE" -

SCHNEIDER - Tuesday, September 24, at 7 PM.

LOWELL - Wednesday, September 25, at 7 PM

People of all ages are invited to a house-plant exchange. Admission is free to participants who have something to trade - a potted house plant, empty pots, plant cuttings, or seeds. Be prepared to take something different home with you. Pre-register at Lowell or Schneider.

BASKET WEAVING -

SHELBY - Tuesday, September 17, at 6 PM

Wednesday, September 18, at 9 AM

LOWELL - Tuesday, September 24, at 8:30 AM

Thursday, September 26, at 7 PM

Weave a "Silverware" basket with Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger. Call the library or the Shelby Branch for fee information.

BOARD TO MEET

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, September 16, at 7 PM.

THE ISLAND SEQUEL

We asked our patrons what books they would want to have with them if stranded on a desert island. Here are a few selections from adult patrons:

Time to Get Serious - Tony Evans

Bible

Raft Building (just kidding)

All of Anne McCaffrey's books

Patron Saint of Unmarried Women - Karl Ackerman

World and US history books

The Beginner's Guide to Swimming - Shaney Frey



From our young patrons:

Little Women - Lousia May Alcott

Documentary Books

Goosebumps Monster Blood Pack - R. L. Stine

Goosebumps and Baby-sitter Club series

In a Dark, Dark Room - Alvin Schwartz

Your Dreams and What They Mean - Nerys Dey

Ship Ahoy - Judy Delton

INFORMATION PLEASE!

Visit with the Friends of the Lowell Public Library at the Lowell Labor Day Celebration. Friends will man a booth on Mill Street in downtown Lowell on Sunday, September 1, and Monday, September 2. Designed by Cindy Klidas and Donna Smith, the booth is in keeping with the Labor Day theme of "Family, Community, Work and Worship."

At the booth Friends will have a photo exhibit of some of the 24 Lowell homes selected for the library's "Historic Homes of Lowell Brochure" a project funded through an Indiana Heritage Research Grant.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed on Monday, September 2, in observance of Labor Day. The libraries will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 3.

PRE-REGISTER FOR PROGRAMS BY CALLING:

LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY - 696-7704

SHELBY BRANCH - 552-0809

SCHNEIDER BRANCH - 552-1000

BRINGING THE ARTS TO YOUNG ADULTS

The library, in conjunction with the Lowell Parks Department, is pleased to announce a series of creative courses for young adults that will focus on the arts. Artist and Instructor Nikki Kutansky of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts will instruct budding young artists in the methods of "Drawing and Cartooning" during a 12 week series of four courses.

Young adults interested in the theater can begin learning acting skills at "Acting Up." This eight week-course of theater training will be taught by Actress Kim Yurkovich of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts.

DRAWING/CARTOONING, WITH ARTIST NIKKI KUTANSKY

Four 12 week courses offered for ages 9 to adult.
Fee for each course (includes supplies) is \$65.

Principles of Drawing - Beginners

Each Monday at 3:30 PM, beginning September 9.
Learn the principles of drawing with different media, charcoal, conte crayon, etc.

Principles of Drawing - Intermediate/Advanced

Each Monday at 4 PM, beginning September 9.
For students who have taken the beginning principals of drawing and wish to develop their skills at a higher level.

Cartooning Principles

Each Tuesday at 3:30 PM, beginning September 10. Learn the "How" of cartooning, demonstrating the method used to develop and construct characters correct in form, design, symmetry and detail.

Super Heroes and Advanced Cartooning

Each Wednesday at 3:30 PM beginning September 4. Super Heroes deals with the principles of the human figure, applied specifically to the drawing of Super Heroes. In Advanced Cartooning the emphasis will be to turn pictures of people and animals into cartoons.

YA ADULT HUNTER SAFETY

Certified volunteers of the Indiana Department of Natural Resources will teach participants safe gun handling, fish and wildlife laws, wildlife management, first aid, survival techniques, bow hunting, home gun safety and hunter ethics.

The five-week Hunter Safety Course will be held in the Library Program Room each Monday, from 6 PM to 9 PM, beginning September 16. The course is free and open to anyone. Persons 10 years or under must be accompanied by a parent or guardian.

"ACTING UP" PRESENTED BY ACTRESS LINDA YORKOVICH

Young adults, can learn acting skills from Actress Kim Yurkovich at one of two introductory theater training courses for young adults, ages 8 to 10 and 11 to 14. The eight week courses will be held at the library each Saturday, for 90 minutes, beginning October 19, (time to be announced.)

A play will be performed by participants for family and friends for the final session. For course fee and registration call the library at 696-7704.

YA BOOK SWAP

Young adults can bring books to exchange at the YA swap box located across from the circulation desk. Mystery, adventure, science-fiction, humor, horror books and magazines can be found in the swap box.

FREE CHILD IMMUNIZATIONS

Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

Cedar Lake Clinic - 13963 Morse St.
Thursday, September 5, 12 PM - 6 PM

Schneider - Schneider Branch
Thursday, September 19, 12 Noon - 6 PM

Sponsored by the Lake County Health Dept.

Cedar Lake Community Center
Friday, September 6, 9 AM - 3 PM

Oak Hill School - Lowell
Monday, September 9, 9 AM - 2 PM

Lowell Public Library
Thursday, September 19, 9 AM - 3 PM

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

SEPTEMBER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

STORY TIME

Take your child on a Story Time Adventure! At Story Time, children 3-5 years of age can hear wonderful stories read to them by Children's Programmer Miss Chris. Making new friends and learning new songs and games is part of the adventure your child can enjoy at Story Time.

Lowell - Each Tuesday starting Sept. 24 - Oct. 29 at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM

Each Wednesday starting Sept. 25 - Oct. 30 at 10:00 AM and 1:30 PM

Shelby - Each Monday starting Sept. 23 - Oct. 28 at 9:30 AM

Schneider - Each Thursday starting Sept. 26 - Oct. 31 at 9:30 AM

CRAFT CORNER

With glue, and brightly colored paper, children attending Craft Corner can make fun decorations for their room.

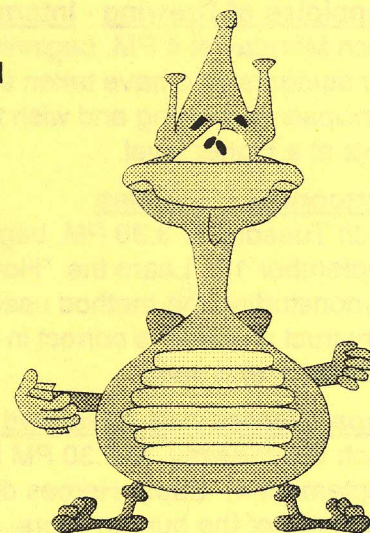
Lowell - Preschool Craft - Thursday, Sept. 5 at 10:00 AM

School age Craft - Thursday, Sept. 5 at 3:30 PM

Shelby - Preschool Craft - Thursday, Sept. 19 at 3:30 PM

School age Craft - Thursday, Sept. 26 at 3:30 PM

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



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