

# Lowell Library Lines

February 2012

## Events This Month

Lowell Public Library  
1505 East Commercial  
Lowell, IN 46356  
phone 696-7704  
fax 696-5280  
www.lowellpl.lib.in.us

### Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9 AM - 8 PM  
Fri - Sat. 9 AM - 5 PM

Schneider Branch  
24002 Parrish Ave.  
Schneider, IN 46376  
552-1000

### Schneider Winter Hours

Mon-Thurs. 3:30-7 PM  
Fri. CLOSED  
Sat. 10 AM-12 NOON

Shelby Branch  
23323 Shelby Rd  
Shelby, IN 46377  
552-0809

### Shelby Winter Hours

Mon. 9 AM-12 & 1-6 PM  
Tues-Thurs. 3 PM-7 PM  
Fri. CLOSED  
Sat. 9 AM-2 PM

## Expanded Food & Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)

Presented by instructor Nicole Katon, this class teaches core lessons of nutrition including: making the most of limited food resources, planning meals and shopping, "MyPlate," physical activity, nutrition facts, food label safety, the importance of breakfast and snacks, and feeding young children. In addition, "Have A Healthy Baby" lessons are taught to pregnant participants. A certificate of completion will be issued at the end of the eight weeks.

The FREE eight-week class is co-sponsored by the Lowell Public Library and Purdue Extension Service and runs Monday, February 13, through Monday, April 2, 10 AM - 12 PM. You can register at the circulation desk.

## Senior Social

Enjoy the beautiful music of violinist Rick Thacker and company on Friday, February 24, at 10 AM. Refreshments will be provided.

The Lowell Parks Department and the Lowell Public Library are co-sponsors of this event. Call the Parks Department at 696-1570 to reserve your seat!

## Free Tax Preparation

Senior citizens, low income or disabled Tri-Creek area residents seeking help filing their income tax forms can find it FREE at the Lowell Public Library with trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers. Tax preparation will be held each Thursday in February and March. Call the library at 696-7704 to schedule your appointment.

Federal and state tax forms are available at the library. You can also print tax forms from the internet or ask Reference staff for help.

## I Love To Read Adult Reading Contest

Fill out a form each time you return a book this month and enter to win a snuggly blanket, a vintage Coca Cola puzzle, and a \$10.00 gift card!

To enter, you must be 18 years and older and a resident of the Tri-Creek area. Books and/or audio-books must be checked out from the Lowell Library or its Shelby and Schneider branches.

The winning entry will be picked on Wednesday, February 29.

## Lowell Adult Programs

### Stamping and Card Making

Thursday, February 2, at 6:15 PM.  
Create 1-2 handmade items! Bring scissors. A \$5 fee will cover all other materials needed for the projects, including adhesive. Pre-register.

### American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, February 4, 9 AM - 1 PM.  
Give blood this winter and warm someone's heart. Co-sponsored by the Lowell Public Library and Tri Kappa.

### Library Quilters Meet

Monday, February 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 9 AM.  
Learn to quilt! Share your knowledge and work on your projects.

### Knit/Crochet/Cross Stitch

Tuesday, February 7 and 21, at 6:00 PM.  
Learn to knit, crochet, and cross stitch on the first and third Tuesdays each month.

### Digital Photography Club

Wednesday, February 8 and 22, at 6:00 PM.  
Now meeting twice a month! Learn what's new in digital and how to take better pictures. Share your own tips and knowledge with the rest of the group. The second meeting each month will focus on specific techniques.

### Recipe Club

Friday, February 10, at 11 AM.  
Do you like trying new recipes? Join our recipe club. For this month, bring something Italian! Share your recipe with the others and then decide on the topic for next month.

### Adult Book Discussion

Monday, February 13, at 1 PM.  
Read and discuss the book, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, written by Jamie Ford. Reserve your copy now by calling the library at 696-7704, or ask for it at the circulation desk.

### Blood Pressure/Glucose Testing

Wednesday, February 15, 9 AM to 11 AM.  
Free blood pressure and glucose screenings are offered by Clinical Management Services of Demotte.

### Friends of the Library News

Friends of the Library bid a fond farewell to Richard and Vivian Boer, co-treasurers of the organization for over ten years, who recently moved to DeMotte. Richard and Vivian were wonderful friends to the library and will be greatly missed.

Do you love the library? Join the Friends of the Lowell Public Library and see how you can help the library! This month they are meeting at McVeys on Wednesday, February 15, at 6 PM. Please let us know if you are planning to attend.

### Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, February 18, 10 AM - 1 PM.  
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society and share their works with the rest of the group.

### Library Board Meets

The meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, February 20, at 7 PM.

### Garden Series

Monday, February 27, at 6 PM.  
Join Lake County Master Gardener Cherry Hoffner and learn all about pruning. Register at the circulation desk.

### Fax Service and Public Scanner

The Lowell Public Library now provides public fax service at the reference desk. Fax fee is \$1 per page for faxes sent in the U.S. A scanner for public use is located in the Reference Department's Redbud Room.

### Just a Few Notes...

#### Photographs

We often take photographs at library events. These pictures are used for publicizing the library and its programs. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know.

#### Thumbs Up? Thumbs Down?

Did you like the book you just read? Or, is it a book you would not recommend to others? Share your views with us and fellow readers and enter the monthly drawing for a free gift certificate! The cards are located at the circulation desk.

## Young Adult Programs (Grades 6-12)

### Lowell

Thursday, February 2, at 5 PM.  
Read *Hunger Games*, written by Suzanne Collins and meet to talk about it.

Thursday, February 2, at 6 PM.  
*Guess How Many* are in the jar and win the contents!

Thursday, February 9, at 6 PM.  
Play Valentine bingo.

Thursday, February 16, at 6 PM.  
Learn to cook some simple food.

Thursday, February 23, at 6 PM.  
Read and discuss *Beastly* by Alex Flinn.

### Shelby

Tuesday, February 7, at 4 PM.  
Make a framed heart while watching the movie *The Help*.

Tuesday, February 14, at 4 PM.  
Play Valentine bingo. Free snacks will be provided.

Tuesday, February 21, at 4 PM.  
Come and chat with us!

Tuesday, February 28, at 4 PM.  
Read and then meet to discuss the second book in the *Hunger Games* trilogy—*Catching Fire*, written by Suzanne Collins.

### Schneider

Wednesday, February 1, at 4 PM.  
Start a fleece scrap quilt

Wednesday, February 8, at 4 PM.  
Finish scrap quilts.

Wednesday, February 15, at 4 PM.  
Play Valentine bingo. Free snacks will be provided.

Wednesday, February 22, at 4 PM.  
Play in our bean bag tournament. We will be grilling out, no matter what the weather!

Wednesday, February 29, at 4 PM.  
Discuss *Beastly*, written by Alex Flinn. Free pizza or subs provided.

## Shelby Branch

### Shelby Adults

#### **Bingo**

Monday, February 27, at 3:30 PM.  
Seniors get together and have fun playing bingo for prizes!

### Shelby Kids

#### **Storytime**

Mondays at 10:30 AM.  
Children ages four and five years old can listen to stories being read to them.

#### **Craft**

Wednesday, February 15, at 4 PM.  
Make a colorful Valentine bird!

#### **Kids Craft with Miss Sandy**

Thursday, February 23, at 4 PM.  
Make a colorful pasta necklace.

## Schneider Branch

### Schneider Adults

#### **All Day Scrapbooking**

Saturday, February 11, 10 AM - 10 PM.  
Spend the day scrapbooking at our ten-hour crop! Call Crista at 552-1000 for more information.

### Schneider Kids

#### **Snowman Craft**

Thursday, February 2, at 4 PM.  
Make a snowman!

#### **Valentine Craft**

Thursday, February 9, at 4 PM.  
Make a colorful Valentine bird!

#### **Kids Craft with Miss Sandy**

Tuesday, February 21, at 4 PM.  
Use colored pasta to make a necklace.



# Happy Valentine's



## New on DVD:

*A Better Life*  
*The Cat Connection / The Canine Conspiracy*  
*Conspirator*  
*Cowboys and Aliens*  
*Hanna*  
*Health, Safety and Security*  
*The Help*  
*Just Go With It*  
*Limitless*  
*Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides*  
*Prevention: 400 Calorie Fix Workout*  
*Something Borrowed*  
*Thor*  
*Transformers: Dark of the Moon*  
*X-men First Class*

## Children's Titles on DVD:

*Cars 2*  
*Hero Factory: Savage Planet*  
*The Smurfs*  
*Snowmen*  
*Spy Kids: All the Time in the World*

## New Books on CD:

*Naked Heat* - Castle, Richard  
*The Secret Mistress* - Balogh, Mary  
*Steve Jobs* - Isaacson, Walter  
*Zero Day* - Baldacci, David  
*Zhu Zhu Pets: Quest for Zhu*

## New Playaways:

*Best of Friends - Mallery, Susan*  
*Brave, The* - Evan, Nicholas  
*Dark Side of the Street, The* - Higgins, Jack  
*Deadly Gift* - Graham, Heather  
*Eyes of the Dragon, The* - King, Stephen  
*First Thrills* - Child, Lee  
*Hunt Club, The* - Lescroart, John  
*Kelly's Chance* - Brunstetter, Wanda  
*MacKenzie's Mountain* - Howard, Linda

*Murder in Vegas: New Crime* - Connelly, Michael  
*North of Nowhere* - Hamilton, Steve  
*Rescue* - Shreve, Anita  
*Risky Business* - Roberts, Nora  
*Safe Haven* - Sparks, Nicholas  
*Sweetgrass* - Monroe, Mary Alice  
*Tapestry of Spies* - Hunter, Steven  
*Vermillion Drift* - Krueger, William Kent  
*Warlord: An Alex Hawke Novel* - Bell, Ted

## Freegal Free Music Downloads



Freegal is a downloadable music service available from the library. With access to the Sony Music Entertainment Catalog, it offers over one hundred genres of music without having to download special software or dealing with any digital rights management (DRM) issues. The Freegal site offers thousands of artists, tens of thousands of albums, and hundreds of thousands of songs. The content is based upon a license with Sony Music Entertainment, owner of fifty-four different music labels. You can read more about Sony and its artists at [www.sonymusic.com](http://www.sonymusic.com).

Getting started is easy! Sign up for your free Freegal account by filling out a registration form at the circulation desk. You will receive a confirmation message along with the link to the Freegal website in your email. You can download up to three songs per week!

## New Fiction Books:

*77 Shadow Street* - Koontz, Dean R.

*Blood Oath* - Farnsworth, Christopher

*The Book of Cthulhu* - Lockhart, Ross E.

*Death Benefit* - Cook, Robin

*A Sound Among the Trees* - Meissner, Susan

## New Science Fiction:

*Stone Spring* - Baxter, Stephen

## New Mystery Books:

*Bones Under the Beach Hut* - Brett, Simon

*A Corpse's Nightmare* - DePoy, Phillip

*D.C. Dead* - Woods, Stuart

*The Forgotten Affairs of Youth* -  
McCall Smith, Alexander

## New Non-Fiction Books:

332.024

*Protecting Your Parents' Money* - Opdyke, Jeff D.

610.289

*Top Screwups Doctors Make and How to Avoid Them* - Graedon, Joe

641.5636

*Vegan Holiday Kitchen* - Atlas, Nava

## Biography:

B CATHER

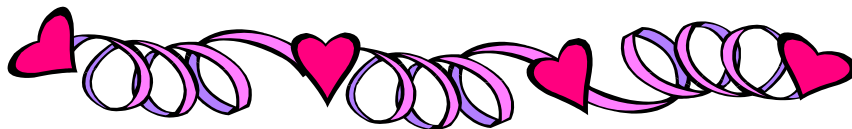
*Catherine the Great: Portrait of a Woman* - Massie, Robert K.

B KNIEVE

*Evel - The High-Flying Life of Evel Knievel* -  
Montville, Leigh

B VANDYK

*My Lucky Life In and Out of Show Business* -  
Van Dyke, Dick



## Interesting Facts about Valentine's Day:

- Physicians of the 1800's commonly advised their patients to eat chocolate to calm their pining for lost love.
- Richard Cadbury produced the first box of chocolates for Valentine's Day in the late 1800's.
- More than 35 million heart-shaped boxes of chocolate will be sold for Valentine's Day.
- Over \$1 billion worth of chocolate is purchased for Valentine's Day in the U.S.
- In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names from a bowl to see who would be their Valentine. They would wear this name pinned onto their sleeves for one week for everyone to see. This was the origin of the expression "to wear your heart on your sleeve."
- Red roses are considered the flower of love because the color red stands for strong romantic feelings.
- 189 million stems of roses are sold in the U.S. on Valentine's Day.
- California produces 60 percent of American roses, but the greater number sold on Valentine's Day in the United States are imported, mostly from South America.
- Approximately 110 million roses, mostly red, will be delivered within the three-day Valentine's Day time period
- Women purchase approximately 85 percent of all Valentines.
- Teachers will receive the most Valentine's Day cards, followed by children, mothers, wives, sweethearts and pets.
- Approximately one billion Valentines are sent out worldwide each year. That's second only to Christmas.

(source : <http://www.sheknows.com/holidays-and-seasons/articles/807655/fun-facts-about-valentine-s-day>)

## Just for Kids (Preschool through the fifth grade)

### Story Time

Story Time is a FREE program for four and five year old children. Each session lasts approximately thirty to forty-five minutes. Parents must stay in the library, although not in the program room.

Please pre-register for either the Tuesday (February 7 and 14) or Wednesday (February 1, 8, and 15) session at 10 AM.

### Craft Corner

Come to the library on Thursday, February 9, at either 10 AM or 3 PM to make colorful Valentine birds! A sample is on display in the children's craft case.

Pre-register for either session. Children, preschool age through the fifth grade, are welcome to attend this FREE program. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

### Bingo for Books

Join us on Thursday, February 16, and play color shape bingo. You can win books for your home library! We will meet at 10 AM and 3 PM. Pre-register at the circulation desk. (Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult).



### Sign-ups begin for Toddler Time

Toddler Time is a FREE program for children ages two to three years old and will feature stories and activities for toddlers to share with their caregivers. Each session lasts approximately forty minutes. Sessions will be held on Tuesdays (February 28 - March 20 ) and Wednesdays (February 29 - March 21) at 10 AM. Pre-register for either FREE session. Toddlers must be accompanied by an adult.



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