



April 2026 Newsletter

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25

National Library Week is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians while promoting the use and support of libraries.

This year marks the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, and we are celebrating your freedom to read! Receive a FREE patriotic tote bag at checkout (one bag per library card, while supplies last).



Friends of the Library Rummage Sale

April 30, 9 AM-5 PM
May 1, 9 AM-4 PM
May 2, 9 AM-12 PM \$5 Bag Sale!

Spring symbolizes new beginnings. Embrace the changing season and make positive changes in your life. You will feel a weight lifted. It's time for spring cleaning!

Are you planning to declutter your home? We would love to take your donations! You can drop off items starting at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 18, until noon on Wednesday, April 29. Please note that drop-offs are not allowed after 7 PM from Monday to Thursday, or after 4 PM on Fridays and Saturdays.

We welcome items that are in good, clean, and working condition. Accepted items include crafts, artwork, music, toys and games, baby and children's clothing, kitchen items, seasonal decor, office supplies, and more! However, we do not accept adult clothing, cassette tapes, sharp objects/knives, large mirrors, undergarments, children's furniture, or strollers.

This event is the Friends' largest fundraiser of the year, and with your support, we hope to make it a great success. Please consider donating to help keep Lowell Public Library programming the best it can be!



Closed Good Friday

Lowell Public Library
1505 East Commercial
Lowell, IN 46356
phone (219) 696-7704
fax (219) 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
(219) 552-1000

Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 4-7 PM
Fri. CLOSED
Sat. 9 AM-1 PM

Shelby Branch
23323 Shelby Rd
Shelby, IN 46377
(219) 552-0809

Hours

Mon.-Thurs 1 PM-6 PM
Fri. CLOSED
Sat. 9 AM-2 PM



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Friends Meet

Wednesday, April 1
5:30 PM.

Attend our monthly meeting where we plan upcoming Friends events, fundraisers, and projects that support and improve the library. New friends welcome!

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale

Saturday, April 25
9 AM - 4:30 PM.
Get a bag of books for \$3.00 on the last Saturday of each month. You may bring your brown grocery bag or ask for one at the circulation desk.

Ongoing Fundraisers

- Coffee - \$1.50
- Ear Buds - \$ 2.00
- 16 GB USB flash drive - \$5.00
- Christmas ornament - \$5.00
- Fabric Tote Bags - \$5.00

ADULT/SENIOR EVENTS AT LOWELL

Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in April, 9 AM.
Meet up to knit and crochet and share patterns and tips.

Senior Social - Paint & Pass Canvas Painting

Thursday, April 2, 11 AM.
Join our spring paint party. Pre-register. Limit 20.

Simple Stamping

Thursday, April 2, 5:30 PM.
Make two cards with envelopes. A \$7 fee, payable at class, will cover all materials. Limit 12. Pre-register on our website.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 4, 10 AM-2 PM.
Give blood, Help save lives. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment.

Tech Help Appointments

Wednesday, April 8, 10 AM-12 PM.
Do you have questions about your phone, tablet, laptop, or computer? Set up a 30-minute appointment with Amanda-she will try her best to help you find your answers. Pre-register.

Lake County Health Dept. Vaccination Clinic

Friday, April 10, 1-4 PM.
Glucose and blood pressure testing and vaccines will be available. Call the Health Dept. to register at 219-755-3658.

Book Club

Monday, April 13, 1-3 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *The Briar Club*, written by Kate Quinn.

Game Day

Wednesday, April 16, 12-3 PM.
Play card and board games. All adults are welcome to attend.

Poetry

Saturday, April 18, 10 AM-12 PM.
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society. Bring your work or that of your favorite poet.

Adult Coloring

Tuesday, April 21, 10 AM.
Join the fun! Coloring helps us de-stress and stimulates brain areas related to motor skills. All supplies will be provided, or you may bring your own.

Library Board Meets

Tuesday, April 21, 6 PM.
The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held.

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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.



FOR THE KIDS AT LOWELL

LEGO Club

Monday, April 6 & 13, 3:30-5 PM.

Come to the Library for some afterschool fun.

See what kind of maze you can create with LEGOS and watch the Hexbugs make their way through your creation!

This is a free program for children ages 5-12. Pre-registration is required and opens on Monday, March 16.

Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Tuesday, April 7 & 14, 4-5 PM.

Read or visit with a certified therapy dog! This is a fun program where children can practice their reading skills while coozing up with a loveable pup. Registration is required and opens on Monday, March 16.

Play Group

Wednesday, April 8, 10-11:30 PM.

Join us for a fun-filled play experience. Explore, learn, and make new friends. For ages 5 and under. Pre-registration is required and opens on Monday, March 16.

Spring Craft

Thursday, April 9, 10:30 AM or 3:30 PM.

Make flower prints using a toilet paper tube. Registration is required and opens on March 16.

Bugs!

Saturday, April 11, 10-11 AM.

Meet our friend Kallie and her two Australian Shepherds, Epic and River. Kallie will talk about insects and demonstrate how her dogs help track invasive bugs that can harm our trees, plants, and flowers. Pre-registration is required and opens on Monday, March 16.

Story Time

Join Miss Jackie for a few stories, group activities, or a simple craft. Sometimes we get messy! This 30-40 minute program is FREE and for children ages 5 and younger to enjoy with a parent or guardian. Limited space. Please pre-register. One 1 week this month. Choose either Tuesday, April 14, Wednesday, April 15, or Thursday, April 16. All at 10:30 AM. Registration opens on Monday, March 23.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL

Grades 5-12

Chess & Checkers

Wed. April 1 & 15

4:30-5:30 PM.

Come to the library and play chess or checkers with others your age.

Basketball Escape Experience

Thursday, April 2

5:30-6:45 PM.

OR

Saturday, April 11

1:30-2:45 PM.

OR

3:00-4:15 PM.

Discover the truth, crack the codes, and retrieve the lost "Championship Sneaker".

Registration is required and opens on March 12.

Bedazzle a Book

Thursday, April 16

5:30 PM.

Add some glam to your favorite book! Bring a book or use one of ours. Pre-register.



SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Over 18 Game Days

Monday, April 6, 13, & 20
All at 4 PM.
Get together to play cards or board games.

Coffee & Conversation

Sat., April 11 & 25, 10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee.
Stay for a chat.

Book Discussion

Thursday, April 16, 4 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss
Echo Burning, written by Lee Child.

Movies for Grown Ups

Saturday, April 18, 10 AM.
Enjoy a morning movie at the library.

Senior Bingo

Monday, April 27, 4 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

YA Independent Crafts

Wednesday, April 1, 4:30 PM.
Get creative with our supplies.

YA Wii Games

Wednesday, April 8, 4:30 PM.
Play Wii games with friends.

Craft with Miss Emily

Thursday, April 9, 4:30 PM.
Bedazzle a book cover!

Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, April 15, 4:30 PM.
Canvas painting.

Tales for Tails

Wed., April 22, 4 PM.
Read or just visit with a certified therapy dog.

YA Superhero Movie

Wed., April 29, 4:30 PM.
Watch a movie and have jelly beans. (National Jelly Bean Day is April 22.)

Story Time

Thursday, April 2, 3 PM.
Join Miss Jackie for fun stories, games and a simple craft.

Kids Game Day

Tuesday, April 7, 4:30 PM.
Play board games with friends.

Kids Games

Tuesday, April 14, 4:30 PM.
Play one of our tabletop games.

Kids Earth Day Craft

Tuesday, April 21, 4:30 PM.
Make spring flower prints using recycled toilet paper tubes.

Kids Glass Painting

Tuesday, April 28, 4:30 PM.
Paint designs on glass.

The Shelby and Schneider Libraries will be closed on Saturday, April 4

SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Craft

Tuesday, April 7, 6 PM.
Bring something to work on or pick something we have.
Call to register.

Adult Coloring

Saturday, April 18, 11 AM.
Spend a relaxing morning coloring at the library.

Adult Ceramics

Tuesday, April 21, 6 PM.
Call for project information and to sign up.

Young Adult Bunco

Wednesday, April 1, 4:30 PM.
Play this fun dice game.

Young Adult Pizza

Wednesday, April 8, 4:30 PM.
Come in for FREE pizza!

Young Adult Game Day

Wednesday, April 15 & 29
All at 4:30 PM.
Play board games with your friends.

Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, Apr. 22, 4:30 PM.
Make a "Grass Buddy".

Kids Bingo

Tuesday, April 7, 4:00 PM.
Play bingo and win fun prizes.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, April 14, 4:00 PM.
Make a "Grass Buddy".

Kids Craft

Tuesday, April 21, 4:00 PM.
Make a watercolor and glitter butterfly.

Kids Game Day

Tuesday, April 28, 4:00 PM.
Play board games.