



July 2026
Newsletter

All libraries are closed Saturday, July 4



Fired Up About Reading Summer Reading 2026 For Kids

Summer Reading continues, now through Saturday, July 25. This year, children will create a dragon as they read! The eight-week summer reading program is designed to encourage reading and prevent the “summer slide”.

There is still time to sign up online at our website.
<https://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/kids-summer-reading-2026>

Saturday, July 25, is the last day to enter books for summer reading credit.

See pages 3 and 4 for additional information and the schedules of activities offered this month.

More Summer Reading Fun

Young Adult/Teens (grades 5-12)

For every book you read, you will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of three \$50 gift cards or various other prizes. (Each dragon book counts as 2 books. Participation also gains admittance to the end-of-summer-reading Cookout with Obstacle Course. Check our website at <https://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/ya-summer-reading-2026> for complete details about our Summer Reading Challenge.

Adults

Read for a chance to win prizes! You may enter as many times as you wish, so grab a booklet and start reading! Booklets are available at the circulation desk. More information is available at <https://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/adult-summer-reading-2026>.



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

Summer Hours

Mon	10-1 and 4-6
Tues.	10 AM-1 PM
Wed.	10-1 and 4-6
Thurs.	10 AM-1 PM
Fri.	CLOSED
Sat.	10 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

Christmas in July Fundraiser

The tree in the foyer will be decorated with paper ornaments. Each ornament has an item written on one side and the cost on the other. These items are from the Children, Young Adult, and Adult/Senior departments' wish list. Bring your selected ornament to the Circulation Desk along with your donation. Thank you in advance for supporting library programming for all ages!

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale
Saturday, July 25,
9 AM-4:30 PM.
On the last Saturday of each month, get a bag of books for \$3. You can bring your own 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 July, 9 AM.
Meet up to knit and crochet and share patterns and tips.

Simple Stamping

Thursday, July 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.

LC Health Dept Vaccine Clinic - Mobile Unit

Thursday, July 9, 1-4 PM.
Wednesday, July 29, 1-4 PM.
Glucose and blood pressure testing, as well as vaccines, will be available.

Book Club

Monday, July 13, 1-3 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *The Last Flight*, written by Julie Clark.

Game Day

Wednesday, July 15, 12-3 PM.
Play card and board games. All adults are welcome to attend.

Tech Help Appointments

Wednesday, July 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.

Poetry

Saturday, July 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, July 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 at the Shelby Branch

Tuesday, July 21, 6 PM.
The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held at the Shelby Branch.

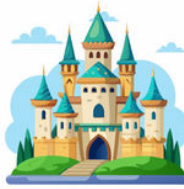
Don't forget!

Saturday, July 25, is the last day to turn in your entry slips for a chance to win Adult Summer Reading prizes!

FOR THE KIDS AT LOWELL



Fired Up About Reading Summer 2026



Earn a gold coin and a trip to the treasure box each day you check out five or more books! If you check out 10 books, you get a gold coin AND a slip to fill out for the end-of-summer "grand prize" drawings. The more you read, the more chances you have to win one of the prizes!

For every 10 books/chapters you log, you will earn an item to add to your dragon picture, such as a dragon face, horns, wings, flames, and gem stickers.

The following programs are for children from birth to 4th grade. There are two sessions for each summer activity – 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM. To ensure we have enough supplies, children must be pre-registered, and preschool-age children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration for these activities begins one week before each event.

Tuesday Programs

July 7 - Fairy House
July 14 - Stuffy Sleepover
July 21 - Carnival!

Thursday Programs

July 2 - Bingo
July 9 - Dragon Movie*
July 16 - Book Walk
July 23 - Fire Dept. Visit

*Movie times are 10 AM and 1:30 PM

Saturday, July 25, is the last day you can enter books for reading credit.

Bubble Foam Party

Thursday, July 30 (rain date Friday, July 31)
10 AM-12 PM.

Log 50 books or chapters by the last week of Summer Reading to receive a ticket for the end-of-summer Bubble Foam Party. This event is only for Summer Readers with tickets! Tickets will be clipped inside your booklet. Be sure to wear clothes that can get wet, water shoes or sandals, and a towel.

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Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Tuesdays in July, 4-5 PM.
Read or just visit with a certified therapy dog! This is a fun program. Children can practice their reading skills while cozying up with a loveable pup. Registration is required!

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL

Grades 5-12

Chess & Checkers

Wed., July 1 & 15
4:30-5:30 PM
Play checkers and chess with others your age.

National Ice Cream Sundaes Day

Wednesday, July 8
12:30-2 PM.
Celebrate with us. Come in and load up a bowl of ice cream with your favorite topping! Pre-register.

Mario Kart® Tournament

Wednesday, July 15
12:30 - 2 PM.
Test your skills! This will be set up bracket-style, with the overall 1st place winner taking home a prize. You must pre-register.

Glass Painting

Wednesday, July 22
12:30-2 PM.
Paint dragon art stained glass. Pick from various styles to trace and paint. Pre-register.

Cookout and Obstacle Course

Tuesday, July 28
12:00-2 PM.
Join our end-of-summer reading bash! Participation in the YA Summer Reading Challenge is required for admittance. Pre-register.

SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Over 18 Game Days

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

Coffee & Conversation

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

Book Discussion

Thursday, July 16, 4 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss
The Life We Bury written by
Allen Eskens.

Movies for Grown Ups

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

Senior Bingo

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

YA Gem Art

Wednesday, July 1, 3 PM.
Create diamond art dragons.

YA Craft with Miss Emily

Wednesday, July 8, 3 PM.
Paint a dragon onto a glass picture frame.

YA Ice Cream Sundaes

Wednesday, July 15, 3 PM.
Celebrate National Ice Cream Month with a sundae!

Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, July 22, 3 PM.
Make an "I Am Stronger" bracelet.

Young Adult Movie

Wednesday, July 29, 3 PM.
Watch *Harry Potter*. Free snacks will be available.

Fired Up About Reading Kids Summer Reading Schedule

(for ages birth-4th grade)
All at 3 PM.

Tuesdays

July 7 - Fairy House
July 14 - Bubble Wrap Dragon
July 21 - Movie

Thursdays

July 2 - Book Bingo
July 9 - Chalk the Walk
July 23 - Pizza Party



SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Ceramics

Saturday, July 11
11 AM - 1 PM.
Christmas in July projects.
Call for more information
and to save your spot.



Young Adult Games

Wednesday, July 1, 4 PM.
Play board games.

YA Ice Cream Sundaes

Wednesday, July 8, 4 PM.
Enjoy a sundae with toppings.

YA Dragon Art

Wednesday, July 15, 4 PM.
Paint a dragon onto a glass picture frame.

Young Adult Bingo

Wednesday, July 22, 4 PM.
Play bingo to win fun prizes.

Summer Reading Party

Wednesday, July 29, 4 PM.
Celebrate your summer reading accomplishments with food and games!

Fired Up About Reading Kids Summer Reading Schedule

(for ages birth-4th grade)
All at 11:30 AM.

Tuesdays

July 7 - Fairy House
July 14 - Bubble Wrap Dragon
July 21 - Games

Thursdays

July 2 - Movie Day
July 9 - Bingo
July 16 - Book Walk