



June 2026
Newsletter



Fired Up About Reading Summer Reading 2026 For Kids

Summer Reading officially kicks off on Monday, June 1. 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”.

Sign-ups begin online on Tuesday, May 26.
<https://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/kids-summer-reading-2026>

Join us on Monday, June 1, 10:00 AM—noon for our Summer Reading Kick-off event! Activities include balloon animals, face painting, coloring sheets, and a scavenger hunt! Stop by the program room for a free ice cream cup and a slice of pizza!

See page 3 for additional information and the schedule 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

Friends Meet

Wednesday, June 3
5:30 PM.
Attend our monthly meetings where we plan upcoming Friends events, fundraisers, and projects that support and improve the library. New friends welcome!

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale

Saturday, June 27
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 June, 9 AM.
Meet up to knit and crochet and share patterns and tips.

Simple Stamping

Thursday, June 4, 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.

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, June 6, 10 AM - 2 PM.
Give blood. Help save lives. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment.

Book Club

Monday, June 8, 1-3 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *Harry's Trees*, written by Jon Cohen.

Tech Help Appointments

Wednesday, June 10, 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.

Adult Coloring

Tuesday, June 16, 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.

LC Health Dept Vaccine Clinic - Mobile Unit

Tuesday, June 16, 11 AM-2 PM.
Glucose and blood pressure testing, as well as vaccines, will be available.

Library Board Meets at the Schneider Branch

Tuesday, June 16, 6 PM.
The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held at the Schneider Branch.

Game Day

Wednesday, June 17, 12-3 PM.
Play card and board games. All adults are welcome to attend.

Poetry

Saturday, June 20, 10 AM-12 PM.
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society. Bring your work or that of your favorite poet.

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Scholastic Book Fair

Monday, June 8 - Friday, June 12
The Friends of the Lowell Public Library will hold their annual summer Scholastic Book Fair June 8-12. Proceeds from the book fair are used to purchase books and prizes for library programs.

Shop online June 8-21 at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lowellpubliclibrary>. Families can choose from thousands of books, and orders will ship directly to the home, with free standard shipping on book-only purchases over \$25.

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 on Monday, June 1.

Tuesday Programs

June 9 - T.P. Roll Dragon
June 16 - Fairy Door
June 23 - Fairy Windchime
June 30 - Nature Walk/
Sidewalk Chalk

Thursday Programs

June 11 - Dragon Egg
June 18 - Bubble Wrap Dragon
June 25 - Crafty Crown

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

Log 50 books or chapters by the last week of Summer Reading to receive a ticket for the end-of-summer Bubble Foam Party on Thursday, July 30 (rain date Friday, July 31). This event is only for Summer Readers with tickets!

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Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Tuesdays in June, 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!

The Big Balloonosaur Adventure!

Saturday, June 13, 3 PM.
Presented by "Smarty Pants", the Big Balloon Show delivers. The Big Balloon Show is a one-of-a-kind stage production featuring magic, all-ages comedy, interactive storytelling, and of course, Smarty's award-winning, larger-than-life balloon props. Throughout the show, Smarty uses his humor and balloons to excite kids about reading books and exercising their imaginations. This is a free program for children from birth through the 4th grade to enjoy with a parent or adult. Pre-registration is required.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL

Grades 5-12

NERF™ Battle

Friday, June 5
4:30-6 PM.

Meet at the library for an after-hours battle. Bring your own labeled dart gun and safety glasses. We'll provide the darts. Pre-registration required.

Wood Burning

Wednesday, June 10
12:30-2 PM.

Learn how to burn wood with lenses and magnifying glasses. Pre-register.

Patriotic Art

Saturday, June 13
12:30 - 2 PM.

Create a patriotic masterpiece to display for America's 250th! Enter our contest for a chance to win a gift card.

Kickball

Wednesday, June 17
12:30- 2 PM.

Join us for an epic game of kickball. Pre-register.

Movie Day

Wednesday, June 24
12-2 PM.

Watch "How to Train Your Dragon." Free popcorn will be available. Pre-register.

SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Over 18 Game Days

Monday, June 1, 8, 15, & 29
All at 4 PM.
Get together to play cards or board games.

Coffee & Conversation

Sat., June 13 & 27, 10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee.
Stay for a chat.

Book Discussion

Thursday, June 18, 4 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss
"We Solve Murders" written
by Richard Osman.

Movies for Grown Ups

Saturday, June 20, 10 AM.
Enjoy a morning movie at the
library.

Senior Bingo

Monday, June 22, 4 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift
card.

YA Patriotic Canvas

Wednesday, June 10, 3 PM.
Create a patriotic masterpiece
to take home, or you can enter
a drawing for a chance to win
a gift card.

Young Adult Games

Wednesday, June 17, 3 PM.
Celebrate National Ice Cream
Soda Day! Play games and
have an ice cream soda!

YA Craft with Miss Emily

Wednesday, June 24, 3 PM.
Learn wood burning using
lenses and magnifying glasses.

Tales for Tails

Wednesday, June 24, 4 PM.
Read to or just visit with a
certified therapy dog.

Fired Up About Reading Kids Summer Reading Schedule

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

Tuesdays

June 9 - TP Roll Dragon
June 16 - Fairy Door
June 23 - Fairy Windchime
June 30 - Movie

Thursdays

June 11 - Dragon Egg
June 18 - No Program
June 25 - Crafty Crown



SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Coffee & Chat

Saturday, June 20
11 AM - 1 PM.
Stop in for a free cup of
coffee and stay for a chat.



Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, June 10, 4 PM.
Learn wood burning using a
lens or magnifying glass.

YA Patriotic Canvas

Wednesday, June 17, 4 PM.
Create a patriotic masterpiece
to take home, or you can enter
a drawing for a chance to win
a gift card.

YA Bean Bag Tournery

Wednesday, June 24, 4 PM.
Compete against other tweens
in our friendly tournament.

Fired Up About Reading Kids Summer Reading Schedule

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

Tuesdays

June 9 - TP Roll Dragon
June 16 - Fairy Door
June 23 - Fairy Windchime
June 30 - Chalk the Walk

Thursdays

June 11 - Dragon Egg
June 18 - Edible Castle
June 25 - Crafty Crown