



September
2026

SUMMER READING SUCCESS

At the end of the eight-week *Fired Up About Reading* Summer Reading Club program, the numbers were tallied and showed that 579 children at the Lowell library and its Shelby and Schneider branches read 42353 books. The children had a lot of fun with the kickoff pizza party, trips to the treasure wall, attending weekly craft programs, a Gary South Shore RailCats game, and a Bubble Foam Party, in addition to earning vouchers for food and games and winning end-of-summer-reading prizes.

The Grand Prize winners from the children's program are: Shedd Aquarium tickets-Cole Holliday & Grayson Watts; Brookfield Zoo-Jackson Sharpe, Rollins Bales, Henry Sheahan & Andrew Ponziano; Bellaboos-Ellie Moldenhauer; Cooking Basket Emmalyn Dole; Scooter with Helmet-Harris Dawson; Pink castle tent-Hattie Knapp; Red castle tent-Clay Wells; Craft basket-Cassidy Reed; Science Basket-Samuel Beard; Dragon Basket-Watson Stalbaum.

Our Young Adult/Teens were busy too, with 131 registered and 1,330 books logged in their summer reading challenge. Each book they logged earned one entry for prizes; dragon books earned two entries. They participated in activities which included an after-hours NERF™ battle, Mario Kart® Tournament, Glass Painting, and an obstacle course and cookout.

Everyone who participated in the Young Adult Challenge earned at least one prize. The prizes included a variety of items such as Diamond Art, puzzles, books, notebooks, the first five books of Percy Jackson & the Olympians, a Harry Potter Box Set, beverage holders, games, gift cards, food vouchers, a special voucher for free classes and accessories at Kataaro Martial Arts, and two 50% off registration vouchers for the Lowell Youth Soccer Club.

There were four grand prize winners, each receiving a \$50 gift card of their choice. The Middle Grade winners are Kelsey Dukes (5th grade) and Moriah Wells (6th grade), while the High School winners are Harlow Brady (freshman) and Felicity Wells (junior).

Adult patrons were tasked with checking out a variety of items from our library collection. Of the entries, the grand prize of an Amazon Fire Tablet was won by Jeannie Zieseness. Other winners went home with fire extinguishers, fire blankets, dragon puzzles, and bookmarks.

We celebrate our participants and prize winners, as well as all of our summer readers! The entire library staff thanks everyone for another enjoyable summer of reading.



All libraries closed
Monday, Sept. 7

Lowell Public Library
1505 East Commercial
Lowell, IN 46356
phone (219) 696-7704
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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. 9AM-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-1 PM



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Friends Meet

Wednesday, Sept. 2
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!

Fall Fundraiser

Sept. 21-Nov. 21
Enter our drawing for a chance to win either a Peony or a Hollyhock Sculpted Painting! Tickets are only \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Winners will be announced on Monday, November 23.

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale

Saturday, Sept. 26
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.

ADULT/SENIOR EVENTS AT LOWELL

Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in September, 9 AM.

Meet up to knit, crochet, and share patterns and tips.

Senior Social - Medicare Scams

Thursday, September 3, 11 AM.

Learn to protect yourself against Medicare scams. Presented by CoAction. Pre-register.

Simple Stamping

Thursday, September 3, 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.

Tech Help Appointments

Wednesday, September 9, 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.

Book Club

Monday, September 14, 1-3 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *The Stranger in the Woods*, written by Michael Finkel.

Adult Coloring

Tuesday, September 15, 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, September 15, 6 PM.

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held.

Game Day

Wednesday, September 16, 12-3 PM.

Play card and board games. All adults are welcome.

Poetry

Saturday, September 19, 10 AM-12 PM.

Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society. Bring your work or that of your favorite poet.

Native Alternatives for Natural Landscaping

Saturday, September 26, 10-11:30 PM.

Native landscaping offers numerous benefits, such as improved stormwater management, healthier plants, and habitats for beneficial insects. This program will outline guidelines for natural and sustainable landscaping, along with plant recommendations. It will be presented by Dolly Foster, Horticulture Program Assistant at Purdue Extension, Lake County, and is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and the library itself. We encourage you to pre-register so that we can better anticipate the number of attendees.

Brain Health

Along with our 37 different *Stay Sharp* kits for adults and seniors, we are now providing informational brochures and books to help keep your brain healthy. Please check back often for ongoing additions to this area of the library.



FOR THE KIDS AT LOWELL

Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Every Tuesday in September, 4-5 PM.

This is a fun program where children can practice their reading skills while cozying up with a lovable pup. For ages 6-12 years. Registration is required and opens Monday, August 10.

Play Group

Wednesday, September 9, 10-11 AM.

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, August 10.

Corn Craft

Thursday, September 10, 10:30 AM or 3:30 PM.

Create corn-on-the-cob using craft sticks! For children, birth-4th grade. Pre-registration opens Monday, August 17.

Reptile Show at Buckley Homestead

Saturday, September 12, 10:00 AM.

Join us for Dave Dinaso's Traveling World of Reptiles at Buckley Homestead. Sure to thrill the crowd, Dave's program is loaded with laughs and interactive moments with the audience. This event is open to all ages. Bring your camera and a chair or blanket to sit on (chairs will NOT be provided). The event will be held at the shelter on the hill by the main parking area/visitors center. No sign-up required.

Pajama Story Time

Monday, September 14 & 28, 5:30-6 PM.

Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffy, and join Miss Jackie for a few stories, flannel board activities, and maybe some yoga and music. This program is for children birth-kindergarten. Pre-registration is required and opens on Monday, August 10.

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. Pre-registration is required.

Register for each individual date; signing up for one does not automatically register you for the other.

Only choose either Tuesdays, September 15 and 22;

Wednesdays, September 16 and 23, or Thursdays, September 17 and 24. All sessions will be held at 10:30 AM. Registration opens on Monday, August 24.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL

Grades 5-12

Chess & Checkers

Wed., Sept. 2 & 16

4:30-5:30 PM

Play checkers and chess with others your age. No sign-up required.

Movie

Sat. Sept. 12

1:30-3:30 PM.

Watch "Supergirl."
Pre-register.

"Top Hits"

Music Bingo

Thurs. Sept. 17

5:30-6:30 PM.

Play to win fun prizes.
Pre-register.

Faith Inspired

Music Bingo

Thurs. Sept. 24

5:30-6:30 PM.

Play bingo to win!
Pre-register at our website.



SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Over 18 Game Days

Monday, Sept. 14 and 21
All at 4 PM.
Get together to play cards or board games.

Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, Sept. 12 & 26, 10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay for a chat.

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, September 17, 4 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *The Long Call* written by Ann Cleaves.

Movies for Grown-Ups

Saturday, September 19, 10 AM.
Enjoy a morning movie at the library.

Cook The Book

Thursday, September 24, 4 PM.
Prepare a recipe from the Taste Of Home Casserole Cookbook or website. Bring the completed dish to share. Pre-register.

Senior Bingo

Monday, September 28, 4 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

Young Adult Games

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 4:30 PM.
Play board games.

YA Movie & Snacks

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 4:30 PM.
Celebrate Star Trek Day with a movie at the library.

Craft with Miss Emily

Thursday, Sept. 10, 4:30 PM.
Have fun with string art!

YA Wii Games

Wednesday, Sept 16, 4:30 PM.
Play Wii games with friends.

Tales for Tails

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 4:30 PM.
Read to a certified therapy dog.

YA Dragon Gem Art

Wednesday, Sept. 30, 4:30 PM.
Create with diamond dots.



Kids Craft

Tuesday, Sept 1, 4:30 PM.
Paint designs on glass.

Story Time

Thursday, Sept. 3, 4:30 PM.
Join Miss Jackie for fun stories.

Kids Bingo

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 4:30 PM.
Win books for your home library!

Kids Craft

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 4:30 PM.
Make corn-on-the-cob using craft sticks.

Kids Wii Games

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 4:30 PM.
Play Wii games with your friends.

Kids Tabletop Games

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 4:30 PM.
Choose from a variety of tabletop games to play.

SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Craft

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 6 PM.
Bring a craft or choose one of ours.

Adult Coloring

Saturday, Sept. 12, 11 AM.
Relax and color at the library.

Fall Painting

Tuesday, Sept. 22 6 PM.
Call for project information and to sign up.

Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, Sept. 26, 11 AM.
Stop in for coffee and a chat.

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All Ages Puzzle Club

Mondays 4-5 PM.

All Ages LEGO® Club

Thursdays 4-5 PM.

Young Adult Game Day

Wednesday, Sept. 2, 4:30 PM.
Play board games.

YA Wood Burning

Wednesday, Sept. 9, 4:30 PM.
Learn the art of wood burning.

YA Guacamole and Chips

Wed. Sept. 16, 4:30 PM.
Celebrate National Guacamole Day with guac and chips.

YA NERF™ Battle

Wed., Sept. 23, 4:30 PM.
Bring your blaster and foam darts and battle your friends!

YA Independent Crafts

Wednesday, Sept 30, 4:30 PM.
Dig through our craft box to design your own creation.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, Sept. 1, 4 PM.
Make a fall suncatcher.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, Sept. 8, 4 PM.
You choose what to make.

Kids Fun Food

Tuesday, Sept 15, 4 PM.
Dip & decorate pretzels and apple snacks.

Kids Game

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 4 PM.
Make your own catapult game.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, Sept. 29, 4 PM.
Make acorn friends!