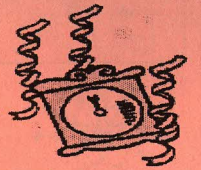


Lowell Library Lines



January 2000

Millennium Prediction

We predict: People will still crave hardback and paperback books in the new millennium!

Things of the past! Antiques! Fodder for flea markets! Let's hope not. Millennium predictors are saying that books will become obsolete: that they will be replaced by hand held digital bits on "Etch a Sketch" type devices. The devices will be fast and cheap. Imagine, falling asleep while reading the latest bestseller on digital and having it crash to the floor.... cheap is a must!

Environmentally speaking, with books on digital, many trees would be granted a stay of execution, no longer suffering the fate of being turned into pulp for the latest Stephen King novel. But, somehow, would we still feel the horror of the moment as the hapless character in a King novel is being swallowed up in the bowels of the earth or devoured by Cujo, the beloved pet dog, if we were reading it on a digital? Not!

In the last two decades there has been a boom in new library construction throughout the nation. When the new Lowell Library first opened its doors in November of '93, there was a whopping increase in new patron registrations. The Tri-Creek community immediately took to the comfy, "living room" areas with upholstered lounge chairs and rockers that provide a relaxed place for people to read and enjoy the view of the beautiful woods surrounding the library.

Part of the enjoyment of visiting the library is in browsing among the book stacks, gazing at the covers of all the new books, and thumbing through the pages to see if this is the right book for you.

New information technology, particularly the Internet, are wonderful tools that have already made their mark and are here to stay. The library currently has eight Internet Access stations for the general public; more stations are being planned. And digital books will become part of our library's collection, but will they replace books? Like a warm, fuzzy Teddy Bear, books give us comfort.



Extra! Extra! Library Declares Amnesty!

At a special "press conference" the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches announced that during the month of January 2000 amnesty will be granted to library patrons bringing back overdue materials.

This means that a library book that you found under the bed, the CD that accidentally found its way to a drawer, the magazines that you were sure you brought back, or the video that is still in the VCR, can be returned with no fines charged, no questions asked. The amnesty does not apply to fines recorded before January 2000, or lost materials not returned.

Save money during the month of January and help the library retrieve its materials during Amnesty Month. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

Fit Forever - Lowell

Each Monday: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

Each Wednesday: January 5, 12, 19, 26

Each Friday: January 7, 14, 21, 28

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning and strengthening exercises. Call the Parks Department to register. Fee is \$24 per month for three weekly sessions, \$16 for two weekly sessions.

Book Discussion of *Cold Mountain*-Lowell

Thursday, January 6, at 7 PM or

Friday, January 7, at 10 AM

Join others in a lively and informal book discussion of *Cold Mountain*, available at the circulation desk for checkout.

Charles Frazier, a first time novelist, has written a best seller that has won critical acclaim for its richness of detail and descriptive prose. Toward the final months of the Civil War, Inman, a wounded and disillusioned soldier, deserts the Confederate army and begins a long, adventure-filled journey home. Along the way he meets good Samaritans, outlaws, vigilantes and rogues. Nothing must stand in his way of reaching home and his true love Ada. A story within a story can be found in this novel as Ada struggles to save the family farm, a victim to changes caused by the war.

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, January 13, 27

You are invited to bring your writings to the library. The Mid-West Writers' Forum, a club sponsored by the library, is soliciting short stories, between 500 and 7500 words for a book they will publish in the spring of 2000. The deadline for submitting stories has been moved to March 15. Call Tom Spencer at 696-3338.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, January 13, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Screening is offered as a service of HouseCalls.

Lowell - Tuesday, January 18, 1 PM - 4 PM

Screening is conducted on a first come first served basis by technicians of CareGivers Plus.

Free Childhood Immunizations

Free childhood immunizations will be offered at the Cedar Lake Clinic at 13963 Morse St., on Thursday, January 6, from 12 Noon to 6 PM by the St. Anthony Medical Center.

On Thursday, January 20, free immunizations will be offered at the Lowell Public Library from 9 AM to 3 PM. The free service is offered by the Lake County Health Department.

Holiday Closings

The library will close at 1 PM on Friday, December 31. The library will resume regular hours on Monday, January 3.

The branches will be closed on Saturday, December 31, in observance of the New Year holiday. The branches will resume regular hours on Monday, January 3.

Millennium Video Special

Ring in the beginning of the new century with movies that have brought pleasure to viewing audiences for decades. The library has over 3,000 videos, classics, westerns, sci-fiction, drama, adventure, comedy, etc.

New arrivals include *The Matrix*, *Inspector Gadget*, *Shakespeare in Love*, *Waking Ned Devine* and *Wild, Wild West*.

Check out six videos on Thursday, December 30, 1999. Return them on Monday, January 3, 2000.

To register for programs call Lowell - 696-7704 Schneider Branch - 552-1000 Shelby Branch - 552-0809

Top Ten!

ALLTIME BESTSELLING BOOKS

The Bible

Quotations from the Works of Mao Tse-tung

American Spelling Book by Noah Webster

The Guinness Book of Records

The McGuffey Readers -William Holmes McGuffey

A Message to Garcia - Elbert Hubbard

World Almanac

The Common Sense Book of Baby and Child Care - Benjamin Spock

Valley of the Dolls - Jacqueline Susann

In His Steps: "What Would Jesus Do?" -Rev. Charles Monreio Sheldon

From the book *The Top 10 of Everything 2000*
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Books-on-Tape

Lean back in your easy chair and let Books-On-Tape take you away from the day's stresses. Listen to stories expertly narrated, often by critically acclaimed actors.

New arrivals include:

Total Control - David Baldacci

Esau - Philip Kerr

In Danger's Path - W. E. Griffin

Kent Family Chronicles - John Jakes

Books on CD:

Mrs. Polifax and the Lion Killer - Dorothy Gilman

The Old Man & and the Sea - Ernest Hemingway

And the Winner Is...

Lowell resident Dan Fuller was full of holiday cheer as he left the library on December 18. Fuller was the happy recipient of the Friends of the Library's holiday drawing for a gift basket filled with over 20 gift items. Library patron Ronald Roy took part in the fundraiser by drawing the winning ticket. The basket was donated by Friends member Pearl Krueger. Over \$125 was raised for the library from the drawing.

There are new books to be found in the Young Adult and Children's section of the library. And all over town you can find people, young and older, wearing "I Love the Library T-Shirts." The books were donated by the Friends of the Library after their successful Holiday Children's Booksale which netted over \$300 for the Friends. The library t-shirts, another Friends fundraiser, are still available for sale at the circulation desk. The Friends also have Entertainment Books, with hundreds of discount coupons available for \$30.

Start the millennium year by becoming a member of the Friends, a community organization that is helping to make good things happen at the library. Dues are only \$5 a year. You can pick up your application at the library.

The Friends will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, January 19, at 7 PM.

Young Adults to Learn Acrylic Painting

Young adults, ages 12 and up, can learn to create a winter painting with artist Daylene Richmond-Wetty. Each budding artist will receive his/her own supplies. Fee for the class is \$25 due upon pre-registration.

The art class will be held on Saturday, January 15, from 9 AM to 12 Noon.



Story Time 2000

Story Time is designed to start children ages 3 to 5 years on the path of life-long reading.

Miss Chris will introduce children to picture books and easy readers. At Story Time children will also enjoy learning a finger-play game and a song to sing together.

Shelby - Each Monday at 9:30 AM
Jan. 3 - Feb. 7

Lowell - Each Tuesday at 10 AM & 11 AM
Jan. 4 - Feb. 8
Each Wednesday at 10 AM
Jan. 5 - Feb. 9

Schneider - Each Thursday, at 9:30 AM
January 6 - Feb. 10



Winter Fun at Craft Corner

Pre-school children attending Craft Corner will enjoy creating winter crafts with Children's Programmer Miss Chris.

Craft Corner Hours are:

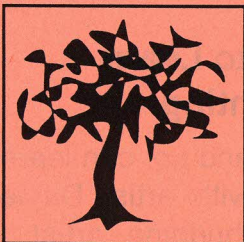
Lowell
Pre-school - Thurs., Jan. 6, at 10 AM
School Age - Thurs., Jan. 6, at 3:30 PM

Schneider
Both Crafts - Thurs., Jan. 13 at 3:30 PM

Shelby
Pre-school - Thurs., Jan. 20, at 3:30 PM
School Age - Thurs., Jan. 27, at 3:30 PM

Space is limited. Be sure to register early.

Pre-register for programs: **Lowell** 696-7704 **Shelby** 552-0809 **Schneider** 552-1000



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