



# Lowell Library Lines



October 2003

## In Remembrance of Governor Frank O'Bannon

Shock and sadness was felt by library patrons and staff upon the announcement on September 13th that Governor Frank O'Bannon had passed away. Governor O'Bannon and First Lady Judy O'Bannon were staunch supporters of libraries and literacy.

The library flag was flown at half staff and expressions of sympathy for the family were expressed by area residents who remembered the time Governor O'Bannon came to Lowell to be Grand Marshall of the Lowell Labor Day Parade and the visit to the library by First Lady Judy O'Bannon on the eve of the Governor's re-election.

Governor O'Bannon served nearly seven years as governor, elected in 1996 and re-elected for a second term in November of 2000. He served eight years as lieutenant governor and 18 years as a state senator from Corydon, representing all or part of eight Southern Indiana counties. He spent two years as Senate Finance chairman and 11 years as Democratic floor leader.

The O'Bannons have three children and five grandchildren. We extend our condolences to Mrs. O'Bannon and family for the loss of this warm and gracious man who served his state so well.

Lt. Governor Joe Kernan was sworn in on September 13 as the 48th governor of the state of Indiana.



**"Only a life lived for others is worth living."  
- Albert Einstein**

If Einstein had known Mr. & Mrs. B (Waldo and Eleanor Bartz) we are sure he would have liked them! They are two people who have given generously of their boundless energy, time and talents throughout the many years they have lived in Shelby to make their town a better place.

Saturday, October 25, will be the last day Mrs. B opens the Shelby Branch Library doors and Mr. B takes care to see that everything is up to snuff in the maintenance department. Having recently announced their retirement, they will leave a void that is hard to fill. Much of the success of the Shelby Branch Library can be attributed to Mr. & Mrs. B (first named so by their next door neighbors who felt funny calling them by their first names).

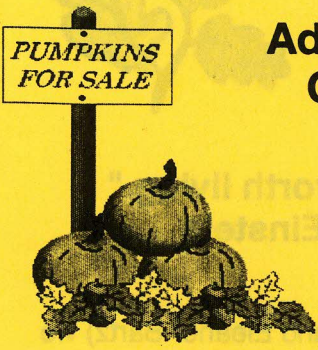
Beloved by the children who pop into the library daily, Mrs. B uses gentle prompting to encourage the children to read. Monthly numbers confirm that circulation of materials at the Shelby Branch is healthy and that both adults and children enjoy reading in this small community of approximately 300. While encouraging children to read, Mrs. B gave out plenty of hugs and smiles, often cookies too! In June of this year, Mrs. B was recognized by the Indiana Trail Grange 2361 as community citizen of the year. Mrs. B has a long record of library service to the Tri-Creek area that began when she served as a member of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees from 1960 to 1988. When the Shelby Branch Library first opened 15 years ago it was housed in the basement of St. Theresa Church with Mrs. B as its Branch Head. In 1988 the library purchased a building that would house the Shelby Branch on one side and the Shelby Post Office on the other. Mrs. B has added her own personal touches to the library that made the library even more inviting.

Mr. B, the ultimate tool man and courier for the branch library, served as Chief Yeoman of the United States Coast Guard during World War II. Mr. B served on the transport vessel that participated in the invasion of Okinawa.

All of the staff of the library and its branches will miss Mr. & Mrs. B more than we can say. They are the eternal optimists, and their warmth and cheerful nature is infectious, putting all who meet them at ease and all that know them, their friends for life.

An open house to honor Eleanor and Waldo Bartz for their years of service to the library will be held at the Shelby Fire Station on Sunday, October 26, from 2 PM to 4 PM.





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## Adult Programs October 2003

### Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday,  
October 6, 13, 20, 27  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

### Basket Classes

#### Shelby

Tuesday, October 7, at 6 PM  
Weave a Lamp Basket. Fee is \$25.  
Call 552-0809 for basket information

#### Lowell -

Wednesday, October 15, at 6 PM  
Tuesday, October 28, at 6 PM  
Create one of three basket choices, a  
Pumpkin, Bean Pot or Snowman Basket.  
Fee is \$25.

### Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby-Thursday, October 9, 9 AM -10:30 AM  
Offered by Technicians of Shelby Fire Dept.

### Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, October 15, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood Pressure and Sugar (Glucose)  
screenings will be offered by Clinical  
Management Services.

### Persuader at Coffee Klatch - Lowell

Thursday, October 16, at 7 PM  
or Friday, October 17, at 10 AM.  
Author Lee Child hits the charts with another  
fast paced bestseller, *Persuader*. His  
protagonist Jack Reacher returns in this  
undercover operation, and a kidnapping  
leads to a suspected major drug dealer who  
may have ties to the killer of Reacher's lady  
friend. Pick up a copy of this dramatic book  
at the circulation desk and join the discussion  
group. Refreshments are served.

### Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, October 20, at 6:30 PM  
Join and learn techniques of crocheting or  
work with other participants on your crochet,  
knitting or quilting projects. Enjoy the evening  
and make new friends.

### Lewis & Clark: Pioneering Naturalists - Lowell

Monday, October 27, promptly at 7 P M  
Come and see examples of the plants Lewis &  
Clark discovered on their epic journey west.  
The program is presented by Master Gardener  
Phyllis Nelson of the Porter County Public  
Library System. The program is co-sponsored  
by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.  
Program Pals, a supervised craft and snack  
program for children (3 and older) of parents  
attending this program, will begin in the library's  
meeting room at 7 PM.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

A blood drive will be held at the library on  
Saturday, October 4, from 10 AM to 3 PM. You  
can make a difference by being a blood donor.  
Schedule an appointment by calling the Red Cross  
at 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins will be accepted

### Join the Friends

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular  
meeting on Wednesday, October 15, at 7 PM.  
New members are welcome. Contact Nell Fabish  
at the library at 696-7704.

### Forum for Aspiring Poets

Create your own poetry and have an interested  
audience to listen to your poems at the Northwest  
Indiana Poetry Society. The meetings are held on  
the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 AM. Next  
meeting: Saturday, October 18.

### Women's Financial Seminar

The GFWC Lowell Women's Club will host  
"Women's Finance," a seminar for the public at  
the library on Monday, November 3, at 7 PM.  
Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

### Showtime for Seniors

Join the Lowell Parks Department and  
the library for a "two thumbs up" rib-tickling  
comedy showing of *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*,  
on Thursday, November 6, at 1 PM. At our  
concession stand, you will find free popcorn, punch  
and cookies to snack on. Get your free tickets by  
calling the library at 696-7704.



# Close Encounters of the Ghostly Kind



They're here! Yes, it's been said that the Lowell Public Library may be haunted! To verify or dispel this rumor, experts of the Northwest Indiana Ghost Trackers have been called in to sweep the building!

Following their investigation, Trackers member Valerie Leach is inviting the public to learn more about Ghost Tracking. "Close Encounters of the Ghostly Kind," will be held at the library on Tuesday, October 21, at 7 PM. Members of the Ghost Trackers, an organization that investigates paranormal activities, will hold you spellbound as they tell of the ghosts that "are known" to haunt the Tri-Creek area. Through their stories, photographs, video and sound recordings, the Trackers will explain how they detect the presence of ghosts that haunt cemeteries, homes, businesses, the woods, etc. Animals are also said to be able to haunt. Come and learn about poltergeists and other strange events that are being uncovered each year in Northwest Indiana. Adults and young adults can register for Close Encounters by calling the library at 696-7704. Bring your questions and a friend to hold your hand!!!

"Program Pals," a supervised craft and snack program for children (3 and older) of parents attending the "Close Encounters" program will begin in the Children's Room at 7 PM.

## Adult/Young Adult One Stroke Painting Classes Taught

The beautiful Fall Flower Pot on display at the Lowell Public Library is a sample of the one-stroke painting technique Debbie Dunning will teach adult and young adult participants on Saturday, October 4, at 10 AM. Fee to make the Fall Flower Pot is \$3 due upon registration.

On Tuesday, October 14, at 6 PM, Debbie will teach participants to make a Floating Candle Holder. Fee is \$5 due upon registration. At the one-stroke painting class on Tuesday, October 28, at 5:30 PM adults and young adults will learn to paint the Fall Place Mat. Fee is \$10 due upon registration. All crafts are on display at the circulation desk.

## YA Showtime

Bring your pillow and a friend! Get your sandwich, popcorn, pop and candy at the library and settle in to watch *Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers* on the library's wide screen TV. Fee is only 25 cents upon registration.

## Boys' Night Out!

It promises to be a dark and creepy night for the first 20 boys, ages 10 – 13, who sign up for the "Boys' Night Out" sleepover at the Lowell Public Library. Sign-ups are being taken now for the Saturday, October 18 "Haunted Happenings" that will begin promptly at 8 PM. No latecomers will be admitted! Permission slips must be signed by parents or guardians upon registration at which time a \$5 fee for materials and food is due.

A blazing fire on the library grounds will ward away the chill you get from the sounds of "things that go bump in the night." There will be other "things" that you can eat as you listen to the ghostly tales that will make you sleep with one eye open. R.L Stine isn't the only one who can give you Goosebumps! Sign up if you dare! Don't forget to bring a pillow, sleeping bag, and personal items (tooth brush, paste, etc.) Be prepared to show your claim to fame; sing a song, play an instrument, tell a joke, do an impression, etc. Come with your favorite book and make us want to read it, too!





# Just for Kids



## Story Time Continues

Register your child, age 3 to 5 years, anytime during the Story Time program with Miss Melissa at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. At the Shelby Branch Library, Story Time is held each Monday at 9:30 AM. Register at 552-0809. Schneider Branch Story Time is also held each Monday at 4 PM. Register by calling 552-1000. Story Time at the Lowell Library is held each Tuesday at 10 AM or 1:30 PM through October 21 and each Wednesday, at 10 AM through October 22. Sign-ups for the Lowell Toddler Time begin the 1st of October. Call 696-7704.

## A Ghostly Craft Corner

Pre-school and school age children will create their own "Ghost" for Halloween at Craft Corner at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

**Craft Corner hours are:**

**Lowell** - Thursday, October 2, at 3:30 PM. Pre-register at 696-7704

**Shelby** - Thursday, October 9 at 3:30 PM. Pre-register at 552-0809

**Schneider** - Thursday, October 16 at 3:30 PM. Pre-register at 552-1000



## Bedtime Stories at the Library

Moms and dads are invited to bring their pre-schoolers to the Lowell Public Library each Wednesday at 6:30 PM for the "Bedtime Story Hour. Children will love the wonderful stories read to them by Miss Melissa in the Children's Room. Call 696-7704 to pre-register.

**Look for us on the web! <<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>>**

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



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