



# Lowell Library Lines

## October 2004

### Showtime for Seniors

"Sometimes one dream  
is enough to light up  
the sky"

The above quote  
is the introduction to  
*October Sky*, a movie  
set in a small mining  
town in the 1950's.

The movie is based  
on the true story of  
Homer Hickman, a  
young man whose  
dream of building  
rockets was inspired  
by the launching of  
the Soviet rocket  
Sputnik.

At the concession  
stand, you will find  
free popcorn, punch  
and cookies to snack  
on. Call 696-7704 to  
pre-register for this  
free program sponsored by the library  
and the Lowell Parks  
Department.

### Influenza Immunizations

Clinical Management  
Services will offer flu  
immunizations at the  
library and its Shelby  
Branch. A date and  
time will be announced  
as soon as the vaccine  
is available.

### Ghostly Happenings!

Do you hear moans and sighs in the middle of the  
night. Ever experience a tingling sensation on the  
back of your neck or see a shadow pass by when no  
one is there? Is your house haunted?



The Northwest Indiana Ghost Trackers will be at the library  
on Tuesday, October 26, at 7 PM to give you an insightful look  
into ghostly places in Indiana and tell of stories and myths of  
our area.

The Ghost Trackers is an organization that performs ghost  
"hunts" in Indiana and have conducted frequent investigations  
of sites that are reported to them as being haunted. A non-profit  
organization, the Ghost Trackers provide resources that may be  
of assistance to the public. Members help in cemetery and historic  
landmark repair.

Last year, the Ghost Trackers investigated the library after  
closing hours for the presence of ghosts using tape recorders,  
video and digital cameras, and equipment that detects tempera-  
tures and electrical impulses. The results of their investigation  
concluded that the library was haunted, but, only by visiting  
ghosts. Ghostly activity was high however, in the library woods.  
The Ghost Trackers will repeat their investigation before the  
program date and show you their results.

How do you get rid of a ghost? Why do some people feel the  
presence of a ghost and not others? Can you talk to a ghost?  
Bring your questions and if you have experienced a ghostly  
encounter, feel free to share your stories with others at the  
program.

If you are a doubter, remember! The Halloween season is the  
best time to suspend reality for a while and let your imagination  
take over for a little fun. By the way, all of the ghosts that visit the  
library are friendly! Just ask Casper!

YA's Night For Hauntings. The Ghost Tracker will tell ghost  
tales at a special YA program on Wednesday, October 27, at  
6:30 PM.



# Adult Programs at the Library

## **Quilters Meet -- Lowell**

Each Monday, October 4, 11, 18, 25

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.



## **2004 Gardening Series**

### **Ornamental Grasses - Lowell**

Monday, October 4, at 7 PM

Ruth Tamminga of Plum Creek Nursery, Crete Illinois, will discuss the many varieties of ornamental grasses, their planting and their maintenance.

## **Basket Weaving Workshops**

### **Shelby**

Tuesday, October 5, at 6 PM.

Master Basket Weaver Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to create a Prairie Lady Gathering Basket. Fee for the workshop is \$32. Call 552-0809 to pre-register.

### **Lowell**

Thursday, October 14, or

Tuesday, October 26, at 6 PM.

Weave a "Wild & Crazy" basket. Fee is \$27. Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop of your

## **One Stroke Painting Class - Lowell**

Saturday, October 9, at 9:30 AM

Debbie Dunning will teach adult and young adult participants to paint the primitive picture "Three Pumpkins." No supplies are necessary. A frame is included in the fee of \$10, due upon registration. The painting is on display at the circulation desk.

## **Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby**

Monday, October 11, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon.

Screening is offered by medical technicians on a first come/first served basis.

## **Library Scrapbooking Series -**

### **Lowell**

Monday, October 11 at 6 PM

Learn paper sewing to create stitchery pages.

Monday, October 25, at 6 PM

Enjoy a workshop designed to create Halloween and fall layouts. Bring scissors, pens, photos, current projects and adhesives.

## **AARP Prescription Drugs - Lowell**

Tuesday, October 12, at 10 AM

AARP representatives, Anne Niequist White and Don White will discuss AARPs' new prescription program. Please bring your questions. Pre-register.

## **Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell**

Tuesday, October 12, at 6 PM or

Thursday, October 21, at 10 AM

Artist Pat Mahns will teach participants to paint Cape Hatteras Lighthouse, using acrylic paints. The fee is \$13, due upon registration. Class size is limited. Supplies are provided (frame not included).

## **NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell**

Saturday, October 16, at 10 AM

Bring your poetry to share with others. Enjoy learning the art of poetry writing.

## **Learn & Enjoy Crochet - Lowell**

Monday, October 18, at 6:30 PM

Bring your crochet projects to the library and learn or work with other crocheters. Knitters and quilters are invited to. Coffee and cookies will be served.

## **Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell**

Wednesday, October 20, 9 AM to 11 AM

Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening is offered by technicians of the Clinical Management Services.



**Adult Programs Continued****Pizza Cuisine with Chef Vicki - Lowell**

Monday, October 18, at 11 AM.

Lunch with us! Dine on the delicious varieties of pizza you will learn to create at Chef Vicki's Cooking Class. Then enjoy dining on the delicious cuisine served with a luscious dessert of chocolate mousse.

At her class, Chef Vicki will teach participants to create a "Classic Herb Pizza" made with a light, honey, whole wheat crust. Next learn to create focaccia based, "Italian Inspired Pizza" Her final pizza creation is "Cheese Stuffed Pizza." You'll be taught to make your own marinara sauce and chocolate mousse too! Then it's time to enjoy these wonderful creations you can repeat at home. Fee is \$25, due upon registration.

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**The Red Hat Club - Lowell**

Thursday, October 21, at 7 PM or

Friday, October 22, at 10 AM. Come to Coffee Klatch Book Discussion.

In his novel, author Haywood Smith introduces the reader to Georgia, Linda, Diane, Teeny and SuSu, women who meet once monthly as members of the Red Hat Club. They share memories of younger days, exchange gossip and provide mutual support during troubled times. Adding extra spice to the novel is the plot to seek revenge on a wandering husband of one of the club's members.

Pick up a copy of The Red Hat Club at the circulation desk. Refreshments are served.

**Blood Donors Needed**

The Lowell Lions Club and the Lowell Public Library will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the library on Saturday, October 16, from 10 AM to 2 PM. The blood supply is still low and is expected to remain so. Your help is needed.

## Kids' Corner

**Story Time Continues:**

Sign up for Story Time held Tuesdays at 10 AM & 1:30 PM and Wednesday at 10 AM through October.

Toddler Time for children (ages 18 months to 3 years) and their caregivers, will be held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in November. Pre-registration begins Wednesday, October 13.

Kidz in Tune will return on Fridays in November. Pre-registration begins Friday, October 15.

## **YA's On the Go!**

### **Halloween Painting Class:**

Debbie Dunning will teach young adult and adult participants to paint the primitive painting "Three Pumpkins" using the one-stroke painting method.

The workshop will be held on Saturday, October 9, from 9:30 AM to 12:30 PM. The fee is \$10 due upon registration.

### **Now Showing for YA's:**

That loveable, irrepressible cat Garfield will provide lots of laughter at Showtime for YA's on October 23, at 12 Noon. Fee is 25 cents. Enjoy P&J sandwiches and other refreshments.

### **Food, Fun & Fiction Club:**

On Wednesday, October 27, at 4:30 PM participants will meet to discuss Newbery Award winning novel *A Year Down Under* by Richard Peck.

Grandma Dowdel, although good-hearted, has people shaking in their boots. Her granddaughter, Mary Alice must spend the summer with her grandmother for a year, at least. Mary Alice feels out of place in the small town she has moved to. It doesn't help that her grandmother involves Mary Alice in her undercover schemes to help those she cares for and punish those Grandma feels are deserving.

Pick up a copy at the circulation desk to read and come to the Food, Fun & Fiction book discussion. The food is on us!

### **YA Chess Club:**



YA's, grades 5-12 can enjoy having fun playing chess with their peers. There's music and snacks too! If you don't know the game, come and learn from others.



## **More YA Fun!**

### **Ghost Stories**

For a haunting good time join the Northwest Indiana Ghost Trackers as they spin tales that will send chills up your spine.

Meet before the sun sets at 5:30 PM. You'll feast on Eerie Eats! Make Nachos, dip caramel apples and warm up with hot cider!

How scary can you be? If you would like to, you can come dressed as your favorite scary character or make one up of your own.

Spooky Tales to be told begin at 6:30 PM. Lights out!

### **Adult Computer Classes**

Learn beginning computer skills in Basic Microsoft Works, Excel, and Publisher are now being offered at the Library. The classes are free. Call the library at 696-7704 for information on times and dates for the two-hour computer sessions.

### **Shelby Branch Happenings**

Adult Movie Hour each Monday at 5 PM

Afternoon Movies for kids each Saturday at 12 Noon

Kids' Game Day each Thursday at 4 PM. Bring a friend for some sporting competition.

### **Lowell Public Library Website:**

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>

### **Lowell History on the Web:**

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/history.htm>

Richard Schmal's "Pioneer History" Column:

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/ltschmal.htm>





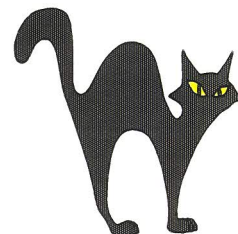
# Chills and Thrills

## Children's Paperback Booksale

Spooky tales, high adventure, rib tickling stories and jokes, books that make reading fun, can be found at the Children's Paperback Booksale held in the library from Wednesday, October 13 - 25. Start your own home library!

YA'S (Young adults) will like *Dragon Rider*, *Slippery Slope*, *Monster Nation* and *Spy X*. Harry Potter books, *The Bartimaeus Trilogy Book One: The Amulet of Samarkand* and *Fear Factor* are just some of the hit books available at the sale. Younger readers can enjoy reading *Diary of a Worm*, *Duck for President*, *Naughty Little Monkeys*, *Junie B. Jones: First Cheater Pants*, *I'm Still Here in the Bathtub*, *Froggy's Babysitter* and other great reading adventures. Novelties, games, bookmarks, posters, lots of fun items are available at the sale sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Make a purchase and enter the drawing for either \$15 in merchandise from the booksale for YA'S or \$10 in merchandise for children.



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