

# Lowell Library Lines

October 2005



## ***"Big Fish"*** **Makes a Splash**

What if every adult in the Northwest Indiana area read the same book? "One Region One Book" is a reading campaign to encourage all people in the area to read the same book, sort of a giant book club, with its members as diverse as the region. The campaign is now in its 4<sup>th</sup> year and is co-sponsored by the *Post-Tribune* and local libraries.

The library invites its adult community residents to join the campaign by reserving the novel chosen for this year's campaign, *Big Fish* by Daniel Wallace. Read and enjoy this refreshingly comic novel, the story of William who sets out to find the truth of the legends and myths surrounding Edward, his dying father, a teller of tall tales who embellishes stories about his life. Join William in his journey, and then join the Wednesday Night Book Group at the library on Wednesday, October 26, at 6:30 PM for refreshments and an entertaining hour with the *Big Fish*.

The library has scheduled two other special events to highlight the reading campaign. On Wednesday, October 12, a student troupe directed by the Morning Bishop Theater will perform scenes from the *Big Fish* at the library at 6:30 PM. On Thursday, October 20, at 11 AM, the movie *Big Fish* will be shown at the Seniors' Social. It's a brown bag lunch affair, sponsored by the library and the Lowell Parks Department. Homemade desserts will sweeten the affair. There will be door prizes too! Reel in *Big Fish* and become a member of "One Region One Book."

### ***Life & Death ...Thru the Lens***

As former *Gary Post-Tribune* photographer, then Northwest Indiana Bureau Chief of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, Dick Wylie shot thousands of photographs in the 1950's and 60's that record the lives of ordinary human beings of this great area. Other photos are of the famous of that time period that lived or visited Lake County. He chose 550 of these photos for his book *Life and Death...Thru the Lens*. His book recognizes the fireman, law enforcement officers and rescue workers, many whose life saving moments are captured in his pictures.

On Thursday, October 6, at 7 PM at the Lowell Public Library Guest Speaker Dick Wylie will discuss his book, which is compiled of news, magazine and wire service photos, including

never before published photographs. Projecting these photo images on the library's large screen television, Wylie will tell the stories behind the photos.

Pre-register for this fascinating look back into photojournalism as it was 50 odd years ago under the camera's eye of Dick Wylie.

### **Medicare D Drug Program**

Melanie Humphries, Social Security Administration representative, will talk on the Medicare Prescription Drug Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003.

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Expanding health care Medicare benefits, the feature gives drug coverage to elderly and disabled people that are already on Medicare.

A government sponsored program, there are different plans you can choose. Learn about out of pocket costs, deductibles, eligibility, additional assistance, enrollment date, which prescription drugs are covered under the plan and how to determine if this is the right program for you. These and other topics will be addressed on Thursday, October 27, at 7 PM.

The program is co-sponsored by the GFWC Lowell Women's Club and the library.

### **Painting on China**

Enjoy a demonstration by artist and certified Master China Painter Marilyn Langbehn on Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 PM. A member of the Chesterton Art Association, she teaches this age-old art.

### **Shelby Kids' Corner**

#### **Saturday Movies**

12 Noon for kids of all ages. Enjoy a fun flick with your friends.

#### **Game Night**

Each Thursday at 6:30 PM Play chess, Yu-Gi-Oh, Chinese Checkers, Scrabble and card games.

#### **YA Book Discussion**

*Outcasts of 19 Schuyler Place*, a novel by E. L. Konigsburg is the book chosen by young adults for their book club discussion on Tuesday, October 18, at 4:30 PM.

### **Friends to Meet**

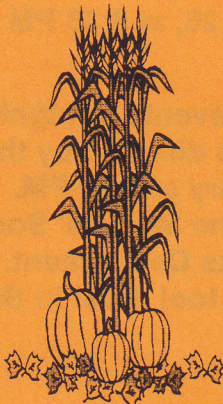
Join the Friends of the Library. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 19, at 7 PM. Visit the Friends On-Going Booksale located on the southwest wall of the library's main room.

### **A Special Visit**

September was "Treat Yourself to A Library Card" month. Children checking out books in October can visit Mrs. Mayhew. Play a guessing game with her. She may have a surprise for you!

### **Pisanki Holiday Eggs**

Artist Ted Sumara will teach participants to create beautiful Christmas Pisanki eggs at a 5-week course beginning Tuesday, November 1. Call for time and fee information. The eggs will be on display at the circulation desk two weeks before the classes begin.



### **For Kids of All Ages at Schneider Branch**

Now Showing: Movie Day for kids will be held on Thursday, October 6, at 4 PM.

On Thursday, October 20, at 4 PM, kids of all ages will make ceramic ghosts

Scrapbook fun for kids will be held on Saturday, October 22, at 11 AM.

### **YA Happenings!**

YAs, put your game skills to the test. Invite your friends to Game Night each Thursday evening at 6:30 PM in the library's Program Room.

Sign up for the One-Stroke Painting Classes. On Saturday, October 8, at 9 AM, paint "O Christmas Tree." On Saturday, October 22, at 9 AM, paint "Winter Candles." Fees for crafts are \$12 each.

Enjoy the movie *Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants* on Saturday, October 15, at 12 Noon. The movie *Batman Begins* will be shown on Saturday, October 22, at 2 PM.

Play Halloween Bingo on Thursday, October 20, at 6 PM. Have a snack or two.



# ***Haunted in Indiana***

## **An Evening With the Indiana Ghost Trackers**



Is there a ghost haunting your house? Bring your personal stories of hauntings and meet the Indiana Ghost Trackers as they present "Close Encounters of the Ghostly Kind" on Monday, October 24, at 7 PM. A state-wide non-profit organization, Indiana Ghost Trackers are dedicated to research, investigation, and documentation of hauntings.

Through 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.

Both in 2003 and 2004 the Ghost Trackers conducted 4-hour investigations at the library after closing hours. The results of the investigations reported paranormal activity and several pictures of orbs (denotes the presence of ghosts) in and surrounding the library were taken. Yes, we are haunted but our ghosts are friendly.

Come and learn about poltergeists and other strange events that 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!!!

Happy Halloween!!!



## **Young Adults to Get the Chills**

### ***Haunted Indiana* Author to Spin Spine-Tingling Tales**

Mark Marimen, popular author of the *Haunted Indiana*, books will present an evening of spine-chilling tales as he goes beyond the grave to a world of ghostly presence. Young adults, grades 4th through 12 will get goose bumps listening to spooky, eerie tales just right for the Halloween season on Wednesday, October 26. Before the program begins young adults can enjoy snacks and getting together from 4:45 PM to 5:45 PM. From 6 to 7:30 PM be prepared as the lights are turned down low and the haunting hours begin. Staff will be happy to walk anyone to his/her car after the program should the night and the woods prove to be a bit frightening after Marimen introduces you to some of his favorite, most unnerving stories.

Beginning October 1, young adults can enter a drawing for *Haunted Indiana* books autographed by Mark Marimen and festive Halloween buckets filled with treats. Winning slips will be drawn at the end of the program.

"I guess that I have always thought of Indiana as a desolate place... oh, not the big cities of Indianapolis or Gary, but the small towns that dot the landscape of the state. There is just always something about Indiana that conjures up images of quiet towns and abandoned farm houses... where secrets lay in wait for someone to discover them. The forests and corn fields of this beautiful state certainly contain and hide the many ghost stories and legends of these people called "Hoosiers."

Mark Mariman





## **Adult Programs**

### **Library Quilters Meet - Lowell**

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

Bring your quilting projects.

### **Life & Death...Thru the Lens - Lowell**

Thursday, October 6, at 7 PM

Dick Wylie, former *Post Tribune* photographer and Bureau Chief of the *Chicago Sun-Times* before becoming a Florida police officer, will show slides from his book *Life & Death...Thru the Lens* and discuss the stories behind the pictures.

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

Saturday, October 8, at 9 AM

Paint "O Christmas Tree"

Saturday, October 22, at 9 AM

"Winter Candles" painting.

Fee for crafts are \$12 each due upon registration. Crafts are on display.

### **Adult Book Discussion - Shelby**

Monday, October 10, at 5:30 PM

Join the book discussion at the Shelby Branch.  
Read John Grisham's bestseller *The Client*.  
Share your views at the discussion.

### **Blood Pressure Testing - Shelby**

Monday, October 10, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon

### **Adult Craft - Shelby**

Tuesday, October 11, at 5 PM

Bring your craft projects and work with others.

### **Ceramic Class - Schneider**

Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 PM

Make a Halloween ceramic to decorate your home.

### **Painting on China - Lowell**

Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 PM

Marilyn Langbehn will demonstrate the art of painting on china.

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

Saturday, October 15, at 10 AM

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

### **Basket Weaving - Lowell**

Tuesday, October 18, at 6 PM

or Monday, October 24 at 6 PM

Weave a Table Lamp Basket with Julie Duttlinger. Fee is \$26.

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

Wednesday, October 19, 9 AM to 11 AM

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

Screening is offered on a first come, first served basis.

### **Big Fish Brown Bag Movie - Lowell**

Thursday, October 20, at 11 AM

Enjoy the movie *Big Fish*. Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy our homemade desserts. Door prizes too! Sponsored by the library and the Lowell Parks Department.

### **Credit Cards, Interest, Debt Reduction - Lowell**

Thursday, October 20, at 7 PM

Judith Samson of Consumer Credit Counseling of Northwest Indiana will discuss avoiding the credit card trap, credit relief, your credit report, budgeting, interest traps, consolidation of debts student loans, refinancing and the new changes in bankruptcy laws.

### **Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell**

Tuesday, October 25, at 9:30 AM

Recreate "Haunted Lighthouse" an acrylic painting by artist Pat Mahns on display at the circulation desk. Fee for the program is \$13, due upon registration..

### **Medicare D Prescription Program - Lowell**

Thursday, October 27, at 7 PM

The GFWC Lowell Woman's Club and the library will sponsor a program presented by the Social Security Administration on Medicare D, the new prescription program.

## **Garden Series 2005**

The maple is one of North America's most loved trees, versatile, fast growing, a tree that provides shade and beautiful foliage that can add beauty to your home. On Monday, October 10, at 7 PM, Dr. George Ware of Morton Arboretum will discuss maple trees for landscaping. The program is sponsored by the library and Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.

## **Women's Club Blood Drive**

The GFWC Lowell Woman's Club will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 1, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to schedule your blood donation. Please bring ID!





Excerpts from Lowell Town Historian Dick Schmal's Pioneer Column.

"It is one of the best web sites I have ever seen!" That was the message in an e-mail received by the Old Timer a few months ago. The writer, who was researching his family history, was very excited about having found the interesting Lowell Public Library web site.

The site begins with links to the Lowell Photo Album, Biographies, and the Pioneer History stories from the *Lowell Tribune* and other Pilcher Publishing Company papers. The Photo Album features hundreds of images of people, places, events and groups, with an index for finding names. Another alphabetical index lists all the names in the biographies, many of them linked to other stories. An alphabetical menu for names in the Pioneer History stories is shown, followed by "Contents," which lists all the monthly columns since Jan. 1980.

Historical topics on the library site are shown alphabetically beginning with "Churches" where stories are about the early places of worship from 1837 to the year 1870, when three churches were built in the Town of Lowell.

- "Crime and Criminals" are listed next, with tales of the Bogus Island horse thieves, bootleggers, murders in earlier years, and escaped criminals in Lowell in 2000.
- "Disasters and Tragedies" features stories about local townspeople who were killed in the Chicago Iroquois Theatre fire and includes the ice and snowstorm here in 1998.
- The "Fire Department" topic tells about the first organization, the first fire truck and more early information about our local volunteer fire department.
- Under "Fires" – Stories include that of the big Lowell fire of 1898, the 1952 train wreck, the Livery Stable Antique Mall fire and more.
- "Houses" – Some of the pioneer homes from 1835 to 1850 are mentioned.
- Listed under "Monuments" are the three monuments erected in honor of those who served in the wars from 1812 to the Persian Gulf War.
- The "Parks" topic tells some of the early history of our town's parks.
- "Newspapers" – Lists some of the early newspapers including the Lowell Star of 1872, the *Lowell Tribune* of 1885, and the *Lowell Souvenir* or the early 1900's.
- The "Nostalgia" topic lists many exciting newspaper highlights from 1872 to 1952, and reveals a long list of familiar names and places.
- "Railroads" – Includes history of the first railroad through the Town of Lowell, the 1952 train wreck, and a list of newspaper stories about our local railway.
- "Settlers from 1835 to 1845" includes stories of the early families who pioneered in the Lowell area, and a historical "Time Line" showing important events down through our years of history.
- "Veterans, Wars" – Wars from 1812 to 1991 are listed with links to names of the veterans of each war and dozens of the names linked to biographies, photos, or stories.

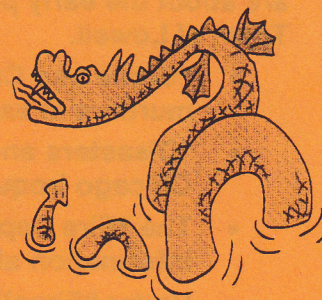
The Lowell Public Library web site is a wonderful tool for students of local history, genealogy, and many other important statistics, and it is the Old Timer's plea that all of our local school teachers and students are made aware of the interesting web site, newcomers and old timers alike. It has been the Old Timer's great pleasure and special privilege to cooperate with the skilled and competent members of the library staff for so many decades.

"Often people e-mail questions about persons, events and places found on the site. But just as often people e-mail us to share local old time photographs and information that will be of interest to people researching local genealogy," states Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg. "Having the Pioneer History column on our library web site is exciting because it is such a marvelous research tool. I receive several favorable comments each year from people across the country who have accessed the site."





## **Dragons and Other Good Reads at Children's Paperback Booksale**



Stories of dragons stir the imagination of children who read books about these mythical creatures, fire-breathing dragons roaming the countryside as brave knights ride out from the castle on a quest to slay the frightful monster.

Books like these and other adventure stories can be found at the Children's Paperback Booksale in the main room of the library October 12th - 24th. The sale is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

A vast selection of children's books, displayed in eight cases, provides an opportunity for parents and pre-holiday shoppers to buy gifts that give children the opportunity to have their own home libraries. Adventures and funny stories, sci-fi, mysteries and scary tales are mixed with non-fiction books, sports, crafts, animals, etc.

Come to the sale and enjoy shopping at the library.



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