



# Lowell Library Lines

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## Happy New Year!

In this new year, in a new century with its rapidly changing world, we can all hope that peace and tranquility will prevail and that life will improve for all.

For the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches, the new year is also the year of the birthday of Lowell. The library will join in the celebration of Lowell's 150th birthday by displaying exhibits throughout the year that reflect the town's history. In the spring, new flower beds will be planted along Commercial Avenue in honor of the Lowell Sesquicentennial.

Reflecting on the accomplishments of 2001, the library was pleased to have been awarded three grants to enhance the library's grounds, service to its patrons and additions to its collection. In March, the library was a recipient of a Humanities grant which helped enrich the library's collection of American history and literature. The grant provided 50 Library of America volumes published between 1992 and 2000. In the spring of 2001 the library was awarded a grant from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. The grant provided for four Gates computers and the network equipment needed for the computers' connections. Two Gates computers were placed in the Schneider Branch, one in the Shelby Branch and one at the library. Five additional Gates computers were then purchased for the library. Each Gates computers contains several programs for adults and children.

As the only library in Lake County to have a nature trail, the library was excited to be a recipient of a NiSource Environmental Challenge Grant for the planting of several trees, shrubs and wildflowers for its Nature Trail Project. The successful monthly Gardening series co-sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Program has spawned a Junior Master Gardener's Program at the library to begin this spring. Program numbers for adults and children soared during 2001.

In all, it was a year filled with progress for the library and its branches; and the library looks forward to a bright 2002.

### Schneider and Shelby Branches Look Ahead

The Schneider Branch Library enjoys its home in the Schneider Community Building. With its lease recently renewed for three more years, the branch library looks forward to offering even better service to its patrons in 2002.

Mrs. Beier became branch head when the branch library first opened its doors in 1986. Since that time she has seen the expansion of the library, the addition of videos, books on CD to the branches, and the ability to provide Internet Access to branch patrons. Mrs. Beier is looking forward to many more years serving the people of her community and is anxious to begin training on Dynix (the library's online catalog). Once in operation, it will allow library patrons to access materials from the main library in Lowell, the Shelby Branch, the Lake County Public Library and its branches. "The Dynix will be a wonderful addition to the library," states Mrs. Beier. "Our library use has already increased with the addition of the Gates computers and all that the programs offer."

Mrs. Eleanor Bartz of the Shelby Branch Library is equally enthused about the Lowell Library's efforts to provide online catalog service to Shelby patrons. "This will be a great asset to students who want to order books for school assignments and to patrons who read several books a week." The branches are expected to go online in the spring.





## Adult Programs

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

### Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: January 7, 14, 21, 28  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

### Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, January 10  
9 AM - 10:30 AM  
Lowell - Tuesday, January 15  
1 PM - 4 PM  
First come, first served.

### Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, January 10 & 24, at 7 PM  
Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum,  
sponsored by the library, and share  
your writings with other members.

### Crocheting - Lowell

Monday, January 21, at 6:30 PM  
People are having lots of fun learning to  
crochet. Join and learn techniques of  
crocheting or work on your projects..

### Paying Your Income Taxes - Lowell

Tuesday, January 22, at 7 PM  
Tax Specialist Sue Metz of H & R Block  
explains how last year's tax rebate will  
effect your tax returns.

Other topics include tax related  
education benefits and common  
questions on retirement and taxes.  
Bring your questions on tax filing.

### Internet Gardening - Lowell

Monday, January 28, promptly at 7 PM  
Master Gardener Phyllis Nelson will  
treat you to a tour of Internet Gardening.

Garden design resources, shopping  
and catalogs are just a few sources  
Phyllis will be showing you at Internet  
Gardening.

### Rebuilding Your Immune System - Lowell

Tuesday, January 29, at 7 PM.

Why don't I feel good? Why am I so tired?  
A seminar given by Dr. Maureen Carroll, C.S.  
of Lowell will explore the potential possibilities  
that can put a tremendous burden on the  
immune system.

The seminar will encompass many stressors  
and stresses people are not aware of that  
could compromise their quality of life.  
"Applied Kinesiology," alternative methods to  
regaining health and keeping the immune  
system strong will be discussed.

### **Blood Donors Needed**

Blood donations have trickled down since  
the September 11 disaster. The Lowell Lions  
Club in cooperation with the library is  
sponsoring an American Red Cross Blood  
Drive on Saturday, January 26, from 10 AM  
to 3 PM in the library's Program Room.

Call 1-800-448-3543 or 1-800-Give Life to  
schedule your donation. appointment.  
Walk-ins will be accepted.

### **Children's Gymnastics**

Routines on the bars, balance beam,  
vault, and pommel horse are taught at the  
library each Friday afternoon. Join Tumble  
Bears and learn tumbling, hand-eye activities,  
stunts, calisthenics and stretching exercises.  
Call 865-9698 for information or to register  
your child.

### **Library Closings**



The Lowell Library will be open from  
9 AM to 1 PM on Monday, December 31  
and closed Tuesday, January 1, 2002, in  
observance of the New Year holiday. The  
branch libraries will be closed on Monday,  
December 31, and Tuesday, January 1,  
2002.

**Peace**



## Sugar Plum Magic

Over 250 children and adults enjoyed a special performance of highlights from "The Nutcracker" presented by the Indiana Ballet Theater NW on December 15. The event, sponsored by the library, was held at Lake Prairie Elementary School.

Included in the performance was a tribute to the Stars and Stripes.

The library would again like to thank the Indiana Ballet Theater NW for providing this wonderful holiday event for the children of the Tri-Creek area.



### **Sending Thanks to the North Pole**

An exhausted Santa Claus and his reindeer are back at the North Pole. Our thanks went with him for coming to the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches to tell children of his love for reading and to set an example by reading some of his favorite stories to children who attended the Santa Claus Story Time.

We also thank W. Brian Mathias for his tireless work arranging Santa's visit.

## **Computer Classes**

A series of computer classes are being offered at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches. Word 2000 is the first class in the series followed by Excel (spreadsheet), Access (database), Internet Explorer, and Publisher, the last class in the series.

Each class will be divided into several sessions with three participants for each session. For information or to sign up for a class, call the Lowell Library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

## **Attention, Teen Bibliophiles!**

Do you like pizza?



If you do, join the "Food, Fun & Fiction" Young Adult Book Club and take part in a lively exchange with other young adults about the book ***Flight #116 Is Down*** by Caroline B. Cooney. Life and death, survival, compassion, disaster and responsibility make up the themes for this exciting quick read.

Club members must be in grades 6-12. Pizza and soda will be served at the first meeting of the club on Thursday, January 24 at 5:30 PM. Pick up a copy of ***Flight #116 Is Down*** at the circulation desk and read it before the meeting.

## **Video Arrivals**

Enjoy new DVD movies. For your viewing pleasure check out the following movies recently added to the library's collection.

**New DVD's include:** *Castaway*, *Pearl Harbor*, *Thirteen Days*, *Down to Earth*, *Pay it Forward*, *Hannibal*, *See Spot Run* and *Shrek!*

## **Beginning in February**

### **Learn the Art of Pisanki (Polish Egg Art)**

Learn the ancient art of "Pisanki," the etching of designs onto colored eggs. The art comes from an ancient Polish tradition where eggs, the symbol of life, were endowed with magical properties that would ensure a bountiful harvest.

Lowell resident Ted Sumara will teach the five-week course that will begin on Monday February 25. Fee is \$15.





## Story Time Begins

Children, ages 3 to 5 years old, can spend an hour each week with Miss Heidi as she introduces participants to picture books and easy readers. Children will also enjoy learning a finger-play game with a song and will play a musical instrument.

Story Time opens up a wonderful opportunity for children to make friends and enjoy learning how to choose books to check out from the library.

**Shelby** - Each Monday at 9:30 AM  
January 7 - February 11

**Schneider** - Each Thursday, at 4 PM  
January 7 - February 11

**Lowell** - Each Tuesday at 10 AM & 1:30 PM  
January 8 - February 12  
Each Wednesday at 10 AM  
January 9 - February 13



## Winter Craft Corner

There will be winter fun at Craft Corner. Children's Programmer, Miss Heidi, will teach pre-school children to make a "Snowman Mobile."

Schoolage children will have the opportunity to create a "Pine Cone" bird feeder.

### Craft Corner hours are:

**Lowell** - Thursday, January 10  
Pre-schoolers - 10 AM  
School age - 3:30 PM

**Schneider** - Thursday, January 17  
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM

**Shelby** - Thursday, January 24  
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM

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



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