



Lowell Library Lines



JANUARY 2004

~ ~ Goodbye to 2003. ~ ~ It Was a Spectacular Year!

We're 10 years old and looking good! Topping the list of memorable events for the library in 2003 would have to be the celebration of the 10th anniversary of the library, (dedicated November 7, 1993) At the event, the photo montage of the building of the library and a video presentation of its construction brought back memories of the excitement that we felt watching the new facility take shape.

And what a thrill it is to have the gift of an American flag, that was carried to the International Space Station by Col. Jerry Ross, for permanent display in the main room of the library. We were truly grateful for this gift.

We were saddened by the loss of Governor Frank O'Bannon in 2003. Following his passing Joe Kerman was appointed as Indiana's 48th governor.

In 2003 an SBC Grant of \$16,328 was awarded the library to set up a mobile computer lab, complete with lap top computers, Power Point projector, copier/scanner/printer combo and software.

And the whole town of Shelby turned out to give Mr. & Mrs. B (Waldo and Eleanor Bartz) a rousing sendoff on their retirement from the Shelby Branch Library. The couple had manned the branch for 15 years, Mrs. B as its Branch Head, and Mr. B, as courier and maintenance man.

Following an intensive investigation members of the Northwest Indiana Ghost Trackers declared the library grounds and building to be haunted, after photographing numerous "orbs" at the site.

"Showtime for Seniors"



Seniors can reserve their seat now for the movie **Chicago**, the flamboyant musical comedy of the 1929 murder trial of "Roxie Hart." Showtime is Thursday, January 22, at 1 PM.

Taken from a successful Broadway show, **Chicago** has all the story elements that provide the viewer with a riveting, fast-paced experience. Murder, rivalry, scandal, celebrity, media frenzy, all set to song and dance.

At our free concession stand there will be plenty of popcorn, candy and soda to enjoy during the movie. The program is cosponsored by the Lowell Parks Department and the library. Pre-register by calling the Parks Department at 696-1570. Sorry, no walk-ins!

Over 565 programs were held at the library in 2003. A cooperative effort between the library and the Lowell Parks Department brought new programming for seniors. Patrons began registering for the 2004 Garden Series in November and planning for a full schedule of adult, young adult and children programming is on the docket for 2004.

We look forward to new challenges in 2004 and the privilege of serving our wonderful patrons!

Look for us on the web!

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

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

Richard Schmal's "Pioneer History" Column:
<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/ltschmal.htm>

Local Biographies: <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/biograph.htm>



YA/Adult One-Stroke Painting Classes

Debbie Dunning will teach young adults and adult participants the art of painting roses, using the one-stroke painting technique, on Tuesday, January 6, at 6 PM. On Thursday January 15, at 10 AM a "Painting Roses" workshop for adults will be held.

Painting Pansies will be taught on Tuesday, January 20, at 6 PM for young adult and adult participants. An adult class will also be held on Thursday, January 29, at 10 AM. Fee for each workshop is \$10 due upon registration. An example of the craft is on display at the circulation desk.

Whale Rider at YA Flick

The flick of the month for the YA's Showtime is *Whale Rider*. Reserve your seat and bring your friends on Saturday, January 10, 12 Noon.

Who will become chief of a Maori tribe. Legend has it that it is the first born male descendent of Paikea who rode on the back of a whale to settle his people in New Zealand, but the first-born, Pai, turns out to be a girl. Growing up, she believes she is rightfully the tribal leader and sets out to prove it. The Maori's hold close their connection to the sea and their warrior ideals. Can they accept a female as their leader?

At our concession stand are PB&J sandwiches, popcorn and soda, all for only 25 cents due upon pre-registration.

Food, Fun & Fiction for Teens!

Join the popular "Food, Fun & Fiction" Young Adult Book Club at the Lowell Public Library. Help select the book to be read and discussed each month. Take part in a discussion of the book, served up with fun snacks, at the clubs monthly get-togethers.

January's selection is *Nory Ryan's Song*. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 14, at 4:30 PM. The story is set in 1845 at the height of the potato famine in Ireland. Using her courage and ingenuity Nory must help her family struggle against starvation. Food, Fun & Fiction Club members at the Shelby Branch will have their book discussion of *Nory Ryan's Song* at a date and time to be announced. The book is available at the circulation desk where you can register as a club member.



Cheerleading Clinic

Teens and young children are invited to attend a LMS Cheerleading Clinic at the library on Saturday, January 24, at 10 AM. Learn some of the cheers the LMS squad uses in their program and one of the dances similar to those used in competition.

You will take home cheerleading tips along with having a good time. Bring a big voice and a ready smile and prepare to have fun at this lively program. Fee for the clinic is \$3 due upon registration. Bring comfortable clothes.

Monday Morning Movie

Young children can enjoy viewing the movie *Franklin's Christmas Gift* on Monday, January 12, at 11 AM. Bring a blanket, pillow and stuffed animal.

Bedtime Stories at the Library

Moms and dads are invited to bring their pre-schoolers and school age children 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. Pre-register at 696-7704.



Adult Programs January 2004

Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, January 5, 12, 19, 26
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby

Monday, January 12, 10:30 AM to
12 Noon. Offered by technician
Pam Cross.

The Quilt at Coffee Klatch - Lowell

Thursday, January 15, at 7 PM or
Friday, January 16, at 10 AM

Check out *The Quilt* and come to Coffee
Klatch to share your thoughts and opinions
on this rewarding read. Refreshments are
served with coffee.

"*The Quilt* is the story of Mary, an elderly
grandmother whose gnarled, arthritic hands
have a beauty all their own. They represent
so many skills, so many memories, so many
stories to be told. Anyone who had met Mary
described her as beautiful. She had always
been there to listen and comfort and encourage
those who were in pain, those who had lost
their way. And yet in the twilight of her days,
Mary felt a gentle yearning in her heart,
the whisper of a melody she strained to
hear. There was something left undone."

-Editorial Comments
Amazon.com

Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, January 19, at 6:30 PM.

Do you like to crochet? Bring your crocheting,
knitting or quilting projects to the library's
Crochet Club. If you're a novice you can learn
from others.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, January 21, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood Pressure and Sugar (Glucose)
Screenings will be offered by Clinical
Management Services.

Northwest Indiana Poetry Society - Lowell

Saturday, January 17, at 10 AM

Bring your poetry to share with others or
come and enjoy and learn the art of poetry
writing.

For the College Bound - Lowell

Tuesday, January 27, at 7 PM.

James Frybort, Financial Counselor of
IU Northwest will present "College Bound" for
students and parents. Among the topics to be
discussed are: how to fill out financial aid forms;
what are the common mistakes people make when
filling out the forms; pitfalls to watch for; resources
available; scholarship searches and college
expenses.

2004 Garden Series

January to June programming schedule:

January 26 - Using Conifers in the Home Garden

February 23 - Spring Cleaning

March 22 - Container Gardening

April 26 - Refreshing Your Landscaping

May 24 - Butterfly Gardens

June 28 - Pesticide Safety

Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training
hours by attending any of these classes. The
Garden Series is co-sponsored by the Purdue
Cooperative Extension Service and the library.

Holiday Hour Closings

The Lowell Library be open until 1 PM on
Wednesday, December 31 and resume regular
hours on Friday, January 2, The Shelby and
Schneider Branches will be closed Wednesday,
December 31 and resume regular hours on
Saturday, January 3.

Holiday Video Special

Check out six videos on Tuesday, December 30
and return them on Friday, January 2. New DVD's
include *Pirates of the Caribbean*, *X Men United*,
Hulk, *Terminator 3*, *Whale Rider*, *Bad
Boys II* and *Shanghai Knights*. VHS additions
include *Freaky Friday*, *Finding Nemo*, *Bruce
Almighty*, *Tomb Raider* and *The Good Girl*

Just for Kids



Snowman Fun at the Libraries

Winter Craft Corner

This Snowman won't melt! Pre-schoolers and older children can have fun making their own indoor snowman at Craft Corner.

Lowell - Thursday, January 8,
at 3:30 PM
Pre-register at 696-7704

Shelby - Thursday, January 15
at 3:30 PM
Pre-register at 552-0809

Schneider - Thursday, January 22
at 3:30 PM
Pre-register at 552-1000



Chickadee's Birthday Party & Puppet Show

Thursday, January 29
3:30 PM

Come celebrate Chickadee the Clown's Birthday. Join the party and watch a puppet show. There will be birthday cupcakes and a balloon for you to take home.

Bring your friends!!!



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