

# Lowell Library Lines

January 2010



## **2009 in a Nutshell**



The big news of 2009 was the proposal to consolidate all Indiana Libraries into county-wide systems. Protests came in droves in opposition to the proposal. Our Tri-Creek community residents and residents of other Indiana communities let their voices be heard downstate with phone calls, letters and E-mails.

A bill to consolidate (HB 348) was introduced and passed in the State House. The bill became integrated with other bills under SB 252 and did not make it out of committee. Although there is a chance that a consolidation bill may be introduced in the Indiana Legislature in 2010, it is not likely to pass.

## **Other Good News in 2009**

In related news, Tri-Creek residents who have a library card from their home library can now visit any Lake County Public Library to check out books and magazines. Check to make sure your home library card is still valid.

## **AND...**

In 2009 the library began offering fax service at the Reference Desk. Faxes are \$1 per page for faxes sent within the United States. To send an international fax the fee is \$10 for the first page and \$5 for each additional page. A public access scanner is now available in the Redbud computer room. The printer in the computer room prints black and white copies.

The library is now offering downloadable eAudiobooks. Through our subscription to *NetLibrary and Recorded books*, patrons can now choose from 1,800 eAudiobook titles to download and listen to CD Quality audiobooks on their home computers or from their favorite portable players (half of the selection is iPod compatible). The library also began circulating pre-loaded, portable, digital audio books that can be used with earbuds for hands-free listening. A revolving collection, every 90 days half of the collection is returned to the supplier and ten new selections will be delivered to the library. The selections are located at a table display fronting the circulation desk.

## **Talk to a Lawyer Day**

Do you have a legal issue you would like to discuss with a lawyer? Spend 15 minutes with a lawyer at the library on Monday, January 18, from 9 AM - 5 PM. The free service is provided by the Indiana Legal Bar Association in memory of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

## **Book Fair Raffle Drawing Winners Announced**

Congratulations to Corina Roth and Kathy Karko as winners in our book fair drawing during the Holiday Craft Show on November 27th. Each winner received a prize of a \$10 voucher. Corina spent her winnings at the book fair. Proceeds from the book fair are used to provide prizes for Summer Reading Club. Kathy Karko, a Friends of the Library member, donated her winning to the library gift fund.

## **Lowell Adult Programs**

### **Library Quilters Meet**

Monday, January 4, 11, 18, and 25, at 9 AM.  
Share your projects with others.

### **Library Knitters**

Tuesday, January 5 and 19, at 6:30 PM.  
Learn to knit on the first and third Tuesdays  
each month. A list of supplies is at the desk.

### **Adult Book Discussion**

Monday, January 11, at 1:00 PM.  
Bring a book or title of a favorite book to  
share.

### **Poetry Group Meets**

Saturday, January 16, at 10 AM.  
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana  
Poetry Society.

### **Library Scrappers Meet**

Monday, January 18, at 6:30 PM.  
Scrappers meet on the third Monday  
of each month. Learn new techniques.  
Pre-register for this free program.

### **BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test**

Wednesday, January 20, at 9 AM to 11 AM.  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose)  
screening are offered by Clinical  
Management Services. A combined  
cholesterol test is \$5 (cash only please).

### **Friends of the Library Meet**

Wednesday, January 20, at 7 PM.  
New members are always welcome to attend.

### **Tuesday Morning Page Turners**

Tuesday, January 26, at 10 AM.  
Read and discuss *Alias Grace* by Margaret  
Atwood. Refreshments will be served.

### **Senior Social**

Thursday, January 28, at 11 AM.  
Bring a brown bag lunch and enjoy an  
afternoon at the movies. You will have lots  
of laughs watching Disney's *UP*. Homemade  
desserts, popcorn, candy, and drinks will be  
provided by the library staff and the Lowell  
Parks Department. You must pre-register at  
696-1570.

## **Free Computer Classes**

Free Computer Basics will be offered on  
Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays  
and Word or Excel on Fridays at 11 AM.  
Evening classes are held each Tuesday at  
6 PM. Pre-registration is required.

## **New Year Resolution: Recycle**

The Friends of the Library ask you to put a  
smile on someone else's face by recycling  
books, paperbacks, Books-on Tape and CD,  
VHS and DVD movies, music CDs and cas-  
settes, or magazines that are in good condi-  
tion by donating these items to the Lowell  
Public Library. The materials will be placed  
in the on-going book sale that is sponsored  
by the Friends of the Library or added to the  
library's materials collection.

Proceeds from the book sale are used to  
fund programming for children, young  
adults and adults throughout the year at the  
library.

Donations are taken anytime during library  
hours. If you have more than a few materi-  
als to donate, you can drive to the staff en-  
trance and ring the doorbell. A staff mem-  
ber will come with a cart to assist you with  
your donations.

## **Library Board Meets**

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public  
Library Board of Trustees will be held on  
Monday, January 18, 2010, at 7 PM.

## **Library Closings**

In observance of the New Year holiday, the  
Lowell Public Library will  
close at 1 PM on Thurs-  
day, December 31, and  
begin regular hours on  
Saturday, January 2.  
The Shelby and Schnei-  
der branches will be closed on Thursday,  
December 31, and begin regular hours on  
Saturday, January 2.



## Young Adults

Please call for the January schedule of events and information.

HAPPY NEW YEAR

### Shelby Adults

#### **Wii Bowling Tournament**

Saturday, January 16. You must pre-register.

#### **Book Discussion**

Wednesday, January 21, at 7 PM.

Read and discuss *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs.

#### **Bingo**

Monday, January 25, at 3:30 PM.

Play bingo for novelty prizes.

### Shelby Kids

#### **Game Day**

Thursday, January 7, 14, and 28 at 4 PM.

#### **Kids Movies**

Saturday, Jan. 2, 9, 23, and 30 at 12 PM.

Free popcorn; pop is 25¢.

#### **January Craft**

Wednesday, January 13, at 4 PM.

Make a spoon snowman that holds a hidden treat.

#### **Storytime Begins**

Monday, January 18 at 10:30 AM.

Pre-register for this weekly program geared to four and five year olds.

#### **Crafting with Miss Sandy**

Thursday, January 21, at 4 PM.

Make a bag clip with Miss Sandy!

### Schneider Adults

#### **All Day Scrapbooking**

Saturday, January 9, 10 AM - 10 PM.

Spend the day sharing your page ideas and learning new techniques. Call 552-1000 for more information.

#### **Crafting**

Monday, January 18, at 2 PM.

Bring your own crafts to share or try something new.



### Schneider Kids

#### **Kids Craft**

Thursday, January 7, at 3:30 PM.

Help the birds this winter. Make your own bird feeder.

#### **10 & Up Game Night**

Monday, January 11 and 25 at 4 PM.

Invite your friends and join the fun.

#### **Movie Day**

Thursday, January 21, at 3:30 PM.

Catch a fun flick. Enjoy a snack.

#### **Crafting with Miss Sandy**

Tuesday, January 26, at 4 PM.

Make a bag clip with Miss Sandy. She will bring all the supplies and the chips!



# *Just for Kids*



## **Story Time Begins**

Story Time at the Lowell Public Library is a free program for four and five year olds. Each session is limited to twenty children and lasts approximately 30 - 45 minutes. Pre-register for either session, Tuesdays at 10 AM, (January 5 - February 9) or Wednesdays at 10 AM, (January 6 - February 10). Parents must stay in the main part of the library during the program.

## **Craft Corner**

Join us on Thursday, January 14, when we will be making cute snowmen, made out of spoons, that hold a sweet treat! A sample is on display in the Children's display case. Craft Corner is for children preschool age through the fifth grade. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at 10 AM and at 3 PM. Please pre-register at the Circulation Desk.

## **Winter Book Walk**

Come to the library on Thursday, January 21 for some winter fun! Get a little exercise and win a good book to read on those cold winter nights. Children preschool age through the fifth grade are welcome to participate. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. There are two sessions, 10 AM and 3 PM. Pre-register at the circulation desk.

## **Non-Fiction Reading Picks**

248	<i>It's Your Time</i> - Osteen, Joel
294.3444	<i>Taking the Leap</i> - Chodron, Pema
363.124	<i>Miracle on the Hudson</i> - Prochnau, William W.
364.1523	<i>The Road Out of Hell</i> - Flacco, Anthony
616.025	<i>Cheating Death</i> - Gupta, Sanjay
636.7	<i>Come Back Como</i> - Winn, Steven
640	<i>Simple Country Wisdom</i> - Waggoner, Susan
641.691	<i>Gut It, Cut It, Cook It</i> - Fromm, Eric
796.33264	<i>More Than a Game</i> - Billick, Brian
811.6	<i>Mennonite in a Little Black Dress</i> - Janzen, Rhoda
932.014	<i>The Murder of King Tut</i> - Patterson, James
940.5318	<i>The Girls of Room 28</i> - Brenner—Wonschick, Hannelor
956.70443	<i>Dreaming of Baghdad</i> - Zangana, Haifa
973.7082	<i>Civil War Wives</i> - Berkin, Carol
973.922	<i>The Kennedy Assassination</i> - Gillion, Steven M.
973.931	<i>Going Rogue</i> - Palin, Sarah

## **Biographies**

B AGASSI	<i>Open</i> - Agassi, Andre
B ALCOTT	<i>Louisa May Alcott</i> - Reisen, Harriet
B TORRES	<i>Age is just a Number</i> - Torres, Dara

## **Check out our Website**

Join us on the web! Access <[www.lowellpl.lib.in.us](http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us)>. The site offers links to search engines such as *Google, Yahoo!, About.com, Ask and Alta Vista*. You can also access Meta-Search Engines, *Clusty and Dogpile*.

At the *About Us* link you can access information on Library Staff and the Library Board. Access the link *About Lowell* and you will find links to Buckley Homestead County Park, the Lowell Community Profile, and the Three Creeks Historical Association and the Tri-Creek School Corporation that has links to all the public schools in the Tri-Creek school system.

*About Lowell* also contains the Lowell History site where you will find local facts and news stories of businesses, churches, crimes and criminals, disasters, doctors, fires, geography, houses, libraries, monuments, museums, newspapers, parks, police, population, the post office, the fire department, schools, settlers, veterans, and a history time line.

On the library's home page you will find the LPL *Databases* link. If you are looking for the accelerated reading lists for all Tri-Creek public elementary schools you can access the lists there.

Available library Databases also include *Chilton's Car Repair, HeritageQuest (Home Access), HeritageQuest (Library Access), INSPIRE Virtual Library, Internet Index, Magill's Medical Guide, NetLibrary and Reference USA*. You can also link to and print Federal and Indiana State Tax Forms as well as Illinois State Tax Forms.

# What's New!

## **New Fiction Books:**

*An Eye for an Eye* - Hannon, Irene  
*Blue and Gray Christmas* - Medlicott, Joan A.  
*Breathless* - Koontz, Dean R.  
*Deadly Deals* - Michaels, Fern  
*Disciple* - Coontz, Stephen  
*Divine Misdemeanors* - Hamilton, Laurell K.  
*Ice* - Howard, Linda  
*Liberating Atlantis* - Turtledove, Harry  
*London in Chains* - Bradshaw, Gillian  
*Love Finds You in Sisters, Oregon* - Carlson, M.  
*Maitland's Reply* - Hunt, James Patrick  
*Makers* - Doctorow, Cory  
*The Paris Vendetta* - Berry, Steve  
*Pirate Latitudes* - Crichton, Michael  
*Razor Sharp* - Michaels, Fern  
*Under the Dome* - King, Stephen  
*Wrecker* - Cussler, Clive

## **Mystery:**

*Heatwave* - Castle, Richard  
*La's Orchestra Saves the World* -  
McCall Smith, Alexander  
*Murder by Artifact* - Graham, Barbara  
*Murder on the Cliffs* - Challis, Joanna  
*Poisoning in the Pub* - Brett, Simon  
*Trial by Fire* - Jance, J.A.  
*U Is for Undertow* - Grafton, Sue

## **Books on CD:**

*Burn* - Howard, Linda  
*Deadlock* - Johansen, Iris  
*Dying for Mercy* - Clark, Mary Jane  
*Finding It* - Bertinelli, Valerie  
*Have a Little Faith* - Albom, Mitch  
*Intervention* - Cook, Robin  
*The Last Symbol* - Brown, Dan  
*Rogue Forces* - Brown, Dan  
*South of Broad* - Conroy, Pat

## **Recently Added DVDs**

<i>Angel and the Badman</i>	<i>Hart's War</i>
<i>Angels &amp; Demons</i>	<i>Holiday Classics, Volume II.</i>
<i>Bigfoot</i>	<i>I Love You, Beth Cooper</i>
<i>Blazing Saddles</i>	<i>Jacknife</i>
<i>Brothers Bloom</i>	<i>Julie and Julia</i>
<i>Cross Creek</i>	<i>Love Finds a Home</i>
<i>Danielle Steel's Jewels</i>	<i>On The Twon</i>
<i>Easy Virtue</i>	<i>Terminator Salvation</i>
<i>Four Christmases</i>	<i>What's Eating Gilbert Grape?</i>
<i>Ghosts of Girlfriends Past</i>	
<i>Glory</i>	
<i>Gods and Generals</i>	
<i>Golden Boys</i>	

## **New Juvenile Books on CD**

*This Book Is Not Good For You* -  
Bosch, Pseudonymous  
*Geronimo Stilton: Book 1-3* -  
Stilton, Geronimo

## **Children's Titles on DVD**

*3 Little Pigs*  
*Fly Me To The Moon*  
*Iron Giant*  
*Santa Buddies: The Legend of Santa Paws*  
*Scooby Doo and the Reluctant Werewolf*  
*Tinkerbell and the Lost Treasure*  
*Wizards of Waverly Place: The Movie*