



Lowell Library Lines

November 2003



10th Anniversary Open House

Dear Patrons,

Last month, as the many native Indiana trees surrounding the library's five acre wooded site changed their colors to brilliant reds and yellows, preparing for a winter sleep, we remembered a time over 11 years ago before the new library was built.

To prepare the library site for construction, beautiful draft horses were brought in to clear the land of just enough trees to make room for the new facility. Day after day, these "gentle giants" known for treading lightly on the land, hauled fallen trees to a point where they would be sawed into pieces to be trucked away. Weaving through the woods with their loads, they were careful to protect the existing 300 healthy trees that would one day offer a nature trail for visitors to the library to enjoy.

Following over a year of construction the new Lowell Public Library became a reality and on November 7, 1993 the Dedication/Open House was held to celebrate the new library. The following day the library was opened for business. We would like to invite you to help us commemorate the 10th Anniversary of the library by joining us for an Open House in the Program Room on Saturday, November 8, from 9 AM to 4 PM.

We have had much to celebrate since that first day in 1993. The success of the library as a hub of the community is reflected in the number of people who use the library each day. One of the library's greatest strengths lies in the number of programs the library offers for adults, young adults and children each year, and the attendance at these programs. This year alone the library has held over 565 programs to date.

Whereas the Lowell Public Library ranks 78th out of 240 public libraries in the state of Indiana in terms of population served. The library ranks 35th in terms of the number of children's programs and 39th in terms of attendance. And in the number of total programming for all ages the library ranks 27th in the state, and 29th in program attendance. Over 50 non-profit organizations use the library's meeting rooms on a weekly or monthly basis.

Beautiful, Fresh Christmas Wreaths & Swags

20" Wreath \$16

24" Wreath \$19

30" Wreath \$25

Garland \$1.25/foot

Custom made from by
Harold Kingma of DeMotte

Order at the circulation desk.

Available 1st week of December

A Friends of the Library Fundraiser

Highlighting this year was the dedication of the American flag carried to the International Space Station by Col. Jerry Ross in April of 2002 and presented to the library for permanent display. This gift is a wonderful treasure for our community, not only for its historic significance but for the freedom it symbolizes.

We have many people to thank for their volunteerism and donations over the years since moving into this wonderful library. Our grateful appreciation to our patrons who are the heart of the library, the members of the Library Board of Trustees, the Leasing Corporation, the Endowment Board, for their work for the present well-being of the library as well as its future, and to the Friends of the Library who have sponsored the many programs and events we offer for the community. We look forward to serving you for many years to come.

Your Library Staff

Mr. & Mrs. B Pass the Torch

After 15 years serving the Shelby Branch Library, Mr. & Mrs. B (Waldo & Eleanor Bartz) announced their retirement to enjoy new pursuits. Having four children, 10 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren and 2 great, great grandchildren there will be plenty to keep them busy and laughing.

Mary Benavides joined the library staff, and is now serving Shelby patrons. One of her first visitors was Mrs. B. "The wonderful thing about the Shelby community is that the branch is a hub for people who like to stop in and chat," said Mary. "Seeing Mr. & Mrs. B will always be a welcome sight for me because I loved being a Shelby patron and visiting with them myself."

The residents of Shelby turned out in droves at the Fire Station on October 26, to wish Mr. & Mrs. B the best of happiness on their retirement. Commissioner Gerry Scheub presented Mr. & Mrs. B with a beautiful plaque awarded by the Lake County Board of Commissioners for their dedication to the library and to their community. On behalf of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees, board member Mary K. Bruce, presented the Bartz's with a plaque recognizing their many years of unselfish service to the library.

Following the presentations and amid a lot of laughter, Mrs. Bartz was invited to take a sledge hammer to her old, retired computer, which had plagued her before the new one was installed. She dealt it a mighty whack and then joined her family and friends in enjoying the wonderful food at the affair.

The library would like to thank the members of the Shelby Volunteer Fire Department for providing the fire station for the Open House and for their invaluable help in arranging the event. The library would also like to thank the Shelby Lions, members of St. Theresa's Church and other Shelby residents for providing the delicious food everyone enjoyed.

Thanks for the memories, Mr. & Mrs. B.

Learn/Play Chess at the Library



The Chess Club for high school students meets every Thursday at the library at 6 PM. Come and enjoy refreshments on us while playing this challenging game. Bring your friends! Chess lessons are given for beginners. Call the library at 696-7704 to join the club.

Adult/Young Adult One-Stroke Painting Classes Taught

Come to the library and learn to make 4 beautiful Fall Coasters, using the one-stroke painting technique. Debbie Dunning will teach adults and young adults, 5th grade and older, on Saturday, November 8, at 10 AM. On Tuesday, November 11, at 6 PM, participants will paint Winter Placemats. Fee for each workshop is \$10. Samples of the crafts are on display at the circulation desk.

Great Depression Novel for YA Fiction Club

The Great Depression and the Oklahoma Dust Bowl are revisited in the young adult Newberry Award novel *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse. YA Food, Fun and Fiction Club members will meet on Wednesday, November 19, to discuss this beautiful read. Bring your appetite! Call 696-7704 to pre-register. Members of the YA club at the Shelby Branch can call 552-0809 for information and date of their next meeting.

Children's Paperback Booksale

Shop for the holidays at the Friends of the Library Children's Paperback Booksale. At the sale you'll find books for tots to teens as well as lots of stocking stuffers. The sale runs from Thursday, December 4, to Saturday, December 13.

Santa Comes to Town

Storytime with Santa will be held at the library on Saturday, December 6, at 10 AM. On December 13 Santa will come to the Shelby Branch at 10 AM and the Schneider Branch at 12:30 PM.



Adult Programs November 2003

Quilters Meet - Lowell

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

Bring your quilting projects.

Beware! Poisonous Plants - Lowell

Monday, November 10, promptly at 7 PM
Are your house plants a threat to your children or pets? Children that are crawling and toddling like to put things in their mouths. Plants that are toxic to eat or may cause an allergic reaction can lead to emergency hospital visits. Learn about poisonous plants from Stan Sims, CED/ ANR Educator of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service which co-sponsors the library's 2003 Garden Series.

Basket Classes

Shelby

Tuesday, November 11, at 6 PM
Create a Prairie Lady Market Basket.
Call 552-0809 for basket information.

Lowell -

Wednesday, November 12, at 6 PM or
Wednesday, November 19, at 6 PM
Create the large, colorful Tribute Basket.
Fee is \$27.

Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop of your choice.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby-Thursday, November 13, 9 -10:30 AM
Offered by Technicians of Shelby Fire Dept.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, November 19, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood Pressure and Sugar (Glucose)
Screenings will be offered by Clinical
Management Services.

Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, November 17, at 6:30 PM
Join and learn techniques of crocheting or work with other participants on your crochet, knitting or quilting projects. Enjoy the evening and make new friends.

Fresh Evergreen Wreath Craft - Lowell

Monday, November 17, at 6:30 PM
Create your own beautiful holiday Evergreen Wreath or swag with Holly Keithley. All supplies are provided. Fee is \$25.

Grisham Novel at Coffee Klatch - Lowell

Thursday, November 20, at 7 PM
or Friday, November 21, at 10 AM.
The exciting, fast paced legal thriller, *Runaway Jury*, by John Grisham, will be the subject of the Coffee Klatch book discussion. Refreshments will be served.

Women's Financial Seminar

You're invited! The GFWC Lowell Woman's Club will co-sponsor the "Woman's Financial Workshop" at the Lowell Public Library on Monday, November 3rd at 7 PM. The workshop will discuss the 3 phases of money, Accumulation, Protection and Distribution, along with the roadblocks that deter financial success.

The financial workshop is presented by Senior Investment Executive Chris Schimdt and Certified LTC specialist Jackie Vanderlaan of the Centier Investment Center. Walk-ins are welcome.

"Showtime for Seniors"



The library and the Lowell Parks Dept. Department have teamed up to host "ShowTime for Seniors" at the library on Thursday, November 6, at 1 PM. Seniors are invited to enjoy the comedy movie *My Big Fat Greek Wedding*. The movie received rave reviews at the box office. At the concession stand, you will find free ice cream sundaes, popcorn, punch and cookies to snack on.

Forum for Aspiring Poets

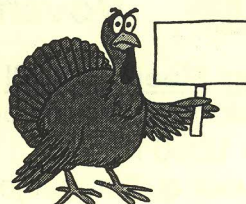
The Northwest Indiana Poetry Society meets the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 AM. Next meeting: Saturday, November 15.

Join the Friends

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 19, at 7 PM. New members are welcome.



Just for Kids



Toddler Time Begins at Libraries

You can still bring your child to Toddler Time at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. Parents can watch as children, 18 months to 3 years, enjoy felt board stories, songs, finger plays and musical instruments in the five-week program.

At the Shelby Branch Library, Toddler Time is held each Monday at 9:30 AM. Pre-register by calling the library at 552-0809. On the same day, each week, Toddler Time at the Schneider Branch Library is held at 4 PM. Pre-register by calling the branch library at 552-1000. At the Lowell Library, Toddler Time is held every Tuesday at 10 AM and 11 AM and each Wednesday at 10 AM, beginning October 29. Pre-register at the library.

Monday Morning Movie



Toddlers and pre-schoolers can enjoy a movie with other children at the library the 2nd Monday of each month at 11 AM. Bring a pillow, blanket. And if you like bring a stuffed animal or borrow one of ours. After the movie there will be songs, stories and snacks. Pre-register at the library.

Bedtime Stories at the Library

Moms and dads are invited to bring their pre-schoolers 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. Call the library at 696-7704 to register for children's programs.

Look for us on the web! <<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>>

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



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