



Lowell Library Lines

November 2004

Happy Thanksgiving from your library staff



Hello! Is Anybody There?

Apparently so! In the wee small hours of the morning when the doors are closed and the lights are out, ghostly visitors are said to haunt the rooms of the library.

Last year during an investigation of the library by the Northwest Indiana Ghost Trackers several pictures of orbs were taken inside the library, the nature trail and surrounding grounds. Orbs are circular balls of light, allegedly of ghost or spirit energies that are usually invisible to the naked eye but can be caught on film.

This year the Ghost Trackers re-visited the library. With patience and special equipment; laptop computers, video recorders, sensors, temperature gauges, electromagnetic recorders and more. Down the rows of book shelves, into the meeting rooms, the staff workroom, the storage rooms and even the furnace room, the team investigated for the presence of ghosts. Their conclusions were announced to an audience of over 90 people at a special library program on October 26. Although there were less orbs than last year the ones filmed moved so quickly through the library they could only be shown in slow motion. Mike McDowell, founder of Indiana Ghost Trackers, concluded that "Yes, the library is haunted by at least six or seven ghostly visitors, most likely from the cemetery next door."

If there are ghosts we view them as friendly and hope they like the library atmosphere. If we were ghosts the library would be a excellent place to catch up on our reading adventures. We'll keep a light on and the welcome mat out! We love our ghosts!

Cooking for the Holidays

Check out our display of cookbooks and other holiday-themed publications that are designed to enhance your holiday festivities.

Senior Showtime

Put on your dancing shoes and come enjoy the musical *Oklahoma* with us on Thursday, November 18, at 11 AM. The program is co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department.

Enjoy the story of two cowboys at the turn of the century who vie for the love of a beautiful girl.

Originally a Rodgers and Hammerstein play, this popular movie stands the test of time.

Popcorn, candy and pop will be available at our free concession stand. Bring friends!

Adult Programs at the Library

Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, November 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby

Monday, November 8, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon.

Screening is offered by medical technicians on a first come/first served basis.

Library Scrapbooking Series - Lowell

Monday November 8 at 6 PM

Create aged, copper pocket pages.



Monday November 22, at 6 PM

The focus is on "Thanksgiving Memory" pages. Bring scissors, pens, photos, current projects and adhesives.

Trace Your Family Roots - Lowell

Tuesday, November 9, at 6:30 PM

Be the budding genealogist in your family by tracing your ancestral history. Genealogist Donna Wetzel tells you how with basic research tips and information on family history resources available to you.

Learn how to take oral histories from your oldest relatives, how to research for family documents, birth, marriage and death certificates, census records, church records, etc.

Basket Weaving Workshops

Lowell

Wednesday, November 10, at 6 PM or

Tuesday, November 16, at 6 PM.

Learn to weave a Shopper's Tote basket with Julie Duttlinger. Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop of your choice. Fee is \$29.

Family Photography - Lowell

Thursday, November 11, 7 PM

Adults, young adults and older children are invited to attend Family Photography. Bring your camera and learn from professional photographer, Linda Steinberg, the techniques to get great family photos including lighting, positioning, posing and group pictures. Learn about nature photography and the best ways to store your pictures.

Learn & Enjoy Crochet - Lowell

Monday, November 15, at 6:30 PM

Bring your crochet projects to the library and learn or work with other crocheters. Knitters and quilters are invited too. Coffee and cookies will be served.

2004 Gardening Series

Forcing Blooms - Lowell

Monday, November 15, at 7 PM

Brian McKay of the Lake County Parks Department will discuss how to force blooms indoors and stem cuttings from branches, forsythia and weigels.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, November 17, 9 AM to 11 AM

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

Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell

Thursday, November 18, at 9:30 AM or

Tuesday, November 30, at 6 PM

Artist Pat Mahns will teach participants to paint "Still Life, Fruit" using acrylic paints. The fee is \$13, due upon registration. Class size is limited. Supplies are provided (frame not included).

NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell

Saturday, November 20, at 10 AM

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

One-Stroke Painting Classes for YA's and Adults

Debbie Dunning will teach the one-stroke painting method on Saturday, November 6, at 10 AM. Fee is \$10 due upon registration. A list of supplies needed is at the desk.

Young adult and adult participants can paint a harvest tray on Saturday, November 13, at 9:30 AM or Tuesday, November 16, at 6 PM.

Paint a "Folksie Yuletide" picture on Saturday, November 20, at 9:30 AM or Tuesday, November 23, at 6 PM. The fee is \$10 for each class. All supplies are provided.

Scrapbooking at Schneider

Learn and enjoy scrapbooking at the Schneider Branch Library on Saturday, November 20, at 10:30 AM. The workshop is for participants 9 years to adult. Call 552-1000 to pre-register.

Kids' Corner

Toddler Time for children (ages 18 months to 3 years) and their caregivers is held each Tuesday and Wednesday during the month of November.



Kidz In Tune

Early childhood music specialist Kathy Birk is the creator of Kidz In Tune. Her music program will be presented at the library for children ages 3-5 each Friday, November 5, 12 and 19, at 10 AM. The program provides learning opportunities through the use of songs, movement activities, rhythm instruments and children's literature. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Birk taught for twenty-five years at an elementary school in Merrillville and has been an early childhood music specialist since 1969. She currently serves as adjunct professor at Purdue Calumet.

Blood Donors Needed

The GFWC Lowell Woman's Club and the Lowell Public Library will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the library on Saturday, December 18, from 10 AM to 2 PM. The blood supply is still low and is expected to remain so. Your help is needed.

"Rocky" Showtime

Heralded as one of the best boxing movies ever made, *Rocky* spawned four sequels from the original movie. The *Rocky* films will be shown in a series of programs at the Shelby Branch Library each Monday at 5 PM beginning November 1.



Games Kids Love to Play

Each Thursday, at 4:30 PM game-loving kids head for the Shelby Branch Library to challenge each other playing popular board games. Invite your friends and have after-school fun!

Movies for Kids

Feature Flicks are a popular addition to programming at the Shelby Branch Library. Showtime for kids begins each Saturday at 12 Noon.



Filling Holiday Stockings

Moms and dads, grandparents and guardians, headed to the Friends of the Library's Annual Children's Paperback Booksale last month to do some early holiday shopping.

The Friends raised \$657 from the sale. The funds will be used to add new books for the children's collection and provide prizes for the children's Summer Reading Club program and the YA Reading Club Contest.



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