



Lowell Library Lines



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Consolidation Update!

Dear Patrons,

Last month the Lowell Public Library launched a campaign to inform Tri-Creek area residents of a threat to their home library, the possible consolidation of the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches into a countywide system.

At present the Blue Ribbon Commission was charged by Governor Mitch Daniels to study, reform and restructure local government and present their recommendations on December 31, in time for the start of the 2008 short session of the state legislation. One of the four charges given the Commission is "the possible consolidation of all Indiana libraries."

Support for the Lowell Public Library's campaign to oppose consolidation is picking up speed as community residents, local businesses and organizations express their opposition through letters and E-mails to the Blue Ribbon Commission and state legislators. Petitions opposing consolidation are being signed at the library, its Shelby and Schneider branches and local businesses.

One of the many consolidation issue questions posed to us by library patrons concerns the library's endowment fund. Will the monies donated to the fund stay in Lowell or go to a county library system? The library established an Endowment Board in March 1995. The purpose of the Board was to raise funds and property, the investment income from which would be used for the benefit of the Lowell Public Library, and to advise and make recommendations to the library board concerning the acceptance and investment of those funds and property.

This Endowment Board, composed of leading local citizens, helped to raise the funds and advised the board on investment of those funds. An Endowment Fund, created by the Library's Board of Trustees, provides a means for those who would like to make a significant and permanent investment in the future of the library services in the Tri-Creek area. Contributions are retained in perpetuity, with only the investment income used to benefit the library.

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Local Trustees/Assessors & State Representative on Property Tax and Local Government

Elected township officials representing West Creek, Cedar Creek and Eagle Creek residents will discuss the property tax situation in the library's Program Room on Wednesday, November 28, at 7 PM.

At the forum, Indiana State Representative Don Lehe and West Creek Township Trustee/ Assessor Rick Niemeyer will be on hand to explain trending, a new way of assessing the value of real estate in Indiana, and other issues of property tax and local government. Included in the discussion is the issues of the possible elimination of a township form of local government and concern of consolidation of Indiana libraries. There will be a question and answer period at the end of the presentation.

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Consolidation Update

If consolidation should occur, what happens to the funds in our Legacy account? Who will really benefit? After speaking with the Legacy Foundation we were assured the money would still be tagged for Lowell Public Library — however, if consolidation does occur, there would be a new county board, and the Tri-Creek area may only have one representative on that board. With possibly only one vote, how would it be determined how those funds are invested, spent or reallocated? There are some other libraries within Lake County that also have funds invested with the Legacy Foundation. Surely this is a concern of theirs as well. What about the libraries that have no funds invested?

Would all the funds be segregated or would they be reallocated in to one fund and equally distributed? How can we be certain that our funds are used as our donors intended they be used? Is the Commission considering these legal questions as they ponder our fate?

We will be contacting past contributors to make them aware of this situation and we hope they will share their concern with their senator and representatives. I can't emphasize enough that this is a serious situation for those who want to maintain local control of their library. I spoke with a gentleman this morning who was very upset at the thought of our library being consolidated. He expressed how much he enjoys coming to our library. We have heard that scenario over and over. People in our community are banding together to speak out for the good of their community and the library they are so much a part of.

We have been actively speaking to organizations, our schools, town council, and residents to explain why we oppose consolidation. The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees, the Friends of the Library and the Lowell Chamber of Commerce all passed resolutions opposing consolidation, and letters and calls of support have also been sent by local residents and civic organizations.

We encourage our citizens to write or call their state legislators and Governor Daniels to express their feelings about the consolidation issue.

We will continue our campaign in hopes that the Blue Ribbon Commission will listen to the people of our community when they say a resounding NO to consolidation.

**Sandy Morgan,
Library Director**

Write or call:

**Governor Mitch Daniels, Office of the Governor, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2797.
Phone: 317-232-4567**

Senator Sue Landske, Indiana State Senator, 200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204. Phone: 1-800-382-9467.

**Representative Don Lehe, 200 W Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.
Phone: 1-800-382-9841**

Representative Rochelle "Shelli" VanDenburgh, 200 W Washington Street, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204. Phone: 1-800-382-9842.

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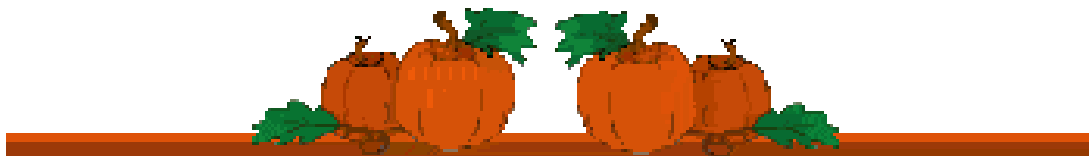
YA Programming - Lowell November 2007

Each Thursday, at 6:30 PM - Game Night (No Game Night November 22.)

Saturday, November 24, at 1 PM - Learn to make seasonal chocolates. Space is limited.

Wednesday, November 28, at 4:30 PM - Book Discussion.

Thursday, November 29, 5 PM - Decorating the YA area for the holidays.



Happy Thanksgiving

Branch Programs for Children / YA's

Schneider

Kids' Movie Day will be held on Thursday, November 8, at 4 PM. Get free refreshments at the "concession stand."

Thanksgiving is coming! Kids, make a turkey cupcake on Tuesday, November 13, at 4 PM.

Make a photo album from plain cardboard and paper on Thursday, November 15, at 4 PM.

Enjoy Kids' Game Day on Tuesday, November 20, at 4 PM. Bring a friend and play board games.

Kids, learn to make a keychain, necklace, or bead craft with Miss Sandy on Thursday, November 29, at 4 PM.

YA Programs

YA Book Discussion will be held on Thursday, November 1, 4 PM to 5 PM

YA Craft with Debbie on Wednesday, November 7, 4 PM to 6 PM

Shelby

Each Saturday at 12 Noon, is Kids' Movie Day.

Kids Bingo will be held on Wednesday, November 7, 4 PM to 5 PM

Use your imagination to make a keychain, necklace, friendship bracelet, or whatever you can dream up during Bead Crafts with Miss Sandy on Tuesday, November 27, at 4 PM.

Toddler Time with Miss Bethany will be held each Monday, November 5, 12, 19, 26, at 10:30 AM. At Toddler Time your child will be introduced to picture books, feature stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by their caregivers.

YA Programs

YA Chats & Chewies will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 5 PM to 7 PM

Join the YA Book Discussion on Wednesday, November 21, at 5:30 PM

YA Movie *Nancy Drew Gets A Clue* on Tuesday, November 27, at 5 PM.

PB & J sandwiches, popcorn and pop 25¢



Kids Love a Home Library

Once again, the Friends of the Lowell Public Library's Holiday Paperback Booksale was a big success! Children love to have their own books to read over and over. At the sale there were many new titles and holiday books to choose from. With each purchase, a child could put his name into a drawing for \$10.00 worth of free books of his choice from the sale. The drawing was held on Friday, October 19th. The winners were:

Steven Lewandowski	4th grade
Nina Vasquez	5th grade
Connor Mathias	5th grade
Erin Uhrhammer	6th grade
Krista Peyton	7th grade

Congratulations to all our winners!



Over \$500 in proceeds was raised by the Friends to purchase books for the young adult and children collection of the library and prizes for next year's Summer Reading Club Program.

We Like the Look!

Library staff member and computer wiz Jacob Davis recently gave the library's home page a new look. Access the website and let us know how you like it. The address is <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/>

The library newsletter and selected back issues will now be available online with a link on the library's home page. Other links include Library Information, Lowell History, Lowell's Catalog (includes Lake County P.L. items), Lowell Information, Tax Forms, INSPIRE Virtual Library, Reference USA, Tax Forms and more.

Chilton's Car Repair, Heritage Quest and Reference USA all work from the library computers or home computers.

Check out these great new movies:

Spiderman 3
Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer
Firehouse Dog
All the King's Men
Notes on a Scandal
We Are Marshall
Vacancy
Shooter
TMNT
Astronaut Farmer
Are We Done Yet?



Mark Your Holiday Calendar

Tree Trimming Party

The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Tree Trimming/Pot Luck Dinner at the library on Friday, December 7, at 5:30 PM. This would be a wonderful time to join the Friends and enjoy a social evening with new acquaintances. Contact Nell Fabish or Becky Ashe at the library.

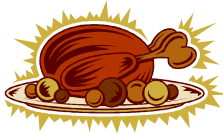
Santa's Coming With His Stories

A very important date to remember is Santa's Story Time at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, December 8, at 10 AM. Santa Claus will be at the Shelby Branch Library on Saturday December 15, at 10 AM and the Schneider Branch Library at 12:30 PM on that same date.

Where the Experts Go!

INSPIRE, is "Indiana's Online Research Library." By accessing INSPIRE at the library or on your home or business computer, you can DO research using Inspires online resources including magazines, newspapers, encyclopedias, books, and other databases.

Find information on prescription and over-the-counter drugs, biographies, company profiles, military and government informaton, education journals, pictures and maps and lots more.



Adult Programs

November 2007

Library Quilters Meet

Each Monday, November 5, 12, 19, 26
9 AM - 12:30 PM
Bring your quilting projects.

Basket Weaving Classes

Thursday, November 8, and on Monday,
November 19, at 6 PM. Master Weaver
Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to
weave a Hearth Basket. Fee is \$32.

What's In Your Camera?

Tuesday, November 13, at 7 PM
What do you take pictures of? Family,
vacations, landscapes? Are you using a
film camera or digital? Join the discussion
and let others know what's in your camera.

Senior Social Craft Day

Thursday, November 15, at 11AM
Seniors will make a pinecone bird feeder and
a Christmas ornament. Co-sponsored by the
Lowell Parks Dept. Call 696-1570 to register.

NWI Poetry Society Meets

Saturday, November 17, at 10 AM
Bring your poetry to share with others.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Test

Wednesday, November 21, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose)
screening is offered by Clinical Management
Services.

2007 Garden Series

Monday, November 26, at 7 PM
"Decorating with Greens"- Brian McKay,
horticulturist at the Lake County Parks Dept.,
will demonstrate how to make a swag,
kissing ball, and other holiday decorations
for your home. Learn to make bows too!

Consumer Credit Counseling

Tuesday, November 27, at 6:30 PM
Judith Samson from Consumer Credit
Counseling will present "Avoiding the
Money Traps." Credit cards, credit reports,
refinancing, and budgeting are among the
topics to be discussed. Pre-register.

Cold Sassy Tree - Book Group

Wednesday, November 28, at 6:30 PM
Read *Cold Sassy Tree* by Olive Ann Burns
and join others to discuss this outstanding
book. Homemade refreshments will be served.

Computer Classes

Learn word processing and how to surf
the net. Computer Basics will be offered on
Mondays; Internet Basics on Wednesdays,
and Word or Excel on alternate Fridays. All
classes will be held at 11 AM. Evening
classes are held each Tuesday, at 6 PM
beginning November 13. Please pre-register
at the circulation desk.

At the Shelby Branch



National Sandwich Day

Saturday, November 3
Come in for a PB & J sandwich and a movie.

Book Discussion

Friday, November 9, at 11 AM
Author Nancy Turner's book *These Is My
Words* will be the topic of a group discussion.

Flu/Pneumonia Shots

Wednesday, November 14, at 10 AM-11:30 AM
Call the Shelby Branch Library for details.

Adult Craft Night

Monday, November 19, 5 PM to 7 PM
Bring your craft projects and work with
others.

Adult Bingo

Monday, November 26, 5 PM to 7 PM
Play bingo and have some fun!

At the Schneider Branch

Fall Wreath

Monday, November 5, at 3:30 PM
Make a fall wreath with other adults.

All Day Scrapbooking

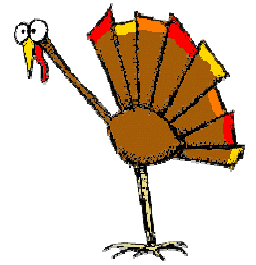
Saturday, November 10, 10 AM to 10 PM

Adult Craft

Wednesday, November 28, at 3:30 PM
Make a gingerbread house ornament.



JUST FOR KIDS



Toddler Time Begins

Toddler Time, a 4-week program for children ages 2 to 3 years, will be held at the Lowell Public Library each Tuesday, at 10 AM, November 6, 13, 20 and 27, and each Wednesday, at 10 AM, November 7, 14, 21, and 28. At Toddler Time, Mrs. Mayhew will introduce your child to picture books, feature stories and activities. Children must be accompanied by their caregivers. Each session is limited to 15 children and lasts approximately 40 minutes.

November Craft Corner

It's Turkey Time at the library. Have fun making your own colorful turkey on Thursday, November 8. Pre-register at the library for the 10 AM or the 3 PM session. The program is designed for pre-schoolers through 5th grade. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Kids' Bingo For Books

Kids, pre-school to 5th grade can come to the library on Thursday, November 15, to play Color Shape Bingo for Books! You will receive a new bookmark and you can win new and gently used books to keep! Pre-register at the circulation desk for the 10 AM or the 3 PM session. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult.