



# Lowell Library Lines

January 2012

## Events This Month

Note: The Lowell Library will close at 5 PM on Thursday, January 5 ; the Shelby and Schneider branches will close at 6 PM that same day.

Lowell Public Library  
1505 East Commercial  
Lowell, IN 46356  
phone 696-7704  
fax 696-5280  
www.lowellpl.lib.in.us

### Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9 AM - 8 PM  
Fri - Sat. 9 AM - 5 PM

Schneider Branch  
24002 Parrish Ave.  
Schneider, IN 46376  
552-1000

### Schneider Winter Hours

Mon-Thurs. 3:30-7 PM  
Fri. CLOSED  
Sat. 10 AM-12 NOON

Shelby Branch  
23323 Shelby Rd  
Shelby, IN 46377  
552-0809

### Shelby Winter Hours

Mon. 9 AM-12 & 1-6 PM  
Tues-Thurs. 3 PM-7 PM  
Fri. CLOSED  
Sat. 9 AM-2 PM



## Talk To A Lawyer Day

Monday, January 16  
9 AM - 5 PM

The Kimbrough Bar Association, the Indiana State Bar Association, and the NWI Volunteer Lawyers, Inc. present the 10th annual public service event honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his dream of access to justice for all. As a service to the public, volunteer lawyers will be available to answer your legal questions and give brief (10-15 minutes) legal consultations.

No appointment is necessary. First come, first served. Can't make it in? You can talk with an attorney by calling 1-800-266-2581 (January 16 only). Phone calls will be answered in the order received. *No calls to attorneys can be taken at the library.*

## Book Sale

Is getting organized one of your New Year's resolutions? If so, keep us in mind while you are clearing out the cassettes, books, books on tape, DVDs, records, and magazines you no longer want.

If we can't use the items in the library collection, they will be placed in our Friends of the Library book sale. All money raised from the book sale funds library programming throughout the year!

## We Have A Winner!

The winner is... Stacie Kendall! The drawing held on December 17, was for a beautiful scrap quilt, created and donated by the Library Quilters.

The Friends of the Library held the drawing on Saturday, December 17. All proceeds of the ticket sales go to the Friends of the Lowell Public Library who fund children, young adult, and adult programming at the library throughout the year.

## Donations Always Welcome

The library regularly accepts donations on behalf of the Lowell Health Care Center, the Lions Club, and Quad County Giveaway- visit or call the library for more details.

Donations of Coke® rewards, Labels for Education® labels, gently used books, movies, puzzles, and magazines are also appreciated, and are used to acquire materials for the library. The Children and Young Adult departments accept donations of Styrofoam egg cartons and Styrofoam balls (any size), Pringles® cans, and yarn.

## Lowell Adult Programs

### Knit/Crochet/Cross Stitch

Tuesday, January 3 and 17, at 6 PM.  
Learn to knit, crochet, and cross stitch on the first and third Tuesdays each month.

### Library Quilters Meet

Monday, January 9, 16, 23, and 30, at 9 AM.  
Learn to quilt! Share what you know or work on your projects.

### Adult Book Discussion

Monday, January 9, at 1 PM.  
Read and then meet to discuss *Emily and Einstein* by Linda Francis Lee. Light refreshments will be served.

### Stamping and Card Making

Tuesday, January 10, at 6:15 PM.  
Create 1-2 handmade items! Bring scissors. A \$5 fee will cover all other materials needed for the projects, including adhesive. Pre-register.

### Digital Photography Club

Wednesday, January 11, at 6:00 PM.  
Learn what's new in digital photography the second Wednesday of each month. Discover ways to take better pictures!

### Recipe Club

Friday, January 13, at 11 AM.  
Do you enjoy trying new recipes? Share your recipes with the group on the second Friday each month. Any questions or to sign up, call the library at 696-7704.

### Library Board Meets

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, January 16, at 7 PM.

### Blood Pressure/Glucose Testing

Wednesday, January 18, 9 AM to 11 AM.  
Free blood pressure and glucose screenings are offered by Clinical Management Services of Demotte.

### Poetry Group

Saturday, January 21, at 10 AM.  
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society and enjoy the works of fellow writers. Visit their website at <https://sites.google.com/site/nwipoetry/>.

### Garden Series

Monday, January 23, at 6 pm.  
Lake County Master Gardener Linda Lerch will present a FREE informational program about starting plants from seed. Pre-register at the circulation desk or by calling the library.

### Senior Social

Thursday, January 26, at 11 AM.  
Bring a brown bag lunch. Enjoy a movie and homemade desserts provided by the Lowell Public Library and the Lowell Parks Department. Call the Parks Department to register at 696-1570.

### Tour the Library

Want to know what you may be missing? New to the library? Then this tour is for you! Find out what materials, services, and programs your library has to offer. *The January library tours will be on Monday, January 30, at 11 AM and 4 PM.*

### New Library Catalog

Our new library catalog (Polaris) is user-friendly with exciting features such as a picture-based children's catalog and a mobile catalog for smart phones and other mobile devices. During the software transition (December 31 - January 5), the library will not be able to place new holds nor have access to patron accounts. *We will close at 5 PM on January 5 to facilitate the transfer of system files.*

## Just a Few Notes...

### Photographs

We often take photographs at library events. These pictures are used for publicizing the library and its programs. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know.

### Free Computer Classes

Free Computer Basics are 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.

### Notifications

The library is now informing our patrons by phone regarding overdue items, fines, and other library notifications. Please call or tell staff if you would rather be notified by email.

## Young Adult Programs (Grades 6-12)

### Lowell

Thursday, January 12, at 6 PM.  
Glass painting.

Thursday, January 19, at 6 PM.  
Play winter Bunco.

Thursday, January 26, at 6 PM.  
Make a winter sign.

Do you and your friends want something to do on Thursday nights? Come to the library and join other young adults (grades six through twelve) for games, free snacks, book discussions, and crafts. Come see what you've been missing!

### Shelby

Tuesday, January 3, at 4 PM.  
Cooking and chatting.

Tuesday, January 10, at 4 PM.  
Glass painting.

Tuesday, January 17, at 4 PM.  
Paint your own snowman sign,  
(part one).

Tuesday, January 24, at 4 PM.  
We will be finishing up the  
snowman signs.

Tuesday, January 31, at 4 PM.  
It's a surprise!

### Schneider

Wednesday, January 4, at 4 PM.  
Make a tied jean quilt. Snacks will  
be provided.

Wednesday, January 11, at 4 PM.  
Work on quilts.

Wednesday, January 18, at 4 PM.  
Finish quilts.

Wednesday, January 25, at 4 PM.  
Read and discuss *Hunger Games*  
written by Suzanne Collins. You  
must read the book in order to  
participate. Free snacks will be  
provided.

## Shelby Branch Events

### Shelby Adults

#### Bingo

Monday, January 23, at 3:30 PM.  
Seniors get together for a friendly game of bingo.

### Shelby Kids

#### **Story Time**

Story time is held each Monday morning at 10:30 AM and is for children of all ages.

#### **Wii Tournament**

Saturday, January 14, at 10:30 AM.  
Play against your friends to determine the reigning champion!

#### **Kids Craft**

Wednesday, January 18, at 4 PM.  
Join us for a fun winter craft.

#### **Craft with Miss Sandy**

Thursday, January 26, at 4 PM.  
Make a peanut bird feeder.

#### **Movie Day**

Every Saturday at 12 PM.  
Free popcorn. Pop is 25¢.

## Schneider Branch Events

### Schneider Adults

#### **All Day Scrapbooking**

Saturday, January 14, 10 AM - 10 PM.  
Come to the library for a 12-hour scrapbooking party! Call 552-1000 for further information.

#### **Learn to Crochet**

Monday, January 16, at 4 PM.  
Young Adults are invited to join the adults who will meet to learn crochet.

### Schneider Kids

#### **Puzzle Palooza**

Thursday, January 5, at 4 PM.  
Start a puzzle and everyone can work on it during the week.

#### **Kids Movie Day**

Thursday, January 12, at 4 PM.  
Watch a movie along with your friends.

#### **Kids Craft**

Thursday, January 19, at 4 PM.  
Make a snowman game.

#### **Craft with Miss Sandy**

Tuesday, January 24, at 4 PM.  
Make a bird feeder with peanuts.

## **New Fiction Books:**

*11/22/63: a novel* - King, Stephen  
*The Alloy of Law* - Sanderson, Brandon  
*The Angel Esmeralda* - DeLillo, Don  
*The Battle of the Crater* - Gingrich, Newt  
*The Boy in the Suitcase* - Kaaberbol, Lene  
*Devil's Gate* - Cussler, Clive  
*The Immorality Engine* - Mann, George  
*The Language of Flowers* - Diffenbaugh, Vanessa  
*Micro* - Crichton, Michael  
*The Next Always* - Roberts, Nora  
*The Rook* - James, Steven  
*Scottish Prisoner* - Gabaldon, Diana  
*A Ship for the King* - Woodman, Richard

## **New Mystery Books:**

*Bad Blood* - Sandford, John  
*Bloodline* - Billingham, Mark  
*A Dark and Lonely Place* - Buchanan, Edna  
*Death on the Holy Mountain* - Dickinson, David  
*Deed of Murder* - Harrison, Cora  
*Drop* - Connelly, Michael  
*Explosive Eighteen* - Evanovich, Janet  
*Impossible Dead* - Rankin, Ian  
*Swift Edge* - SiSilverio, Laura A.H.  
*Threadbare* - Ferris, Monica  
*V is for Vengeance* - Grafton, Sue

## **New Biographies:**

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## **New Non-Fiction Books:**

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*Boomerang* - Lewis, Michael

613.262  
*Vegan for Life* - Norris, Jack

616.462  
*The Mayo Clinic Diabetes Diet*

650.1086  
*Life After the Military* - Hill, Janelle

792.702  
*Seriously-I'm Kidding* - DeGeneres, Ellen

973.7116  
*Midnight Rising* - Horwitz, Tony

973.927  
*The Time of our Lives* - Brokaw, Tom

974.7  
*Thunder Dog* - Hingson, Michael

IND 973.932  
*Keeping the Republic* - Daniels, Mitchell

## **New Fiction Books on CD:**

*Bonnie* - Johansen, Iris  
*Explosive Eighteen* - Evanovich, Janet  
*Help* - Stockett, Kathryn  
*Kill Alex Cross* - Patterson, James  
*The Lady of The Rivers* - Gregory, Philippa  
*Prince of Ravenscar* - Coulter, Catherine

## **Friends of the Library News**

If you love the library, join the Friends! New members are always welcome! The next meeting is Wednesday, January 18, at 6 PM.

The entire staff would like to thank Friend's member and library patron Lois Braswell for her gift of an amaryllis bulb. Once potted, it developed into two flowers which brightened up the reference desk, just as she does each time she comes into the library! And special thanks to Friends president W. Brian Mathias for arranging Santa's visit to the library last month.

## **Library Director to Retire**

After nearly five years at the helm of the Lowell Public Library, Director Sandy Morgan will retire March 30, 2012, Morgan has announced.

“This was not an easy decision for me to make”, Morgan said. “I will be leaving a wonderful and creative staff. No one does this job by themselves. It has been an honor and a privilege to work with our staff and Board of Trustees and I would like to publicly thank them”.

Morgan also credited the library board, the Friends of the Library, community organizations and residents with the library’s success. “All are what makes our library the best it can be, one with hometown flavor while keeping pace with new technology”.

“Reluctantly, I am leaving before the wildlife mural is completed in the Children’s Room”. Morgan stated. “This work of art by artist Dennis Orłowski will be enjoyed and inspire early reading development for generations to come”.

Library Board President Zern Hayden said Morgan’s intelligence and passion for her work helped the library thrive during challenging times.

“It has been my experience, knowing Sandy for many years, that she has gone way above and beyond anybody’s call of duty in her service to the community, especially in her efforts to keep our library independent”, Hayden said.

Board member Mary K. Bruce said Morgan has been “a joy to work with. She has always been committed to having our library maintain a high level of excellence with a well-trained staff. She has kept us solvent and open during these hard economic times. Sandy is one of a kind and there will be big shoes to fill when she retires”.

Morgan began her career at the library in 1988 as a secretary/bookkeeper, moving up to administrative assistant. She left the library in 1995, and then returned as a member of its Board of Trustees. She resumed her library career in 1999, becoming business administrator in 2000. She was named interim director in 2006 and director in 2007.

During Morgan’s tenure the library closed its books on the mortgage for the construction of the library’s new building, and purchased adjacent property for future expansion.

When a bill was introduced to the Indiana Legislature in 2009 proposing county consolidation of the state’s libraries, Morgan launched a local campaign to keep the Lowell Public Library independent. Supported by library staff and local residents, Lowell and libraries across Indiana joined forces and the bill died in committee. Shortly thereafter Lowell and the six other Lake County library districts instituted a three-year Reciprocal Borrowing Payment Suspension Agreement.

Under Morgan, programs were greatly increased. The library reduced its internet costs by fifty percent and installed a security system both in and outside the library building and became a Wi-Fi center as well as installing a new phone system. The library also increased the number of public access computers to eighteen, implemented a Lowell Public Library web page and is now on Facebook.

Morgan also saw to it that the Shelby branch was updated with wireless computers, new HVAC system and interior improvements, and that the Schneider branch was given Wi-Fi access.

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# Just for Kids

(Preschool age through the fifth grade)

## Story Time

Story Time is a FREE program for four and five year old children. Each session lasts approximately thirty to forty-five minutes. Parents must stay in the library, however, not in the program room.

Please pre-register for either the Tuesday (January 10 through February 14) or Wednesday (January 11 through February 15th) session.

## Craft Corner



Come to the library on Thursday, January 12, at either 10 AM or 3 PM to make a snowman! A sample is on display in the children's display case.

Pre-register for either session. Children preschool age through the fifth grade are welcome to attend this FREE program. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

## Winter Bookwalk

Come to the library on Thursday, January 19 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 or by calling the library at 696-7704.



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