



Lowell Library Lines

Events and Happenings

January 2017

Closed January 2

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

School Year Hours

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

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

School Year Hours

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

New Year's Traditions From Around the World

In many countries, New Year's celebrations begin on the evening of December 31—New Year's Eve and continue into the early hours of January 1. Revelers often enjoy meals and snacks thought to bestow good luck for the coming year. In Spain and several other Spanish-speaking countries, people bolt down a dozen grapes—symbolizing their hopes for the months ahead—right before midnight. In many parts of the world, traditional New Year's dishes feature legumes, which are thought to resemble coins and herald future financial success; examples include lentils in Italy and black-eyed peas in the southern United States. Because pigs represent progress and prosperity in some cultures, pork appears on the New Year's Eve table in Cuba, Austria, Hungary, Portugal and other countries. Ring-shaped cakes and pastries, a sign that the year has come full circle, round out the feast in the Netherlands, Mexico, Greece and elsewhere. In Sweden and Norway, meanwhile, rice pudding with an almond hidden inside is served on New Year's Eve; it is said that whoever finds the nut can expect 12 months of good fortune.

Other customs that are common worldwide include watching fireworks and singing songs to welcome the new year, including the ever-popular "Auld Lang Syne" in many English-speaking countries.

The practice of making resolutions for the new year is thought to have first caught on among the ancient Babylonians, who made promises in order to earn the favor of the gods and start the year off on the right foot. (They would reportedly vow to pay off debts and return borrowed farm equipment.)

In the United States, the most iconic New Year's tradition is the dropping of a giant ball in New York City's Times Square at the stroke of midnight. Millions of people around the world watch the event, which has taken place almost every year since 1907. Over time, the ball itself has ballooned from a 700-pound iron-and-wood orb to a brightly patterned sphere 12 feet in diameter and weighing in at nearly 12,000 pounds. Various towns and cities across America have developed their own versions of the Times Square ritual, organizing public drops of items ranging from pickles (Dillsburg, Pennsylvania) to opossums (Tallapoosa, Georgia) at midnight on New Year's Eve.

Source-<http://www.history.com>

Lowell Adult Programs

Computer Class

Need computer help? Sign up for FREE classes. More information at the circulation desk.

Library Quilters Meet

Monday, January 9, 16, 23 and 30, 9 AM-12 PM.
Learn to quilt! Share what you know or work on your projects while enjoying the company of the other ladies in the group.

Adult Coloring

Tuesday, January 3 and 17, 10-11:30 AM.
Coloring helps us de-stress and stimulates brain areas related to motor skills. All coloring supplies will be provided. Pre-register.

Sewing

Tuesday, January 3, 17 and 31, 12-6 PM.
Join our sewing group! Let's get together-we'll help each other! Bring your machine.

Senior Social: Bingo!

Thursday, January 5, 11 AM.
You can win prizes and enjoy great fellowship. We will provide the drinks and snacks. Call the Lowell Parks Department at 696-1570 to reserve a spot.

Stamping and Card Making

Thursday, January 5, 6-7:30 PM.
Learn how to stamp! Bring scissors. A \$5 fee will cover all other materials. Pre-register.

Adult Book Discussion

Monday, January 9, 1-3 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *A Pavilion of Women* written by Pearl S. Buck.

Talk to a Lawyer Day

Monday, January 16, 9 AM-5 PM
The Indiana State Bar Association & NWI Volunteer Lawyers, Inc. present the 16th 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 at no charge. First-come, first served. Can't make it in? You can call 1-800-266-2581 to speak (English and Spanish) to Indianapolis attorneys. Calls will be answered in order received, 8 AM-4 PM on January 16 only!

Library Board Meets

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

Blood Pressure/Glucose Screening

Wednesday, January 18, 9-10 AM.
Free blood pressure and glucose screenings are offered by Clinical Management Services.

Friends of the Library Meet

Wednesday, January 18, 6 PM.
Find out what you can do to support the library by joining the Friends!

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, January 21, 10 AM-12 PM.
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society and enjoy the works of fellow writers.

Garden Series: Herbs

Monday, January 23, 6 PM.
Lake County Master Gardener Becky Crabb will discuss growing, using, and preserving herbs. Learn some history about your favorite herbs. Pre-register.

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.

Go Green!

Sign up at the circulation desk to be notified when a new edition of our monthly newsletter is out. You can read it online or you can download it from our website. LIKE us on Facebook too!

Thumbs Up? Thumbs Down?

Did you like the book you just read or not? Share your views with us and fellow readers and enter the monthly drawing for a free gift card!

Young Adult Programs at Lowell (Grades 6-12)



Movie Night

Thursday, January 5, 5-7 PM.

Celebrate the New Year-watch a movie and hang out with your friends!



Craft Night

Thursday, January 12, 5-7 PM.

Paint, cut, and decorate how you please. Bring your creativity – we bring all the supplies.



Wii Games

Thursday, January 19, 5-7 PM.

Join us and play *Mario Kart* and *Just Dance*!



Concept Board Game

Thursday, January 26, 5-7 PM.

Play this new board game! It's a twist on the traditional game of Charades.

Children's Programs at Lowell

Story Time



Story Time is a program for 4 and 5 year olds. The program is offered at 10:00 AM on Tuesdays (January 10 - January 31), and includes stories, finger plays, and songs. Parents must stay in the library during the program, however, not in the program room. Each session is limited to 15 children and lasts approximately 45 minutes. There is no charge for Story Time but you must pre-register.



Pajama Storytime - **NEW at the library!**

Pajama Storytime is for children ages 2-5 and their caregivers. Bring your favorite stuffed animal and blanket, and snuggle in for some evening story time fun! This is a pajama friendly program. We will enjoy a fun combination of books, finger plays, and songs. Program is free, no registration is required, and will last approximately 30 minutes. Wednesdays at 6:30 PM, beginning January 11.



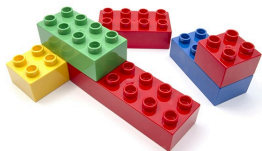
Craft Corner

Come to the library on Thursday, January 12 to make a snowman using shredded paper. The program is for preschoolers through fifth graders. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register for the 10:00 AM or 3:30 PM session.

LEGO® Club

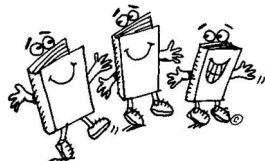
Children, preschool age through the fifth grade, are welcome to attend LEGO®

Club! We supply the LEGO® bricks. All you need to bring is your imagination and use your creativity to build something amazing! We will meet on Saturday, January 14, 10 AM to 12 PM. No registration is required. Children under the age of 8 must be accompanied by an adult.



Winter Book/Poster Walk

Get some exercise and win some great books and posters at our Winter Book and Poster Walk on Thursday, January 19! Children preschool age through the fifth grade are welcome to participate (preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult). Pre-register for the 10 AM or the 3:30 PM session.



At the Branches...

Shelby Adults

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, January 19, 5-6 PM.
Call the library for January's book selection.

Senior Bingo (tentative)

Monday, January 23, 3:30-4:30 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

Shelby Young Adults

Movie Night

Tuesday, January 3, 4-6 PM.
Celebrate the New Year-watch a movie and hang out with your friends!

Craft Night

Tuesday, January 10, 4-6 PM.
Paint, cut, and decorate how you please. Bring your creativity- we bring all the supplies.

Wii Games

Tuesday, January 17, 4-6 PM.
Join us and play *Mario Kart* and *Just Dance!*

Concept Board Game

Tuesday, January 24, 4-6 PM.
Play this new board game! It's a twist on the traditional game of Charades.

Uno Night

Tuesday, January 31, 4-6 PM.
Depending on the weather, we will make up a missed program or we will watch a movie and play Uno.

Shelby Children

Craft

Thursday, January 12, 4-5 PM.
Make a snowman using shredded paper!

Create with Miss Cheryl

Monday, January 16, 4 PM.
Make a snowman using paper tubes.



Schneider Adults

All Day Scrapbooking For Adults

Saturday, January 14, 10 AM-10 PM.
Call Crista at 552-1000 for information about our twelve-hour scrapbooking party!

Bunco

Thursday, January 26, 6 PM.
Play for fun and prizes.

Schneider Young Adults

Movie Night

Wednesday, January 4, 4-6 PM.
Celebrate the New Year-watch a movie and hang out with your friends!

Craft Night

Wednesday, January 11, 4-6 PM.
Paint, cut, and decorate how you please. Bring your creativity- we bring all the supplies.

Wii Games

Wednesday, January 18, 4-6 PM.
Join us and play *Mario Kart* and *Just Dance!*

Concept Board Game

Wednesday, January 25, 4-6 PM.
Play this new board game! It's a twist on the traditional game of Charades.

Uno Night

Wednesday, February 1, 4-6 PM.
Depending on the weather, we will make up a missed program or we will watch a movie and play Uno.

Schneider Children

Craft

Tuesday, January 10, 4 PM.
Make a snowman using shredded recycled paper.

Game Night

Monday, January 17, 4 PM.
Bring those new Christmas games to share!

Bingo

Tuesday, January 24, 4 PM.
Play for awesome prizes!

Create with Miss Cheryl

Monday, January 23, 4 PM.
Make a snowman using paper tubes.