



Keeping History Alive

History was on the minds of members of the Friends of the Lowell Public Library when they met at their regular meeting on October 15. The library is working to upgrade its history collection and Friends voted to help out by purchasing several series of videos for that purpose.

Among the selections the Friends chose were *Liberty! The American Revolution*, a six-part PBS series that recreates the birth and growth of our nation, and *The Great War and the Shaping of the 20th Century*, an eight-part PBS series of the First World War "The War to End All Wars." The series describes how "this single global conflict" forever transformed language and attitudes, shifted the boundaries between public and private realms and obliterated the distinction between civilian and military targets.

America Goes to War: The Home Front, is a five-part series produced by Anthony Potter Productions that tells the engrossing story of America's involvement in World War II. The bombing of Pearl Harbor; the American war production machine; the wartime movies, documentaries, newsreels, music, and humor; and the aftermath of the war through the 1950's provides a fascinating look in part of America's history.

At their September the Friends voted to purchase the PBS 2-part program *Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery*. Viewers can learn about the most important expeditions in American history and the two men, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark, who were given the task of locating the mythical "Northwest Passage" to the Pacific. With the use of historical journals and the stories handed down from Indian oral tradition, the Lewis and Clark expedition story comes alive with its richness in detail.

The Civil War PBS film series by Ken Burns is also in the library's history video collection. Through words and pictures the award-winning documentary reconstructs the full sweep of the War Between the States. The library also has the companion book to the series, which is also titled *The Civil War*, an illustrated history by Geoffrey C. Ward with Ric Burns and Ken Burns.

A Community Treasure

In other matters relating to history, the library and the Friends of the Library are giving enthusiastic support to the Three Creeks Historical Association, Inc., and the Lowell Parks Department in their efforts to restore and preserve the Halsted House. The Historical Association has applied for a grant from the Historic Preservation Fund.

The Halsted House was built in 1850 by Lowell's founder Malvin A. Halsted, pioneer, builder and adventurer. A mansion in its day, the house is located on the corner of Main and Halsted Streets in Lowell. The Parks Department and the Historical Association plan to open the house as a museum as soon as it is renovated.



100 Years of Dedicated Service

Congratulations to the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. The department is celebrating one hundred years of dedicated service (1897 to 1997). Our thanks to the Department for providing copies of their Centennial Book so that readers and researchers can benefit from learning of the Fire Department's history. Included in the Centennial Book are recognition proclamations from Governor Frank O'Bannon and the Lowell Town Board. The Fire Department also addressed a letter of thanks to the community for its support in its publication.

Photographs of volunteer firemen past and present, fire fighting equipment and some of the most spectacular fires fought throughout the years add a fascinating glimpse into the workings of the Lowell Volunteer Fire Department.

The Centennial book also contains the history of the Tri-Creek Emergency Medical Services, a not-for-profit corporation providing emergency assistance and rescue to the Tri-Creek Community. Copies are located in the Indiana Section of the Library.

HAPPENINGS IN NOVEMBER

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

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

Fit Forever- Lowell

Each Wednesday: November 5, 12, 19, 26
Each Friday: November 7, 14, 21, 28,
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning, strengthening, and flexibility exercises. The class is open to anyone interested in a total body, low impact workout aimed at improving and maintaining fitness forever. Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department the program is lead by Physical Fitness Instructor Linda Johnson. Fee is \$1.50 per session.

Christmas Ceramic Class - Schneider

Tuesday, November 4, at 7 PM
Make a mitten or stocking candy cane carrier, a snowman or ornaments with crafter Cristy Stavros. There is a small fee for each craft.

Basket Weaving with Julie Duttlinger

Weave a Fall Harvest Basket - Lowell
Tuesday, November 4, at 8:30 AM
Wednesday, November 12, at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, November 18, at 6:30 PM
Fee is \$35.

Weave a Jelly Bean Basket - Shelby

Thursday, November 6, at 9 AM
Thursday, November 20, at 6 PM
Call 552-0809 for fee information.

For Julie's classes you will need to bring a bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothes pins, towel, and a large plastic bag. A display of Julie's baskets can be found at the Lowell Library's circulation desk.

Taekwondo Martial Art Demonstrated - Lowell

Saturday, November 8, at 1 PM
Enjoy a free Taekwondo demonstration from Instructor Joe Walker and his students from the Lowell Taekwondo School. Adults, young adults and children will receive certificates for a week of free Taekwondo lessons.

Obtaining a Pilot's License - Lowell



Monday, November 10, at 7 PM
Certified Flight Instructor Todd Poradzisz of Griffith Aviation will take participants through the stages of flight instruction that lead to a license as a private pilot to a multi-engine rating. Among the topics to be discussed are the history of flight; types of airplanes; components of single and multi-engine planes; their capabilities; and how pilots fly in clouds, fog, and heavy rain and land their planes using instruments when they can't see anything on the ground. Traffic patterns, airport procedures, flight navigation and air route traffic control centers will also be discussed at this free program.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Lowell - Tuesday, November 11, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Shelby - Thursday, November 13, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Screening is conducted on a first come, first served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

Starting Your Own Business - Lowell

Wednesday, November 12, 7 PM
Among the topics to be discussed at "Starting Your Own Business" are: the idea, protecting the idea, finding good people, structuring the business plan, starting out on the right foot, and looking ahead. "Ask Your Banker" will also be presented, addressing how your personal credit can affect your business, collateral, what is needed and other related topics. This free program is presented by Ray Lucht and Dick Nader of SCORE (Service Corp of Retired Executives).

Wheat Weaving with Holly Keithley - Lowell

Thursday, November 13, at 6:30 PM
Learn the art of Wheat Weaving and create ornaments for the holidays or any time of the year. Holly will teach participants to create two decorations. Fee is \$8.

Candle Making - Schneider

Tuesday, November 18, at 7 PM
Create a unique and decorative candle at this fun program with Shirley Herz. There is a small fee.

CPR (Adult\Child\Infant) Course - Lowell

Wednesday, November 19, at 6 PM
Taught by Katherine Misiara, R.N., and Leon Misiara, E.M.T. - Paramedic, the basic life support course in CPR is for Health Care Providers seeking renewal and a Heart Saver Course for the general public will be offered. Fee is \$16 for the Health Care Provider Course and \$12 for the Heart Saver Course.

MORE HAPPENINGS

Holly Keithley's Dried Flower Wreath or

Swag Class - Lowell

Monday, November 24, at 6:30 PM
Make one of Holly's beautiful dried flower designs using a wide assortment of herbs, everlastings and dried flowers such as silver king, sweet Annie, mugwort, strawflowers, statice, amaranth, and cockscomb in any combination you desire. Fee is \$21 for each craft.

Pre-Register for Programs by Calling:

Lowell Public Library - 696-7704
Shelly Branch Library - 552-0809
Schneider Branch Library - 552-1000

Flu Immunizations

Shelby Branch Library
Thursday, November 13, 8:30 AM - 10:30 AM
offered by Housecall Home Health/Private Duty

Childhood Immunizations

Cedar Lake Clinic - Thursday,
Schneider, Thursday, November 6, 12 Noon - 6 PM
offered by St. Anthony Medical Center

Lowell Public Library
Thursday, December 18, from 9 AM - 3 PM
offered by the Lake County Health Department

You Can Register Now!

Be a Writer. Join the six-week creative writing course beginning January 8, at 7 PM. Fee for the course is \$35. Course Instructor Susan Palmeri has published over 100 articles in magazines and newspapers and was selected for inclusion in the 1996 25th Silver Anniversary Edition of Who's Who in the Midwest.

Discover your hidden talent! Artist and Instructor Nikki Kutansky of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts will conduct his ten-week art courses at the library beginning in February. Register for Beginning Drawing, Principles of Cartooning, Super Heroes and Advanced Cartooning or Drawing, Intermediate or Advanced. Course fee is \$65.

College bound? Beginning in February, take the 7-week SAT Verbal and Math Preparation with SAT Instructor Gloria Johnson. Fee for the course is \$50.



Giving a Gift That Lasts

Your gift to the Lowell Public Library Endowment Fund can benefit readers and researchers now and for generations to come. From toddlers to senior citizens the library strives to provide for its patrons. Planned giving, through a will, bequest or donation will help ensure that library needs of the Tri-Creek community and the community at large are met.

If you are considering choosing a not-for-profit organization for planned giving the Friends of the Library ask that you consider the library for your donation.

A Christmas Afghan

The lovely light blue afghan on display at the Lowell Library was created by Friends of the Library member Luetta House as a fund-raiser for the library. The Friends will hold a raffle drawing for the afghan on Monday, December 15, at 4 PM. Winner need not be present. Donation tickets (\$1 or 6 for \$5) are available at the circulation desk.

Hearts on Fire

Check out these award winning romance novels selected by the Romance Writers of America for excellence in the romance genre. The "Rita Awards" ceremony held on September 2, 1997 honored winners:

Best Traditional: *Her Very Own Husband* - Lauryn Chandler
Best Short Contemporary: *Cowboy Pride* - Anne McAllister
Best Long Contemporary: *Wild Blood* - Naomi Horton
Best Suspense/Gothic: *See How They Run* - Bethany Campbell
Best Short Historical: *Always To Remember* - Lorraine Heath
Best Long Historical: *Conor's Way* - Laura Lee Guhrke
Best Regency: *The Lady's Companion* - Carla Sue Kelly
Best Paranormal: *Stardust of Yesterday* - Lynn Kurland
Best First Novel: *Stardust of Yesterday* - Lynn Kurland
Best Inspirational: *The Scarlet Thread* - Francine Rivers

All of the above are available from the shelves of the Lowell Public Library or through loan from the Lake County Public Library. A complete list of all of the nominees is available.

Meetings

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees
will hold their regular meeting on Monday,
November 17, at 7 PM.

The Friends of the Library will meet on
Wednesday, November 19, at 7 PM.



Stories By The Fireside

To celebrate the coming of Children's Book Week (November 17-23) "Stories By the Fireside" will be presented at the Buckley Homestead on Saturday, November 15, at 10 AM. At the Hired Hand House children will hear pioneer stories, and have a "Show and Tell" of toys from the past.

Children will take home a treat bag. Parents and guardians can relax at Buckley's main house or enjoy a walk through the Buckley Homestead while the children are enjoying the program. Pre-register at 696-7704.

Pioneer Hour

At the Shelby and Schneider Branches children of all ages can enjoy pioneer stories and hands-on activities on Thursday, November 20. Pioneer hour at the Shelby Branch will be held at 3:30 PM and at the Schneider Branch Pioneer Hour will be held at 5 PM.

Craft Corner

Pre-schoolers and school age children can enjoy the Thanksgiving holiday with the decorations they make at Craft Corner.

Lowell - Pre-school Craft

Thursday, November 6, at 10 AM

School Age Craft

Thursday, November 6, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register at 696-7704



Schneider - Both Crafts

Thursday, November 13, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register at 552-1000

Shelby - Pre-school Craft

Thursday, November 20, at 3:30 PM

School Age Craft

Tuesday, November 25, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register at 552-0809

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