



# Lowell Library Lines



NOVEMBER 1999

## National Children's



## Book Week

Nov. 15-20

In celebration of Children's Book Week children are invited to attend "Clowning Around" with Handthumb the clown at the library at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, November 17.

Handthumb will join the children in an exciting game of Library Bingo and receive an animal balloon.

"Clowning Around" will be held at the Shelby branch on Thursday, November 18, at 3:30 PM. On that same date, "Clowning Around" will be held at the Schneider branch at 5 PM.

Colorful childrens books will be on display at the programs for children to check out.

## Give the Gift of Life Blood Drive

The Friends of the Library will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on November 29, from 3 PM to 7 PM. To register as a donor call 1-800-589-7574.

Walk-ins will be accepted. Help the Friends help the Red Cross by being a donor.

## Fall Craft Fair

Decorate your home with a handmade craft or find that unique gift to please someone at the Friends of the Library's Fall Craft Fair on Saturday, November 27, from 9 AM to 5 PM.

In the library's meeting rooms you will find handcrafted jewelry, wood sculpture, framed poetry writings, baskets, doll clothes, holiday ornaments, tole paintings and lots more.

Enjoy a tasty tidbit from the "Baker's Square" with homemade items baked by Friends and library staff. Visit the main room of the library and see what's new!

## Sunday Readings

Join the Friends of the Library and enjoy the works of great writers of literature on Sunday, November 28, 1999.

From one-thirty in the afternoon until four-thirty we will be doing dramatic readings of selected short stories for the enjoyment of all ages. Enjoy selections from Isaac Singer, Ernest Hemingway, and other great writers of literature read by people that love to read and bring life to the written word of time.



There will be coffee and soft drinks available. If you would like to read a selection please contact Tom Spencer at 696-3338 for an audition. Comments on the readings and suggestions for future readings will be encouraged.

Come and relax as we travel together through the minds of great authors.

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# ADULT PROGRAMS FOR OCTOBER

## Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

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

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting project and questions.

## Fit Forever - Lowell

Each Monday: October 4, 11, 18, 25

Each Wednesday: October 6, 13, 20, 27

Each Friday: October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning and strengthening exercises. Call the Parks Department to register. Fee is \$24 per month for three weekly sessions, \$16 for two weekly sessions.

## Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, November 9, & 23

You're are invited to bring your writings to the library. The Forum is soliciting short stories, between 500 and 7500 words, for a book they will publish in the spring of 2000. The deadline for submission is January 16. A information sheet on this creative writing opportunity will be available at the circulation desk beginning November 1.

## "Dessert Flower" Book Discussion - Lowell

Thursday, November 4, at 7 PM or

Friday, November 5 at 10 AM.

Join Library Director Francine Shreffler in a lively discussion of the book "Dessert Flower" by Waris Dirie. Upon your request, the book will be placed on hold for you to check out.

## Social Security Benefits and Changes - Lowell

Thursday, November 4, at 7 PM

Learn more about the Social Security benefits you may be entitled to from Social Security. Amanda White a representative of the Social Security Administration will discuss retirement and survivor's benefits, disability and health insurance and an overview of the laws concerning Medicare. The recently announced Social Security increase will also be discussed.

## Weave a "Storage" Basket

### Shelby

Thursday, November 4, at 9 AM

Tuesday, November 9 at 6 PM

### Lowell

Wednesday, November 20, at 6:30 PM

Tuesday, November 16, at 8:30 AM

Monday, November 22, at 6:30 PM

Learn to make this useful and decorative basket with Julie Duttlinger. Fee is \$34 with handle and \$29 without handle. Bring a bucket, towel, plastic bag, scissors, pencil, tape measure and clothes pins.

## Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, November 11, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Screening is offered as a service of HouseCalls.

Lowell - Tuesday, November 16, 1 PM - 4 PM

Screening is conducted on a first come/first served basis by technicians of CareGivers Plus.

## Everlasting Dried Flower Wreath - Lowell

Thursday, November 18, at 6:30 PM

Discover your own creative talent and design a unique project using a vast selection of locally grown and preserved dried flowers. Holly Keithley will teach participants to make a wreath 15-24 inches in diameter, using herbs, everlasting and dried flowers such as silver king, sweet Annie, mugwort, strawflowers, etc. All supplies will be provided. There is no gluing. Fee is \$22.

## **Childhood Immunizations**

Free childhood immunizations will be held at the Cedar Lake Clinic on Thursday, November 4, from 12 Noon to 6 PM.

Childhood immunizations will be held at the Lowell Public Library on Thursday, November 18, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Please bring your child's immunization records.

To register for programs call Lowell - 696-7704 Schneider Branch - 552-1000 Shelby Branch - 552-0809

## Jean Shepherd Travels On

Author, storyteller, radio and television personality, Jean Shepherd died on October 16. This beloved Hammond native, creator of the film Christmas classic *A Christmas Story* and other wonderful works, was often compared to Mark Twain for his storytelling talents.

Among the books Shepherd wrote are *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash*; *A Fistful of Fig Newtons*; *The America of George Ade* and the story collection of *Wanda Hickey's Night of Golden Memories and Other Disasters*.

Radio fans may remember the wonderful characters Shepherd created (Ralph Parker and his neighbors, the Bumpuses,) to tell stories based on his life in Hammond, during his 21 years in radio at WOR-AM in New York.

Many of Jean Shepherd's works are in the library's collection in the Indiana section.



## Letters From Leo

Lowell resident Lillie Crabb recently donated two scrapbooks of letters sent to her by the famed author Leo Buscaglia. The donation also included an lovely watercolor lithograph gifted to Mrs. Crabb and signed "With love" Leo Buscaglia and several of Buscaglia's books from Mrs. Crabb's home library.

The letters written to Mrs. Crabb from the author are a treasure. These and the other donated items from Mrs. Crabb will make a fine exhibit for the library to display in the near future.

## Meetings

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, November 15, at 7 PM.

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, November 17, at 7 PM. New members are welcome.

## Self-Defense for YA Women

Learning how to reduce the chances of becoming a victim will be the focus of a special program at the library on Saturday, November 13, at 2 PM. Young women ages 12 - 17 are invited to attend.

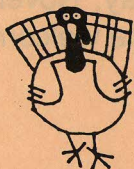
Learning to become "street smart" and acquiring self-defense skills will be discussed and demonstrated by Officer April Moran of the Lowell Police Department and Dr. Jerry Galloway, the founder and instructor of Traditional Martial Arts.

## Flu/Pneumonia Vaccinations

Technicians from HouseCalls Home Health will provide influenza and pneumococcal vaccines at the library on Wednesday, November 3, from 9 AM to 11 AM. At the Shelby Branch Library, vaccines will be offered on Thursday, November 11, from 9 AM to 10:30 AM.

## Holiday Closings

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed Thursday, November 25 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. The Lowell Library will resume regular hours on Friday, November 26, the Shelby branch on Saturday, November 27.



A Gobble Good Time  
at Craft Corner

Pre-school children attending Craft Corner will have treats to put in the "Turkey" favor cups they will make at this fun craft program. School age children will enjoy making holiday door knob decorations.

Lowell

Pre-school - Thurs., Nov. 4, at 10 AM  
School Age - Thurs., Nov. 4, at 3:30 PM

Schneider

Both Crafts - Thurs., Nov. 11, at 3:30 PM

Shelby

Pre-school - Thurs., Nov. 18, at 3:30 PM  
School Age - Tues., Nov. 23, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register for programs: Lowell 696-7704    Shelby 552-0809    Schneider 552-1000



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Toddler Time Begins

Children, ages 18 months to 3 years, can enjoy a wonderful storytelling adventure and learn a new song and a finger-play game at Toddler Time.

Miss Chris will introduce toddlers to the joys of reading while helping them to develop their social skills with other children. Each session of the five-week program is 20 minutes and parents and guardians are asked to accompany their children.

Shelby - Each Mon., Nov. 1 - Nov. 29  
9:30 AM

Lowell - Each Tues., Nov. 2 - Nov. 30  
10 AM & 11 AM

Each Wed., Nov. 3 - Dec. 1  
10 AM