



Lowell Library Lines

DECEMBER 2002



A Glowing Holiday Season

The library will soon be aglow from the "candles" on the two large evergreen wreaths mounted at the library entrance. They will be a welcoming symbol to library patrons who will soon find the library decked out in its holiday finery following the Friends of the Library's Annual Pot Luck Dinner/Holiday Tree Trimming Party on Friday, December 6, at 5:30 PM.

Full from an hour dining on favorite holiday dishes, Friends and their family members will gather in the main room of the library to decorate the large holiday tree that will dominate the large arched window at the south wall of the library.

New members are welcome to attend. If you are considering joining the Friends of the Library this event is a wonderful opportunity to have a fun evening and meet the members.

They're selling like hotcakes! The Friends' fundraiser, Entertainment Books 2003, make a perfect holiday gift to put under the tree. Books are \$30 each and can be purchased at the circulation desk where a sample book is available for viewing.

Dues for the Friends are \$5 yearly. There is a new lifetime membership available for \$50. Call Nell Fabish at 696-7704 for more information.



Library Receives Visitor From North Pole

The weather at the North Pole is 14 degrees Fahrenheit, visibility unlimited, wind 10 miles an hour. This is perfect weather for Santa Claus to prepare to travel to the Lowell Public Library for one of his favorite activities, reading stories to little children.

Santa will arrive at the library on Saturday, December 7, at 10 AM in the Library Program Room. Wearing his familiar red suit trimmed in white fur and carrying his candy sack, Santa will make his entrance to the sound of sleigh bells. After reading his stories Santa will visit with each and every child. He will give every child a treat bag and an autographed coloring sheet of Santa and his reindeers. The Shelby and Schneider branch libraries invite children to hear Santa's Stories on Saturday, December 14. Santa will visit the Shelby branch at 10 AM and the Schneider branch at 12 Noon. Don't forget your wish list!!!

New Holiday Family Videos

The latest additions to the children's video section arrived just in time for the holiday season and are sure to bring enjoyment to young children. The movies available for check-out include: *Barney's Christmas Star*, *Mickey's Magical Christmas: Snowed In at the House of Mouse*, *Veggie Tales: The Star Christmas* and *Winnie the Pooh: A Very Merry Pooh Year*. Look for these and other popular holiday movies in the video section of the library.



YA's/Parents "Winter Reading" Program

Team Up! That's what the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches are inviting YA's (young adults, grades 5 through 12) and their parents to do at the library during the months of November and December.

Here's how! YA's read books for their parents and parents read for YA's. Why? On December 20th one parent's name and one young adult's name will be picked out of a drawing to receive gifts. The two names picked will be notified that day. The books read for the Winter Reading Program must be checked out from the library or its branches. Drawing slips will be available at the circulation desk.

On Line With the Library

Patrons of the Lowell Public Library and its branches who have Internet service in their homes or workplaces can renew their materials on line and place holds on books and other library materials by accessing <http://javapac.lakeco.lib.in.us/webclient.html>.

The Lowell Library is an independent district serving West Creek, Cedar Creek and Eagle Creek Townships, with branch libraries in Shelby and Schneider. The Lowell system has a contractual agreement with the Lake County system that allows Lowell patrons to order materials through the public access catalog that includes holdings from both library systems.

Patrons wishing to use on-line renewal are asked to please visit the circulation desk to provide the library with a 4 digit PIN (personal identification number) that allows the user to access the service. An information sheet giving step by step instructions for renewing or ordering materials will be available at the desk.

If the Lowell Library owns a copy of the item you are requesting, please select that copy whenever possible. This will keep the cost of the service down since the library pays a per item charge for materials ordered from the Lake County Library.

Food, Fun & Fiction

Join the popular "Food, Fun & Fiction" Young Adult Book Club and take part in a lively exchange with other young adults, grades 6-12. While enjoying delicious refreshments. Wednesday, December 4, at 4 PM the club will discuss *On My Honor* by Marion Dane Bauer.

At the Shelby Branch the Food, Fun and Fiction Club will meet on Thursday, December 5, at 5 PM to discuss *Fever 1793* by Laurie Halse Anderson and on Monday, December 30, to discuss *The Last Book in the Universe* by W. R. Rodman.

Computer Classes Offered

Staff member Ruth Bougie is busy teaching participants word processing, the Internet, Excel, Microsoft Publisher, etc., at the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches. To schedule an appointment for the popular free classes call the library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

Cheerleading Clinic Planned



The library is busy planning a cheerleading Clinic for Saturday, January 14, the time to be announced. Call Young Adult Coordinator Debbie Blink for details.

"Gift of Life for the Holiday Season"

There is a special gift you can give that may save someone's life. The Lowell Lions Club in conjunction with the Lowell Public Library will hold an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, December 14, from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Donors can schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins will be accepted.

***Grab a Book
for a Chilly Day***



**Children's Holiday
Book Fair**

December 5 thru December 14

**Sponsored by the
Friends of the Library**

Buy 3 books, get one free

**Proceeds are donated to the
library to purchase books for the
Children's Department**



December Adult Programs

Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, December 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Evergreen Wreath/Swag Craft - Lowell

Monday, December 2, at 6:30 PM.

Create a beautiful, fresh Evergreen wreath or swag to place on your door for the holidays. Holly Keithley will teach you to make your own at this fun craft using fresh evergreens, ribbons and pine cones. Fee for the Workshop is \$15. A sample wreath is on display at the library.

Basket Classes - Lowell

Weave a Christmas Stocking basket.

Tuesday, December 3, at 8:30 AM

Fee is \$22. Weave a Gift Basket

Thursday, December 5, at 6 PM or

Thursday, December 12, at 6 PM

Fee is \$20

Basket Classes - Shelby

Weave a Christmas Stocking Basket

Thursday, December 5, at 9 AM

Fee is \$22 Weave a Snowman/Christmas Card Basket set on Monday December 9, at 6 PM. Each basket is \$15.

Gardening Series Share the Harvest- Lowell

Monday, December 9, promptly at 7 PM.

Enjoy good fellowship and great food with fellow gardeners. Bring a salad or a dessert to share with others. There will also be a flower seed exchange as well as a garden book exchange.

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, December 12 & 26 at 7 PM

Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum, and share your writings with others.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby -

Thursday, December 12, 9 AM -10:30 AM

Offered by Technicians of Shelby Fire Dept.

Lowell -

Tuesday, December 17, 1 PM to 4 PM

Offered by Clinical Management Services

Crocheting - Lowell

Monday, December 16, at 6:30 PM

Join and learn techniques of crocheting or work with other participants on your projects

"Between Friends" Book Discussion - Lowell

Thursday, December 19, at 7 PM or

Friday, December 20, at 10 AM.

Everyone has an opinion! Express yours! Join Book Discussion. Read the New York Bestseller *Between Friends* by Debbie Macomber and enjoy a discussion about the book with others. Refreshments will be served. Copies are available at the desk.

Pre-School & School Age Gymnastics

At the Tumble Bears Program children will learn routines on the bars, balance beam, vault, and pommel horse. Classes are held each Friday. Participants learn tumbling, hand-eye activities, stunts, calisthenics and stretching exercises. Call 865-9698 for information or to register your child.



Gingerbread Houses

Gingerbread houses are fun and easy to make. Frosted and covered with candy, the temptation to eat these wonderful, houses is almost overwhelming. Gingerbread houses will be created by children of all ages at the Schneider Branch Library on Tuesday, December 17, at 3:30 PM. Pre-register at 552-1000. Shelby Branch children will create their Gingerbread Houses on Saturday, December 21, at 10 AM. Pre-register at 552-0809.

Holiday Closings/Video Special

Lowell

Closed - December 24 & December 25

Open - December 31, from 9 AM to 1 PM

Closed January 1, 2003

Shelby & Schneider Branches

Closed December 24 & December 25

Closed December 31 & January 1, 2003

Check out six videos on Monday, December 23 and return them Saturday, December 28, to exchange for ones due back January 2, 2003

*We wish you safe and happy
holidays!*





Christmas Craft Corner

Pre-school and school age children will enjoy making Santa and Snowmen Silverware with Miss Heidi. Be sure to pre-register for this "chilling" event.

Lowell- Thursday, December 5,
at 3:30 PM

Shelby- Thursday, December 19,
at 3:30 PM

Schneider- Thursday, December 12,
at 3:30 PM

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



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Come to the Santa's Puppet Show



Enjoy winter holiday fun at the library as Children's Programmer Miss Heidi presents her Puppet Theater Program "Santa's Christmas Puppet," on Monday, December 16, at 3:30 PM.

Children of all ages, moms and dads, grandparents and guardians are welcome.

Check out some of the wonderful holiday books on display in the Children's section of the library.