



# **Lowell Library Lines**

## **December 2004**

### ***Santa's Coming!***

**North Pole to Library: I'm On My Way!**

If the average wind speed is 12 knots, how long will it take for Santa Claus to reach Lowell? We aren't sure but we do know that Santa will arrive at the Lowell Public Library for "Story Time with Santa" on Saturday, December 4, at 10 AM. He plans to visit the Shelby Branch Library on Saturday, December 11, at 10 AM and the Schneider Branch Library on that same date at 12:30 PM.

Santa loves books, and some of the books he reads to his elves he will read to children who come to visit with him. Be ready to sing. Santa loves songs too!

How will you know Santa is coming? Listen for the sound of his sleigh bells. After reading his stories, Santa will visit with each and every child. The jolly fellow will give each child a treat bag and an autographed coloring sheet of Santa and his reindeers. Santa's visit is sponsored by the Friends of the Lowell Public Library and arranged by Friends President Brian Mathias.



### **Friends Bring Holiday Glow**

One of the fun ways Friends members help the library prepare for the Christmas holiday season is by decorating the library.

But first things first! Friends members and their families will enjoy their Annual Christmas Pot Luck Dinner/Tree Trimming Party Friday, December 3, at 5:30 PM. They will bring their favorite dishes to share and dine by the holiday tree. Afterwards, Friends will trim the tree in the main room of the library to give all who visit a welcome of Christmas cheer.

Become a member of the Friends. Dues are \$5 a year. The Friends of the Lowell Public Library organization is a group of area residents who pledge their time, interest, and enthusiasm to support the library. A holiday gift from the Friends included a donation of \$1000 for the library's book collection and funds for special programs.

We want to thank our Friends for their generosity and hard work on behalf of the library.

### **Holiday Show for Seniors**

Seniors are invited to share the holiday season at the library.

Have a cup of good cheer and a festive luncheon at the Annual Seniors' Christmas Party on Thursday, December 9, at 11:30 AM.

The Lowell High School Choir under the direction of Ms. Megan Frye will provide an afternoon of beautiful music.

Sponsored by the library and the Lowell Parks Department, registration for the event is being taken at 696-1570. Space is limited.





## Adult Programs

### **Basket Weaving - Lowell**

Thursday, December 2, at 6 PM or  
Wednesday, December 8, at 6 PM.  
Decorate your home for the holidays  
when you weave a Christmas Star  
Basket with a with Julie Duttlinger.  
Fee is \$22.

### **Library Quilters Meet - Lowell**

Each Monday, December 6, 13, 20, 27  
9 AM - 12:30 PM Bring your quilting  
projects and learn from other quilters.

### **Scrapbooking - Lowell**

Monday December 6 at 6 PM  
Holiday celebrating in 3D and doodads  
for dimension.

Monday December 20, at 6 PM  
Enjoy a holiday get together; ornaments  
for your album. Bring scissors, pens,  
photos, current projects and adhesives.

### **Fresh Evergreen Wreath - Lowell**

Thursday, December 9, at 6:30 PM  
Holly Keithley will teach you to create a  
beautiful 24" or 30" wreath or swag to place  
on your door for the holidays. Made with  
fresh evergreens, ribbons and pine cones,  
the wreath workshop costs \$15 due upon  
registration.

### **Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby**

Monday, December 13, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon.  
Take care of your health. Screening is  
offered by medical technicians on a first  
come/first served basis.

### **Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell**

Wednesday, December 14, at 9:30 AM or  
Tuesday, December 28, at 6 PM  
Create an acrylic painting "Cardinal in  
Winter" with Artist Pat Mahans. Fee is \$13  
due upon registration. All supplies, including  
the matting are provided. The painting is on  
display.

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### **Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell**

Wednesday, December 15, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose)  
screening is offered by technicians of  
the Clinical Management Services.

### **NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell**

Saturday, December 18, at 10 AM  
Bring your poetry to share with others.  
Enjoy learning the art of poetry writing.

### **Learn & Enjoy Crochet - Lowell**

Monday, December 20, at 6:30 PM  
Bring your crochet projects to the library  
and learn or work with other crocheters.  
Knitters and quilters are invited too! Bring  
a friend. Coffee and cookies will be served.

## **2004 Gardening Series**

It's time to party! The 2004 Garden Series  
comes to a close on Monday, December 13,  
at 7 PM with fun and garden games. Bring  
your favorite salad or dessert and enjoy an  
informal get together with fellow gardeners  
by the holiday tree. Play "White Elephant"  
exchange and the "Garden Feud" game.

### **Holiday Closings**

The library will be closed  
on Friday, December 24,  
and Saturday, December 25,  
for the Christmas holiday. The branch  
libraries, which are regularly closed on  
Fridays will also be closed on December 25.  
All libraries will resume regular hours on  
Monday, December 27.



In observance of the New Year  
holidays, the main library will be open  
Friday, December 31, until 1 PM.

The library and its branches will be  
closed on Saturday, January 1, 2005, and  
resume regular hours on Monday, January 3.

***Have Safe and Happy Holidays!***



## **YA Holiday Contest**

YAs (Young adults) grades 5 - 12' are enjoying their reading activities spiced with some holiday fun. Begun November 1, the Reading Contest for Young Adults at the Lowell Public Library and its Schneider and Shelby branches is popular with teens as reflected by the number of entries in the drawing box.

To be eligible for entry in the contest YAs must check out books from the library or its branches. Drawing slips are available at the circulation desks to be filled out and placed in the contest box; only one entry per book read. Books-On-Tape are included. The books must have been read before December 11. Contest rules are at the desk.

## **Computer Classes Offered**

Learn how to use a computer and access the Internet. Work with programs such as Excel and Publisher at the classes at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. The classes offered are free. Call the Lowell Public Library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

## **One Stroke Painting Classes for YAs and Adults**

Young adults and adults can create charming holiday gifts using the one-stroke painting technique taught by Debbie Dunning. The classes will be held on Saturday, December 4, at 9:30 AM and Tuesday, December 7, at 6 PM. Fee is \$10 due upon registration for each class at the library. For more information contact the library at 696-7704. The craft are on display at the library's circulation desk.

On Saturday, December 11, at 12 noon, Debbie will offer the class "Beginning One-Stroke Painting Techniques." Fee for the class is \$10 due upon registration. Pick up your supply list when you register. Bring pine cones & ribbons.

YAs (young adults) can enjoy a fun beginner's project that will make a meaningful holiday gift for mom, grandmother or friend at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, December 11, at 3:30 PM. Fee is \$5.

## **Showtime at Shelby**

Adults can enjoy a feature movie at the Shelby Branch Library each Monday at 5 PM.

## **Cookie Exchange at Schneider Branch**



Have a delicious variety of Christmas cookies for your holiday table. Bake up a batch of your favorite cookies and visit the Schneider Branch Library on Monday, December 13, at 7 PM to trade cookies with other bakers.

## **Play YA Bingo**

Yas can play Bingo at the library on Saturday, December 11, at 1 PM.

## **Blood Donors Needed**

The GFWC Lowell Woman's Club and the Lowell Public Library will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive at the library on Saturday, December 18, from 10 AM to 2 PM. If you can be a blood donor schedule an appointment by calling 1-800- GIVE LIFE (448-3543.) Walk-ins are accepted.



# ***Happy Holidays to You***



## **Gingerbread Houses**

Children will have lots of fun creating their own gingerbread houses at the Schneider and Shelby branches! Easy to make, with graham crackers covered with a layer of frosting and candy treats, the age old tradition of making gingerbread houses is a favorite holiday activity.

Gingerbread houses will be created by children of all ages at the Schneider Branch Library on Thursday, December 16, at 4 PM. Pre-register at 552-1000. Shelby Branch kids will create their gingerbread houses on Saturday, December 18, at 10 AM. Pre-register at 552-0809.

## **Crafts for Kids at Schneider**

Get crafty at the Schneider Branch Library. Kids will decorate for the holidays with a nifty craft they will make at the branch on Tuesday, December 21, at 3:30 PM

## **Kid's Movies & Game Day**

The Shelby Branch Library is a popular place to be on Saturday afternoons. Kid's can come and enjoy a feature flick served up with popcorn and soda. Showtime for kids begins each Saturday at 12 Noon. Also, be sure to invite your friends to the Shelby Branch Library each Thursday, at 4:30 PM to challenge each other playing board games.



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