



Lowell Library Lines



DECEMBER 2007

Memories of Lowell Open House

The Three Creeks Historical Association and the library will host an open house and book signing at the library on Monday, December 17, from 4 PM to 8 PM, in honor of the publication of Lowell Town Historian Richard Schmal's new book *Memories of Lowell*. The book signing will be held in the main room of the library, with refreshments served in the Program Room.

Publishing of the book was made possible through a grant from the Legacy Foundation and generous donations from community residents.

News From the Forum

On November 28, the library held a forum concerning the topic of consolidation of libraries and Indiana property taxes. State Representative Don Lehe, West Creek Trustee/ Assessor Rick Niemeyer Cedar Creek Deputy Assessor Jolie Covaciu spoke to these issues. "We appreciate their informative dialogue," said Director Sandy Morgan who also spoke at the meeting.

In regard to the library consolidation issue, Representative Lehe stated that he didn't think the issue would be addressed at the 2008 short session of the legislature because of more pressing property issues. "We will announce the results of the Blue Ribbon's recommendations concerning consolidation of libraries in Indiana in our January newsletter," said Director Morgan.

While discussing property taxes, the speakers for the evening wanted people to know that under the new trending, assessors have to retrend values based on existing sales in their township. The assessors would also like you to know that you can appeal your property tax assessment at three levels, even though you may have paid your property taxes. You may request an informal conference with your township assessor to discuss the assessment.

Following that, you can appeal to the county Property Tax Assessment Board of Appeals (PTABOA) for review. If you still wish to appeal the decision, you can contact the Indiana Board of Tax Review. Ask your local assessor for deadline information. Check with your assessor to make sure that you have all the exemptions for which you qualify.



Holiday Bells Are Ringing

The Friends of the Library will hold their Annual Pot Luck Dinner/ Tree Trimming Party for members and their families on Friday, December 7, at 5:30 PM.

After the dinner the Friends will head for the main room of the library to decorate the holiday tree placed in front of the large arched window at the south end of the library. New members are welcome to attend. Call Becky Ashe at 696-7704 for more information.

December 2007

YA Programming - Lowell - December 2007

Thursday, December 6, at 5:30 PM - *Santa Claus 3* - PB & J sandwiches, pop 25¢

Saturday, December 8, at 1 PM - *Pirates of the Caribbean, At Worlds End* movie - PB & J sandwiches, Pop 25 ¢

Thursday, December 13, 5 PM - Pizza Party and a movie, *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix*. Cost \$1.50

Thursday, December 20, at 6:30 PM - Game Night

Saturday, December 22, Make Twiggly Wreaths at 9 AM, then make Oatmeal Soap Baskets at 1:30 PM. Pre-register at the circulation desk for each program.

Thursday, December 27, at 6:30 PM, Game Night



Branch Programs for Children / YAs

Schneider Kids

Tuesday, December 4, at 3:30. Kids - come and make a Christmas ornament.

Thursday, December 6, at 3:30 PM. Kids Game Night

Join Miss Sandy on Saturday, December 8, at 1 PM, and make a gingerbread house. Space is limited. Please pre-register.

Santa is coming! Bring your camera and see Santa on Saturday December 15, at 12:30 PM.

Thursday, December 20, at 3:30 PM. Bring a friend and watch *Santa Claus 3* on Kids Movie Day.

YA Programs

Monday, December 3 - YAs can make their own Christmas Signs at 4 PM. Cost \$1.00.

Wednesday, December 5 - Play Christmas Bunco with other YAs at 4 PM. Have snacks.

Tuesday, December 18 - Make Christmas Gifts at 3 PM.

Wednesday, December 26 - Chats and Chewies is held at 4 PM.

Shelby Kids

Make a gingerbread house with Miss Sandy on Saturday, December 8, at 10 AM. Space is limited. Pre-register.

Saturday, December 15, at 10 AM. Santa will be here telling his stories and listening to children's wishes. Bring your camera!

YA Programs

Tuesday, December 4 - Play Christmas Bunco at 5 PM .

Monday, December 10 - *Pirates of the Caribbean, At Worlds End* Movie at 4 PM. Popcorn & Pop 25¢

Tuesday, December 18 - YA movie *Santa Claus 3* at 5 PM.

Wednesday, December 19 - Make your own Christmas Gifts (Christmas Signs) at 4 PM. Fee is \$1.00.

Saturday, December 29 - Come and watch *Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix* at 11 AM . Have a PB & J sandwich & a pop for 25¢.



Lowell Adult Programs

December 2007

Library Quilters Meet

Each Monday, December 3, 10, 17
9 AM - 12:30 PM
Bring your quilting projects.

Basket Weaving Classes

Tuesday December 4, or
Tuesday, December 11, at 6 PM
Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to weave a Stocking Basket. Fee is \$24. Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag.

Senior Christmas Party

Thursday, December 6, at 11AM
Seniors can celebrate the holiday season enjoying musical entertainment by the Lowell Senior High School Choir.

The program, co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department, will begin at 11 AM. After the entertainment, seniors will gather in the Program Room for a festive holiday feast. Call 696-1570 to pre-register.

Recreate "Canyon Falls"

Saturday, December 8, at 10 AM
Artist Susan Young will teach you the techniques as you recreate her painting "Canyon Falls." Fee for the class is \$45 due at registration.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Test

Wednesday, December 19, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services on a first come, first served basis.

Computer Classes

Learn word processing and how to surf the net. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays; Internet Basics on Wednesdays, and Word or Excel on alternate Fridays.

All classes will be held at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday, at 6 PM. Please pre-register at the circulation desk. (Class will not be held on Wednesday, December 19).

At the Shelby Branch

National Brownie Day

Saturday, December 8 - Come in for a delicious home-baked brownie!

Adult Book Discussion

Friday, December 14, at 11 AM
Author Harlan Coben's book *Just One Look* will be the topic of a group talk.

Adult Craft Night

Monday, December 17, 5 PM to 7 PM
Bring your craft projects.

At the Schneider Branch

December 10, at 3:30 PM
Adult craft. Learn to make personalized Christmas cards to send this season.

Monday December 17.
Holiday Cookie Exchange for Adults.
Time to be announced. Call the Schneider branch for further details.



Dish the Dirt at Garden Series

Come to dish the dirt on your gardening disasters and successes. Over homemade desserts we will provide, gardeners can discuss their favorite garden stories and problems with other gardeners on Monday, December 10, at 7 PM. We will have a book exchange and door prizes.

Library Holiday Closings

The library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed on Monday, December 24, and Tuesday, December 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. In observance of the New Year holiday, the library will be open until 1 PM on Monday, December 31 and closed on Tuesday, January 1.

The Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed for the holiday on Monday, December 31, and Tuesday, January 1.



JUST FOR KIDS



Santa's Story Time

Listen to Santa as he tells his stories on Saturday, December 8, at 10 AM. Talk to Santa and get a coloring page and a bag of candy too! Don't forget to bring your camera! Santa's visit is "arranged" by Friends of the Library member W. Brian Mathais.

December Craft Corner

It's time for Christmas at the library. Have fun decorating your own Christmas tree with sequins, beads, glitter and more on Thursday, December 13. Pre-register at the library for the 10 AM or the 3 PM session. The program is designed for pre-schoolers through 5th grade. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Holiday Fun Party

School-age children (kindergarten through 5th grade) can come to the library on Friday, December 21, for a fun holiday party! Pre-register at the circulation desk for the 12:30 AM or the 2:30 PM session.

