

# Lowell Library Lines

December 2008



## Storytime with Santa

Children, bring your Christmas lists, and parents

bring your cameras. Santa Claus is coming to town!

Santa will visit the Shelby Branch Library to read his Christmas stories on Saturday, December 6, at 10 AM and the Schneider Branch Library on that same date at 12:30 PM. Santa will read stories at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, December 13, at 10 AM.

At Storytime Santa will talk to each child individually after his Storytime and give each child a treat bag and an autographed coloring sheet. Santa's visit is sponsored by the Friends of the Lowell Public Library and arranged by Friends President W. Brian Mathias.

## View Our Heroes' Tree

Stop by the Children's Department and view the "Heroes' Tree," part of a national program that recognizes the sacrifices of current service members, veterans, and deceased service members.

Adults and children are invited to take part in the recognition program by placing a photograph of their hero on an ornament that will be provided by the library.



## Bringing Holiday Cheer

Patrons will soon be finding the library decked in holiday trim following the Tree Trimming Party Friends of the Library will hold for Friends members and their families in the meeting room on Friday, December 5, at 5:30 PM.

After a delicious pot luck dinner, Friends will meet in the main room of the library to devote their decorating talents to the large Christmas tree that will be placed in front of the arched window at the south end of the library. To complete the preparations for the holiday season library staff will decorate the trees in the Children's Room, the Young Adult Section and the two meeting rooms.

A light blanket of snow covering the library woods would make the holiday atmosphere complete. Note! We said light blanket!

## Senior Christmas Party

Have a holly, jolly time at the Senior Social Christmas Party at the Lowell Public Library on Wednesday, December 10, at 11 AM.

Staff of the library and the Lowell Parks Department are planning to make their favorite recipes to serve including scrumptious desserts for its senior participants. The program will feature a dazzling performance of holiday music by "Premiere Distinction," a Lowell Senior High School student choir. The program is free and co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department and the Friends of the Library. Call 696-1570 for reservations. Spaces are limited.

## **Lowell Adult Programs**

### **Free Computer Classes**

Learn word processing and navigating the internet. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays and Word or Excel on Fridays. All classes are held at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-registration required.

### **Library Quilters Meet**

Each Monday, December 1, 8, 15, and 22 from 9 AM - 12:30 PM  
Bring your quilting projects.

### **Basket Class**

Thursday, December 4, and Wednesday, December 10, at 6 PM.  
Julie Duttlinger will teach you to make a Sleigh Basket. Pre-register at the circulation desk.

### **American Red Cross Blood Drive**

Saturday, December 6, 9 AM - 1 PM  
Co-sponsored by the Lowell Library and the GFWC Lowell Women's Club.

### **Tax Law Changes**

Tuesday, December 9, at 6:30 PM  
A representative from H & R Block will be here to inform the public of changes in tax law. Bring your questions.

### **Senior Social Christmas Party**

Wednesday, December 10, at 11 AM  
The festivities include entertainment by "Premiere Distinction," a luncheon and an abundance of good cheer. Call the Parks Department to register at 696-1570.

### **Library Scrappers Meet**

Monday, December 15, at 6:30 PM  
Scrappers meet on the third Monday each month. Share your ideas and learn new techniques.

### **BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test**

Wednesday, December 17, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services, on a first come, first served basis.

### **Poetry Group Meets**

Saturday, December 20, at 10 AM  
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society. Share your poems with others. Call Tom Spencer at 696-3338 for information.

### **Thumbs Up/Thumbs Down?**

Did you like the book you just read? Or, is this a book you would not recommend to others? Share your views with us and fellow readers by filling out a card that will be posted with others and entered into a monthly drawing for a free gift certificate.

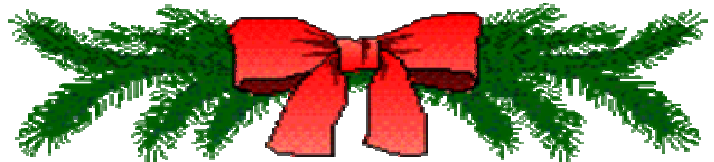
## **At the Shelby Branch**

### **Blood Pressure Check**

Monday, December 1, at 10 AM  
Free blood pressure screening on a first-come, first served basis.

### **Snow Ladies**

Monday, December 8 and 15, at 10 AM  
Learn to paint a "Snow Lady."



## **At the Schneider Branch**

### **Adult Scrapbooking**

Saturday, December 13, 10 AM - 10 PM  
All day scrapbooking. Call for additional information.

### **Cookie Swap**

Saturday, December 13, at 12 PM  
Cookie exchange. Call 552-1000 for details.

## **Holiday Hours**

The library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed on Wednesday, December 24, and on Thursday, December 25. The Lowell Public Library will close early at 1 PM on Wednesday, December 31, and be closed on Thursday, January 1.

## **Non-Fiction Reading Picks**

- 006.6869 *Photoshop 7* - Shufflebothan, Robert  
069.53 *The Nature of Conservation* - Ward, Philip  
179 *Sticks and Stones* - Neu, Jerome  
303.483 *Biotechnology and Genetic* - Yount, Lisa  
320.58 *Six-Legged Soldiers* - Lockwood, Jeffrey Alan  
337 *The War for Wealth* - Steingart, Gabor  
342.087 *Rights of the Disabled* - Haugen, David M.  
391.6 *The Art of Henna* - Nichols, Pamela  
394.2 *Christmas with Southern Living*  
615.88 *Alternative Cures* - Gottlieb, Bill  
616.84912 *The Migraine Brain* - Bernstein, Carolyn  
616.99 *Anticancer* - Servan-Schreiber, David  
618.92 *Mother Warriors* - McCarthy, Jenny  
636.7 *Bliss to You* - Koontz, Dean R.  
636.737 *Izzy & Lenore* - Katz, Jon  
636.8092 *Dewey: The Small-Town Cat Who Touched the World* -  
Myron, Vicki  
641.8654 *Christmas Cookies Classic Recipes*  
745.593 *Making the Most of Your Scrapbook Supplies*  
746.432 *Knit Tricks!* - Wat, Rebecca  
796.323 *NBA Coaches Playbook*  
973.931 *The War Within* - Woodward, Bob



## **Biographies**

- B MCORM *Here's the Story* - McCormick, Maureen  
B OBAMA *Hopes and Dreams* - Dougherty, Steve

The New Books section is located across from the far right end of the circulation desk.

## **Check out these new DVDs**

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| <i>Tinkerbell</i>                 | <i>Dora Saves the Snow Princess</i> |
| <i>Fred Claus</i>                 | <i>This Christmas</i>               |
| <i>Barbie in a Christmas Card</i> | <i>Computers for Seniors</i>        |
| <i>Garden Magic</i>               | <i>Garden Design and Renovation</i> |

# What's New!

## **New Fiction Books:**

*The Hours I First Believed* - Lamb, Wally  
*A Mercy* - Morrison, Toni  
*The Right Mistake* - Mosley, Walter  
*Leaving Whiskey Bend* - Garlock, Dorothy  
*An Irish Country Christmas* - Taylor, Patrick  
*The Widows of Eastwick* - Updike, John  
*Divine Justice*— Baldacci, David  
*Gate House*— Demille, Nelson  
*Swallowing Darkness* - Hamilton, Laurell K.  
*The Longing* - Lewis, Beverly  
*Death Run* - Higgins, Jack  
*Hardly Knew Her* - Lippman, Laura  
*A Good Woman* - Steel, Danielle

## **Mystery**

*Bones* - Kellerman, Jonathan  
*Burn Out* - Muller, Marcia  
*Salvation in Death* - Robb, J.D.  
*Six Geese A-Slaying* - Andrews, Donna  
*Crash* - Hammond, Gerald  
*Ghost at Work* - Hart, Carolun G.  
*The World According to Bertie* - McCall Smith, Alexander  
*Santa Clawed* - Brown, Rita Mae  
*Bodies Left Behind* - Deaver, Jeffrey  
*The Victoria Vanishes* - Fowler, Christopher  
*The Organ Grinder* - Meyers, Maan  
*A Dangerous Friendship* - Ashford, Jeffrey  
*Snake Dreams* - Doss, James D.



## **On Our Website**

Join us on the web! You will find the library's web site at : <[www.lowellpl.lib.in.us](http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us)>. The site offers several Internet search engines including Google, Yahoo, Excite, Dogpile, Clusty, AltaVista and others.

At the *Library Information* link you can access information on Library Staff, the Library Board, the Endowment Fund, the Library Calendar, the Shelby and Schneider Branches, organizations in the Tri-Creek Area, Youth Services and book-lists.

The *Lowell Information* link gives you access to Lowell's community profile, government, schools, churches and parks and recreation.

The Lowell History site contains local facts and news stories of businesses, churches, crimes and criminals, disasters, doctors, fires, geography, houses, libraries, monuments, museums, newspapers, parks, police, population, the post office, the fire department, schools, settlers, veterans, and a history time line.

## **Also on our Website**

Look for the Database link to find *Inspire*, Indiana's virtual library that offers a full range of commercial databases and other resources for you to access: educational, cultural, personal and economic sites. INSPIRE includes: magazine and journal articles, websites, pamphlets, images, almanacs, library catalogs, and more.

Another great Database is *ChiltonLibrary*, a "do it yourself" automotive repair information resource that includes diagrams, step-by-step repair procedures with photographs.

You will find Original Equipment Manufacturer (OEM) maintenance schedules, wiring diagrams. The library subscribes to ChiltonLibrary, giving you decades of data to maintain your vehicle.

At the site link click on to the "Vehicle Selector" that covers vehicles from 1929 to 2007. Then select a make and a model for repair help.

Reference USA allows the researcher access to 10.5 million businesses with the ability to search by company name, type of business, geography, business size and more. Also included is access to residential phone numbers and addresses.

## For Young Adults

Create a brick paver craft. Young adults, grades 6th through 12th will meet on Saturday, December 6, at 12:30 PM for this holiday craft program. Fee for the program is \$1.50. Please pre-register at the library.

### Schneider Kids

Monday, December 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 3:45 PM - The "10 and Up Club" Game Day. Play Wii with your friends.

Tuesday, December 2, at 3:45 PM - Make Christmas cards.

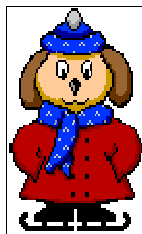
Saturday, December 6, at 12:30 PM - Visit with Santa, hear his stories, and get a treat bag and coloring page autographed by Santa.

Thursday, December 11, at 3:45 PM - Make Post-it-Note boards.

Thursday, December 18, at 3:45 PM - Kids game day. Play Wii or board games.

Saturday, December 20, at 1 PM - Make a gingerbread house with Miss Sandy. Space is limited. You must pre-register.

Tuesday, December 23, at 3:45 PM - Kids Movie Day.



### Fall/Winter Branch Hours

#### Shelby Branch

Monday 9 AM-6 PM  
Tues-Thurs. 3 PM-7 PM  
Closed Friday  
Saturday 9 AM-5 PM

#### Schneider Branch

Monday 2 PM- 7 PM  
Tues-Wed. 3 PM- 6 PM  
Thursday 3 PM- 7 PM  
Closed Friday  
Saturday 10 AM-12 PM

### Shelby Kids

Every Saturday at Noon- Kids Movie Day!

Wednesday, December 3, 10, and 17 at 4 PM - Game night with PS2.

Saturday, December 6, at 10 AM - Santa will tell stories, visit with each child, and give them each a coloring page and treat bag. Bring your cameras!

Monday, December 8 and 15, at 4 PM - Kids learn to paint a snow lady.

Saturday, December 20, at 10:00 AM - Miss Sandy will show you how to make a gingerbread house. You must pre-register as space is limited.

### Serving the Community

The library is serving as a drop-off point for Toys for Tots, a US Marine Reserve Program. A designated box to donate toys for needy children is located at the circulation desk.

Food and other household items are being dropped off at the library to be distributed through local outlets. The box is located near the entrance to the Children's Room.

You can help someone see better. Drop off your unwanted eyeglasses at a designated receptacle located next to the display case fronting the Children's Room. The eye-glass program is a project of the Lowell Lions Club.

A Freedom Machine that provides people with low vision ability to view books, magazines, pictures, maps, newspapers, etc., using a high magnification system with a 20" TV is located across from the magazine section of the library.



# *Just for Kids*



## **Visit with Santa**

Santa will be making a special visit to our library on Saturday, December 13, at 10 AM. Santa will read some stories and visit with children individually to listen to their holiday wishes. Each child will receive a treat bag and an autographed coloring sheet from Santa. Don't forget your camera!



## **December Craft Corner**

Join us on Thursday, December 11 when we will be making Christmas ornaments. Choose to make a Santa, a reindeer, a snowman, or snowflakes. Craft corner is for children, preschool to grade 5. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register for either the 10 AM or the 3 PM session.

## **Holiday Bingo**

Holiday fun at the library is in store for children, preschool to 5th grade. Join in the holiday games, vie for prizes and take home some candy too! Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult! The fun starts on Monday, December 22. Register for the 10 AM or 3 PM session.

## **Newsletter Mailings**

Due to the increasing cost of mailing the Library Lines newsletter to area businesses, public entities and organizations, the Friends of the Library now limits its mailing of the newsletter to Friends members. The newsletter is available at the library, and on the library's website at <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/>. The Friends will also be happy to send the newsletter via E-mail upon request.