

# Lowell Library Lines

December 2009



## **Nifty Notes Spread Holiday Cheer**



Patrons visiting the Lowell Public Library on Friday, December 4, will have the opportunity to enjoy a short performance by the *Nifty Notes* in the main portion of the library. The elementary school choir is under the direction of Donna Harker. The choir is conducting a singing tour of the schools with a stop-over at the library at approximately 11:15 AM.

### **Holiday Fun at Tree Trimming Party**

Helping to prepare the library for the coming holidays while having a good time is on the agenda for the Friends of the Library at their Annual Pot Luck Dinner/Trimming Dinner on Friday, December 4, at 5:30 PM. Friends members and their families will enjoy an evening of socializing over delicious holiday dishes before decorating the Christmas tree that will dominate the large arched window at the south wall of the library.

### **Santa's On His Way!**



Carrying his favorite story book from his home library at the North Pole, Santa Claus is coming to the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches to share his love of reading with children in the community. Santa will arrive at the Shelby Branch Library on Saturday, December 5, at 10:00 AM and the Schneider Branch Library at 12:30 PM. Bring your cameras to Santa's Story Hour and have your child enjoy a personal visit with Santa, who will give a candy treat and an autographed coloring sheet to each participant. Santa's visit is "arranged" by Friends of the Library President W. Brian Mathias. Santa's visit to the Lowell Library will be on Saturday, December 12, at 10:30 AM.

### **Senior Christmas Social**

The holiday season will begin with a sweet note for participants attending the Senior Christmas Party held at the Lowell Public Library on Wednesday, December 9, at 11 AM, and co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department. The festivities include entertainment by *Premiere Distinction Show Choir* under the direction of Megan Keown, a fabulous luncheon, fellowship and an abundance of good cheer. Space is limited. Reserve your spot! Call the Parks Department at 696-1570.

### **Popular Columnist Hosts Holiday Party**

The Lowell Public Library is pleased to announce that Philip Potempa, daily Entertainment and Food Columnist for The Times Newspaper of Indiana and writer for the south suburban Chicago area, will present *From the Farm 2009 Holiday Party* at the library on Saturday, December 19, at 12 Noon. Co-hosting the event are Potempa's parents, Chester and Peggy. Potempa is well known for entertaining his audience with humorous stories and fun ways to be creative. At the party the Potempas will serve refreshments while giving participants great holiday party ideas and recipes for last minute holiday planning and holiday decorations. Each attendee will take home one of more than \$700 in giveaway items Potempa will bring to the event. Party space is limited. Register early for the program by calling the library at 696-7704. A \$3 donation is requested to cover party preparations.

## **In Memory**

Library Director Sandy Morgan, Library Board of Trustees members and library staff were deeply saddened by the news of the passing of former library board member and past president Tom Stuart. Our condolences to his wife Mary and the Stuart family.

### **Lowell Adult Programs**

#### **Library Quilters Meet**

Monday, December 7, 14, 21, and 28, at 9 AM.

#### **Library Knitters**

Tuesday, December 1 and 15, at 6:30 PM.  
Learn to knit on the first and third Tuesdays each month. A list of supplies is at the desk.

#### **Basket Weaving Class**

Thursday, Dec. 3, and Wednesday, Dec. 9, at 6 PM. Weave a basket with Julie Duttlinger.

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

Saturday, December 5, 9 AM - 1 PM.  
The drive is co-sponsored by the GFWC Lowell Women's Club and the library. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule your donation.

#### **Make An Evergreen Wreath**

Tuesday, December 8, at 7 PM.  
Create a 24 inch evergreen wreath with Holly Keithley. Fee is \$15.00 at registration.

#### **State Rep. Community Open House**

Friday, December 11, 10 AM to 12:30 PM.  
Shelli VanDenburgh, District 19 Indiana State Representative, is inviting community residents to share their concerns and questions about state government in preparation of the 2010 legislative session.

#### **Adult Book Discussion/ Luncheon**

Monday, December 14, at 1 PM. You must pre-register. Read and discuss *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*.

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

Wednesday, December 16, at 9 AM to 11 AM.  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services. A combined cholesterol test is \$5 (cash only please).

### **Poetry Group Meets**

Saturday, December 19, at 10 AM.  
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society.

### **Library Scrappers Meet**

Monday, December 21, at 6:30 PM.  
Scrappers meet on the third Monday of each month. Learn new techniques. Pre-register for this free program.

### **Free Computer Classes**

Free Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays and Word or Excel on Fridays at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-registration is required.

## **Young Adults at Lowell**

### **Game Night**

Thursday, December 3, at 6 PM.

### **Basket Weaving with Julie Duttlinger**

Saturday, December 5, at 1 PM.  
Make a Merry Market basket. All ages are welcome. Cost is \$20.00.

### **Christmas Painting with Debbie Dunning**

Saturday, December 12, 9:30 AM - 1 PM.  
All ages welcome, \$13 fee due at sign-up.

### **Christmas Party**

Thursday, December 17, at 6 PM.  
Have festive fun with your friends at our pizza party. You must pre-register. Fee is \$1.00, which includes pizza, pop, and hot cocoa.

### **Painting with Debbie Dunning**

Saturday, December 19, at 1:30 PM.  
All ages welcome to paint gift bags and tags. Pre-register. Fee is \$8.00.

## **Holiday Memorial Program**

The holidays may be difficult to face because of a loss of a loved one. A holiday memorial program to help people adjust to and enjoy the holiday season will be offered at Sheets Funeral Home on December 6, at 2 PM. Call 696-0921 for RSVP.

## **Young Adults - Shelby**

Tuesday, December 1, at 4 PM.

Make a teacup centerpiece with greens and a holiday charm.

Tuesday, December 8, at 4 PM.

Holiday Glass Painting with Emily.

Tuesday, December 15, at 4 PM.

Make chocolate dipped spoons and pretzels.



## **Young Adults - Schneider**

Wednesday, December 2, at 4 PM.

Read and then discuss *Ghost Girl* by Tonya Hurley.

Wednesday, December 9, at 4 PM.

Holiday Glass Painting with Emily.

Wednesday, December 16, at 4 PM.

Pre-register for our Christmas Party. Fee is \$1.00 which includes pizza, pop, and hot cocoa.

## **Shelby Adults**

### **Book Discussion**

Wednesday, December 2, at 7 PM.

Read and discuss *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs.

No Bingo in December, but will resume the fourth week in January, weather permitting.

## **Shelby Kids**

### **Thursdays at 4 PM.**

Game Day.

### **Saturdays at 12 PM.**

Kids Movies. Free popcorn; pop is 25¢.

### **December Craft**

Call the Shelby branch at 552-0809 for time and date and further details.

### **Gingerbread House**

Saturday, December 19, at 10 AM.

Miss Sandy will show you how to decorate your own gingerbread house. You must pre-register.



## **Schneider Adults**

### **Paint a brick snowman.**

Tuesday, December 1, at 3:30 PM.

### **Christmas Ornament**

Monday, December 7, at 3:30 PM.

Make a gingerbread house ornament.

### **Cookie Exchange**

Saturday, December 12, at 12 PM.

Bake three dozen cookies. Bring the recipe and go home with three dozen other cookies.

### **All -Day Scrapbooking**

Saturday, December 12, 10 AM - 10 PM.

## **Schneider Kids**

### **Card Making**

Thursday, December 10, at 3:30 PM.

Learn to make Christmas cards.

### **10 and Up Game Nights**

Monday, December 14 and 21.

### **Movie Night**

Thursday, December 17, at 4 PM.

### **Gingerbread Houses**

Saturday, December 19, at 1 PM.

Decorate your own gingerbread house with Miss Sandy. You must pre-register; space is limited.

### **Board and Card Games**

Tuesday, December 22, at 3:30 PM.



# *Just for Kids*



## **Craft Corner**

Join us on Thursday, December 10, when we will be making reindeer! The reindeer can be made into either a necklace or an ornament to hang on the tree. A sample is on display in the Children's display case. Craft Corner is for preschoolers through fifth graders. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register at the circulation desk for either the 10 AM or the 3 PM session.

## **Holiday Bingo**

Come to the library on Thursday, December 17, for some holiday fun! We will be playing Holiday Bingo for prizes! Children preschool age through the fifth grade are welcome to participate. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. There are two sessions, 10AM and 3 PM. Sign up at the circulation desk.

## Non-Fiction Reading Picks

152.46	<i>Conquering Fear</i> - Kushner, Harold S.
155.66	<i>The Slippery Year</i> - Gideon, Melanie
211	<i>The Case for God</i> - Armstrong, Karen
333.95	<i>Nature's Ghosts</i> - Barrow, Mark V.
362.1	<i>Why Our Health Matters</i> - Weil, Andrew
362.734	<i>You Can Adopt</i> - Caughman, Susan
379.2	<i>A Mighty Long Way</i> - LaNier, Carlotta Walls
582.16	<i>How Trees Die</i> - Gillman, Jeff
616.9792	<i>Living with HIV</i> - Cichocki, Mark
616.994	<i>Knockout</i> - Somers, Suzanne
629.13	<i>Highest Duty</i> - Sullenberger, Chesley
641.5645	<i>Hit the Spot</i>
746.0463	<i>Beginner's Guide to Needle Felting</i> - Wallis, Susanna
769.5223	<i>Rock Climbing</i>
792.7	<i>Official Book Club Selection</i> - Griffin, Kathy
814.6	<i>The Guinea Pig Diaries</i> - Jacobs, A.J.
917.404	<i>Two Coots in a Canoe</i> - Morine, David E.
940.1	<i>The Inheritance of Rome</i> - Wickham, Chris
940.5421	<i>D-Day</i> - Beevor, Antony
973.922	<i>Kennedy and the Berlin Wall</i> - Smyser, W.R.
978	<i>The Calamity Papers</i> - Walker, Dale L.

## Biographies

B BERTIN	<i>Finding It</i> - Bertinelli, Valerie
B CLELAN	<i>Heart of a Patriot</i> - Cleland, Max
B EASTWO	<i>American Rebel</i> - Eliot, Marc
B JAMES	<i>Shooting Stars</i> - James, LeBron
B LENNON	<i>Remembering John Lennon 25 years Later</i>
B WILLIA	<i>Moon River and Me</i> - Williams, Andy

## New on CD

<i>Crash Love</i> - AFI
<i>Constellations</i> - August Burns Red
<i>The Reason</i> - Diamond Rio
<i>Definitive Collection</i> —Jackson. Michael
<i>Southern Voice</i> - Tim McGraw
<i>Celebration</i> - Madonna
<i>My Kind of Christmas</i> - Martin, Dean
<i>Justin Moore</i> - Moore, Justin

## Fax Service and Public Scanner Available at Library

The Lowell Public Library now provides public fax service at the reference desk. Fax fee is \$1 per page for faxes sent in the U.S. A scanner for public use is located in the Reference Department's Redbud room.

### Holiday Closings

Thursday, December 24 (Christmas Eve) CLOSED  
Friday, December 25 (Christmas Day) CLOSED  
Thursday, December 31 (New Year's Eve) CLOSED at 1 PM  
Friday, January 1 (New Year's Day) CLOSED





# What's New!

## **New Fiction Books:**

*Angel Time* - Rice, Anne  
*Breaking the Rules* - Bradford, Barbara  
*Christmas Promise* - Perry, Anne  
*Creed Country Christmas* - Miller, Linda Lael  
*Crush* - Jacobson, Alan  
*Haiku* - Vachss, Andrew H.  
*Knit the Season* - Jacobs, Kate  
*Lacuna* - Kingsolver, Barbara  
*Lakeshore Christmas* - Wiggs, Susan  
*Midnight Rainbow* - Howard, Linda  
*Pursuit of Honor* - Flynn, Vince  
*Rainwater* - Brown, Sandra  
*Quilter's Holiday* - Chiaverini, Jennifer  
*Shades of Blue* - Kingsbury, Karen  
*The Sound of Sleigh Bells* - Woodsmall, Cindy  
*Southern Lights* - Steel, Danielle  
*Too Many Yesterdays* - Hylton, Sara  
*Windfall* - Vincenzi, Penny  
*Winter of Secrets* - Delany, Vicki

## **Mystery:**

*The Body in the Sleigh* - Page, Katherine  
*The Brutal Telling* - Penny, Louise  
*The End of the Road* - Henry, Sue  
*The Final Detail* - Coben, Harlan  
*The Gates* - Connolly, John  
*Holiday Grind* - Coyle, Cleo  
*Jigsaw Guilt* - Ashford, Jeffrey  
*Kindred in Death* - Robb, J.D.  
*Merry, Merry Ghost* - Hart, Carolyn  
*Necessary as Blood* - Crombie, Deborah

## **Books on CD**

*13-1/2* - Barr, Nevada  
*Between the Plums* - Evanovich, Janet  
*First Family* - Baldacci, David  
*The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* - Shaffer, Mary Ann and Barrows, Annie  
*Shanghai Girls* - See, Lisa

## **New Music CDs**

*Crash Love* - AFI  
*Constellations* - August Burns Red  
*The Reason* - Diamond Rio  
*Definitive Collection* - Michael Jackson  
*The Fame* - Lady Gaga

*My Kind of Christmas* - Dean Martin  
*Southern Voice* - Tim McGraw  
*Hannah Montana 3* - Hannah Montana  
*Treasury of Christmas* - Traditions  
*25 Favorite Christmas Songs* {Veggie Tales}

## **DVDs**

*Away We Go*  
*Battle for Terra*  
*Camille*  
*Gifted Hands*  
*G. I. Joe: Rise of the Cobra*  
*Land of the Lost*  
*Lost and Found Family*  
*My Life in Ruins*  
*My Sister's Keeper*  
*Pride and Prejudice*  
*The Proposal*  
*Star Trek*  
*Taking of Pelham 1223*  
*Transformers: Revenge of the Fallen*

## **Children's Titles on DVD**

*Aliens in the Attic*  
*Barbie and the 3 Musketeers*  
*Barbie as Rapunzel*  
*Curious George - A Very Monkey Christmas*  
*Dora and the 3 Little Pigs*  
*Frosty's Friends*  
*Gotta Catch Santa Claus*  
*Ice Age - Dawn of the Dinosaurs*  
*Jay Jay's Christmas Surprise*  
*Mickey's Adventures in Wonderland*  
*Spongebob: 10 Happiest Moments*  
*Veggie Tales: Saint Nicholas*