



Lowell Library Lines

December 2017

Please note: The library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed December 25 and January 1.

Events This Month

Lowell Public Library
1505 East Commercial
Lowell, IN 46356
phone 696-7704
fax 696-5280
www.lowellpl.lib.in.us

Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9 AM - 8 PM
Fri - Sat. 9 AM - 5 PM

Schneider Branch
24002 Parrish Ave.
Schneider, IN 46376
552-1000

Schneider Winter Hours

Mon-Thurs. 3:30-7 PM
Fri. CLOSED
Sat. 10 AM-12 NOON

Shelby Branch
23323 Shelby Rd
Shelby, IN 46377
552-0809

Shelby Winter Hours

Mon. 9 AM-12 & 1-6 PM
Tues-Thurs. 3 PM-7 PM
Fri. CLOSED
Sat. 9 AM-2 PM

Home For The Holidays

Wednesday, December 6 at 6 PM

Many of the things we do today like decorating Christmas trees, caroling, and hanging mistletoe, began in ancient times when just about every human in the world hunkered down in their homes between the Fall harvest and the Spring thaw. These traditions continued as the Industrial Revolution gave people the way and the need to travel far away from hearth and home via plane, train, and automobile.

“Home for the Holidays” explores the often surprising origins of some of our most cherished holiday traditions, and we take a look at some events that occurred in those years when Mother Nature did her worst to keep people away from their goals. We also look back a century to a time when the First World War paused for a Christmas truce. In the end we may once again realize that “for the holidays we can’t beat home sweet home.”

Presented by David G. Clark, award-winning author of *The Roads that Lead to Lincoln*, *Images of America: Route 66 in Chicago*, and *Exploring Route 66 in Chicagoland: Journeys Through History on the Mother Road in Cook County, Illinois*.

Mr. Clark’s past programs at the library have included *The Ghosts of Route 66*, *The Roads that Lead to Lincoln*, and *World War I- Homefront and Consequences*.

Please pre-register for this FREE program.



Santa Story Time

On Saturday, December 9, Santa and Mrs. Claus will visit the Lowell Public Library (10:30 AM) and the Schneider Branch (1 PM) to share their love of reading with children in both communities!

Santa will read some favorite books from their home library at the North Pole. Afterward, each child can talk with Santa and Mrs. Claus and receive a coloring page and a bag of candy!

This is a FREE event. Don’t forget to bring you cameras!



Lowell Adult Programs & Events

Computer Classes

Free classes are held on Mondays and Thursdays at 11 AM. Pre-registration is required.

Blood Drive

Saturday, December 2, 9:30 AM-1:30 PM.
“The need is constant. The gratification is instant. Give blood”. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS or go to www.redcrossblood.org to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are also welcome.

Library Quilters Meet

Monday, December 4, 11 and 18, 9 AM.
Learn to quilt! Share what you know and work on your projects.

Adult Coloring

Tuesday, December 5 and 19, 10 AM.
Get in on the fun! Coloring helps us de-stress and stimulates brain areas related to motor skills. All supplies provided.

Annual Senior Christmas Party

Thursday, December 7, 11 AM.
A luncheon and an abundance of good cheer is included in the day's festivities! The Lowell High School Show choir is scheduled to perform. Call the Lowell Parks Department at 696-1570 to pre-register for our annual Christmas party. Space is limited.

Stamping and Card Making

Thursday, December 7, 6:00 PM.
Create 1-2 handmade items! Bring scissors. A \$5 fee will cover all other materials needed for the projects, including adhesive. Pre-register.

Evergreen Crafts

Wednesday, December 13, 6-7:30 PM.
This year decorate your home with fragrant, natural evergreens for the holidays. You can create your own basket, crate or wreath! The crates (approximately 20" x 15" by 15" tall) are filled to overflowing with your choice of evergreens, berries, cones and pods. The cost, including everything you want to use, is \$25. The baskets are varying sizes, priced \$6 - \$15, and are filled to overflowing with the same fresh greens, berries, and cones. (Baskets supplied or you can bring your own). The wreaths (about 24" in diameter) are made on a special clamping frame. The cost for supplies is \$20. We will provide individual help and encouragement as you create your own decoration individualized to your tastes. Space is limited. Sign up now and bring gloves!

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, December 16, 10 AM.
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society and enjoy the works of fellow writers.

Library Board Meets

Monday, December 18, 7 PM.
The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held.

Blood Pressure/Glucose Testing

Thursday, December 21, 9-10 AM.
Free blood pressure and glucose screenings are offered by Clinical Management Services of Demotte. No appointment needed — just walk in!

Friends of the Library Christmas Party

Helping to prepare the library for the coming holidays while having a good time is on the agenda for the Friends of the Lowell Public Library at their Annual Pot Luck Dinner/Tree Trimming on Friday, December 1, at 5:30 PM.

Friends members and their families will enjoy an evening of socializing over delicious holiday food before decorating the Christmas tree that dominates the large arched window of the library. Please let Bethany know if you are planning to attend and what dish you'd like to bring.

Young Adult Programs (Grades 6-12)

Holiday Card Making

Thursday, December 7, 5-7 PM

Create holiday cards to share with family and friends.

Sugar Cookies and Movie

Thursday, December 14, 5-7 PM

Watch a movie and decorate and eat sugar cookies. Cost \$1.00



Just for Kids



Craft Corner

Come to the library on Thursday, December 14 and make a Christmas card that you can give to someone special. Craft corner is a FREE program for children, from birth through the fifth grade, and will be held at 10 AM and 3:30 PM. Pre-register.



Gingerbread Houses

Saturday, December 16, at 10 AM, come and decorate a gingerbread house. Each child will have his or her own house to decorate. After you decorate them, you may take them home to eat or use as a holiday decoration. This is a free event for children, from birth through the fifth grade. Space is limited so sign up soon!



Christmas Bingo

Come to the library on Thursday, December 21, to win prizes and candy in our Christmas Bingo. Christmas Bingo is a FREE program for children, from birth through the fifth grade and will be held at 10 AM and 3:30 PM. Pre-register for either session.



Make It and Take It

Are you bored? Ready to get out of the house? Come to the library Thursday, December 28 to create some make and take crafts that we have leftover. You can come and go any time from 1-3 pm. No sign-ups required. There is no cost to the program and the program is open to all children, from birth through the fifth grade.

At the Branches...

Shelby Adults

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, December 21, 5 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *Three Christmas Wishes*, written by Sheila Roberts.

Senior Bingo

Monday, December 18, 3:30-4:30 PM.

Play for a chance to win a gift card.

Shelby Young Adults

Wednesday Crafts, 4 PM.

Make last minute gifts:

Holiday wood slice sign (Dec.6); photo *Rubik's Cube* (Dec. 13); and a sled ornament (Dec. 20).

Book Discussion

Wednesday, December 27, 4 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *The Novice* written by Taran Matharu.

Shelby Children

Gingerbread Houses with Miss Cheryl

Saturday, Dec 2, 10 AM.

Decorate your very own gingerbread house.

Christmas Crafts, 4 PM.

Make last minute gifts:

Sled ornament (Dec. 5); snowman ornament (Dec. 12); Christmas cards (Dec. 14); and a Christmas tree ornament (Dec. 20).

Cookies with Mrs. Claus

Decorate cookies! Date and Time to be announced. Call the library for details.

Movie

Tuesday, December 26, 4 PM.

Enjoy a movie along with hot cocoa.

Schneider Adults

All Day Scrapbooking

Saturday, December 9, 10 AM-10 PM.

Join our all day scrapbooking party!

Cookie Exchange

Thursday, December 14, 6 PM.

Call for details.

Schneider Young Adults

Wreath Craft

Wednesday, December 6, 4 PM.

Make a pinecone or mesh wreath.

Wednesday Crafts, 4 PM.

Make wooden ornaments (Dec. 13) and Christmas candy/pretzels (Dec. 20th).

Schneider Children

Gingerbread Houses with Miss Cheryl

Saturday, Dec 2, 1 PM.

Decorate your very own gingerbread house.

Christmas Crafts, 4 PM.

Make wooden and glass ornaments (Dec. 5) easy Christmas gifts (Dec. 12); and Christmas cards (Dec. 19).

Santa and Mrs. Claus Visit

Saturday, December 9, 1 PM.

Don't forget to bring your cameras!

