



Santa is Coming



Dressed in his familiar red suit with white fur trim, Santa Claus will soon leave the North Pole to visit the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches for a special "Santa Claus" Story Hour. Santa will entertain children with his favorite stories and visit with each and every child attending the holiday program. Be sure to bring your wish list.

Santa will arrive at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, December 6, at 10 AM. He will visit the Shelby Branch Library on Saturday, December 13, at 10 AM. On that same date he will visit the Schneider Branch at 12:30 PM. Helping Santa prepare his treats to give to the children are the Junior Girl Scouts of Troop 235.

Each year, for the past seven years, the Friends of the Library has sponsored the Santa Claus Story Hour to foster the love of reading in children. Santa is a member of the Friends Organization and his visits are arranged by W. Brian Mathias.

Children's Christmas Book Sale

The Friends of the Lowell Public Library will hold the "Children's Holiday Paperback Booksale" from December 8 -12 at the Lowell Library, and December 8-11 at the Shelby and Schneider Branches. There are paperback books for every age level.

Children can purchase books about animal adventures, science fiction and fantasy, fairy tales and legends or books about friends and family, rib ticklers, mystery and adventure, and of course books with scary, but not too scary stories! There are also non-fiction books on many subjects. Books and other items range in price from .99 cents to \$5.

Children can decorate their rooms with posters available at the sale. They can buy folders and book covers with lively pictures to color. Don't miss the "fun stuff" box loaded with sticker fun, bookmarks, pencils and erasers. Mark your calendar for the big sale!

Parents and guardians can do some holiday shopping at the sale and start a home library for their children. Proceeds from the sale are used to purchase needed materials for the library's children's collection.

AmeriCorp Member Joins Staff

The library is pleased to announce that Jane Stangel has recently joined the staff of the Lowell Public Library as an AmeriCorps member. A grant from AmeriCorps will enable Jane to assist the library with its literacy program as a Basic English and ESL (English as a Second Language) tutor.

Jane will also assist the public in finding the information they need in the library's computer catalog and other public databases. In addition, she will provide assistance in the library's public access computer rooms. In the future the library plans to acquire Internet access for public use, at which time Jane will help the library patrons navigate Cyberspace.

A Cedar Lake resident, Jane is a full-time student at Purdue Calumet studying Clinical Psychology.

More Staff Notes

Those new happy faces helping patrons at the circulation desk belong to new staff members Lorna Muth and Laura Caputo. Lorna and Laura will also be helping to process new book and audio/visual arrivals.
