



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.

HAPPENINGS IN DECEMBER

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: December 1, 8, 15, 22
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Christmas Ceramic Class - Schneider

Each Tuesday, December 2 & 9, at 7 PM
Make a mitten or stocking candy cane carrier,
a snowman or ornaments with crafter Crista Stavros.
There is a small fee for each craft.

Basket Weaving with Julie Duttlinger

For Julie's basket workshops you will need to bring a
bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothes pins,
towel, and a large plastic bag.

Weave Two Christmas Baskets - Lowell

Tuesday, December 2, at 8:30 AM
Thursday, December 4, at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, December 10, at 6:30 PM
Fee is \$20. A display of Julie's baskets can be
viewed at the Lowell Library's circulation desk.

Weave a Teacher's Tote Basket - Shelby

Join Julie in making this charming basket,
a perfect gift for some special person.

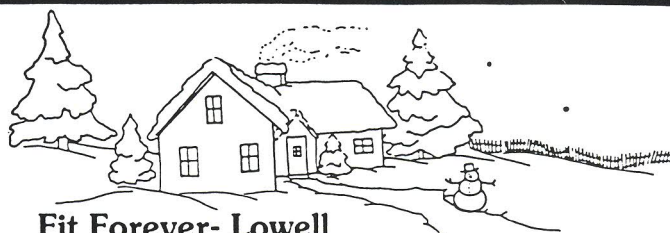
Thursday, December 4, at 9 AM
Monday, December 8, at 6 PM
Call 552-0809 for fee information.



Make a Fresh Evergreen Wreath- Lowell

Wednesday, December 3, at 6:30 PM
Create a fresh evergreen wreath you can place on your
front door that will be a beautiful symbol of holiday
cheer. At Holly Keithley's wreath workshop you will
use fresh evergreens, ribbons and pine cones to create
your masterpiece. Fee is \$13.

Special Note: There will be no CPR course for the month
of December. Call for the time and date of our next CPR
Course after January 1, 1998.



Fit Forever- Lowell

Each Wednesday: December 3, 10, 17
Each Friday: December 5, 12, 19
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact
aerobics as well as toning, strengthening, and flexibility
exercises. The class is open to anyone interested in a
total body, low impact workout aimed at improving
and maintaining fitness forever. Co-sponsored by the
Lowell Parks Department, the program is led by
Physical Fitness Instructor Linda Johnson. Fee is
\$1.50 per session.

Tax Changes '97 - Lowell

Wednesday, December 3, at 7 PM
At this free program Roger Walstra of Walstra
Financial Services will discuss changes in estate and
gift taxes, the generation skipping tax, the capital
gains reduction impact, repealed taxes, and charitable
deductions. IRA's qualified plans, corporate owned
life insurance, and family owned businesses will also
be included.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Lowell - Tuesday, December 9, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Shelby - Thursday, December 11, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Screening is conducted on a first come, first served
basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

A Holiday Cookie Exchange - Schneider

Wednesday, December 10, at 7 PM
Bring your favorite cookies and recipes to the "Holiday
Cookie Exchange." Trade with other participants and
take home a variety of cookies to serve to your holiday
guests.

Pre-Register for Programs by Calling:

Lowell Public Library - 696-7704
Shelby Branch Library - 552-0809
Schneider Branch Library - 552-1000

Bells of Holly

Friends of the Library and staff members will meet in the library program room on Friday, December 5, at 5:30 PM to enjoy a Pot Luck Dinner and decorate the library for the holiday season. The Girl Scouts of Troop 217 will turn the children's Christmas tree into a holiday sensation, festooning the tree with hand-crafted creations.

The drawing for the beautiful blue and white afghan created by Friends of the Library member Luetta House will be held on Monday, December 15, at 4 PM. The drawing tickets are courtesy of NBD Bank. Get your drawing tickets at the circulation desk.

New members are always welcome to join the Friends. Contact Nell Fabish at 696-7704.

Give Life

Give the gift of life. A Red Cross Blood Drive will be held at the Lowell Public Library on Friday, December 26, from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Call 1-800 589-7574 to schedule a time when you can make your donation. Walk-ins will be accepted. You can help make the difference in someone's life.

Childhood Immunizations

Free childhood immunizations will be held at the Cedar Lake Clinic on Thursday, December 4, and Thursday, December 18, from 12 noon to 6 PM. Free immunizations will be held at the Schneider Branch Library on Thursday, December 18, from 12 noon to 6 PM.

This service is offered by St. Anthony Medical Center.

There will be no childhood immunizations at the Lowell Library in December.

Story Time Sign Ups

Pre-register for Story Time in January at the library and its branches. Story Time registration will begin on Friday, December 26, at the Lowell Public Library and Saturday, December 27, at the Shelby

Calligraphy Workshop for Young Adults

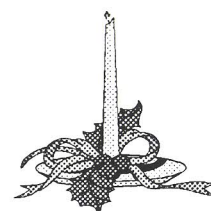
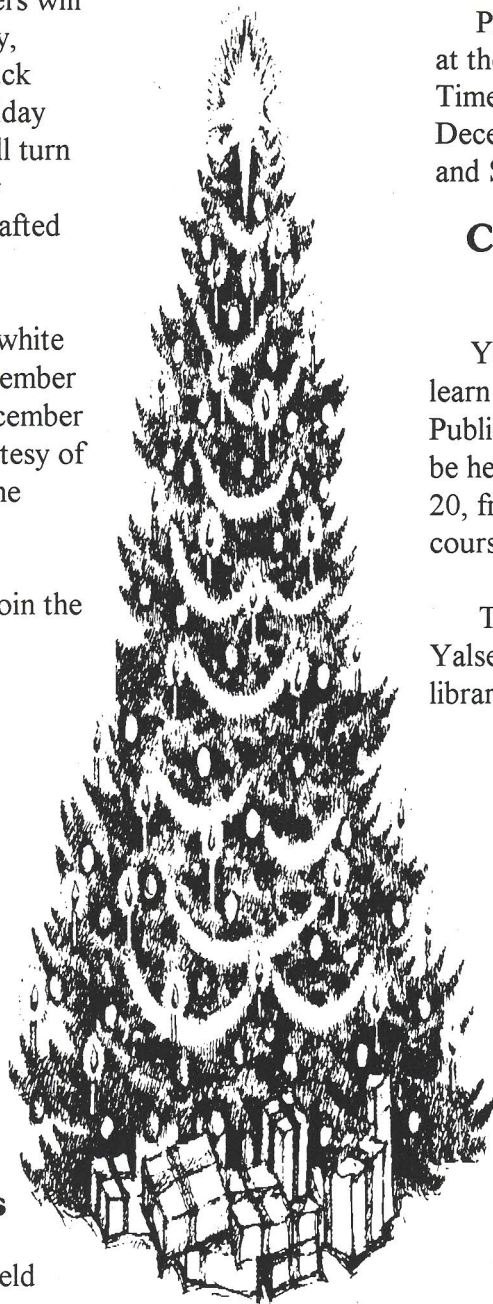
Young adults, grades 5 through 12 can learn the art of Calligraphy at the Lowell Public Library. A two-day workshop will be held each Saturday, December 13, and 20, from 1 PM to 2 PM. Fee for the course is \$10.

The course will be taught by Rachel Yalselsky. Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

Holiday Closings

The Lowell Public Library will be closed Wednesday, December 24, and Thursday, December 25, in observance of the Christmas holiday. The library will resume regular hours on Friday, December 26. The library will also be closed Wednesday, December 31, and Thursday, January 1, in observance of the New Year holiday. The library will resume regular hours on Friday, January 2, 1998.

The Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed on December 24, 25, and 26 and resume regular hours on Saturday, December 27. The branches will also be closed on December 31 and January 1 & 2 and resume regular hours on Saturday, January 2. Happy Holidays!





Christmas at the Branches

It's holiday time at
the Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Schneider - Children of all ages are
invited to create their own special
Christmas ornaments at the Schneider
Branch on Thursday, December 18,
at 4 PM.

Shelby - On Saturday, December 20,
at 2 PM children can create their own
Gingerbread Houses. Call for more
information.

Craft Corner

Charming Gingerbread ornaments will be
created by pre-schoolers and school age children
to decorate their holiday tree.

Craft Corner hours are:

Lowell - Pre-school craft



Thursday, December 4 - 10 AM

School age craft

Thursday, December 4 - 3:30 PM

Pre-register at 696-7704

Schneider - Pre-school & school age crafts

Thursday, December 11 - 3:30 PM

Pre-register at 552-1000

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