

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

JANUARY 1998

Go For The Gold In 1998



Dear Patrons,

First let me thank you on behalf of all the library staff for making 1997 a great year. We thank you for your friendly greetings, that you take a moment to chat with us, sharing a good read, and for your suggestions to help make the library the best it can be. We think we have the nicest patrons anywhere!

On to 1998! If you are one of the folks that has made New Year's resolutions, the best places to come for assistance in keeping those resolutions is your library. Are you thinking about starting your own business or investing in the stock market? Do you want to continue your education, create a smart new resume, lose weight, exercise more, landscape your house, raise tropical fish or take up a new sport? You can learn to cook fat free, repair your car, become computer savvy, plan for this summer's vacation, learn a second language, or begin to trace your family tree. With the many resources available at the library or through inter-library loan we can assist you in finding the information you need to help you reach your goals for '98.

Would you like to contact distant relatives or old friends but haven't a clue what city or state they live in? Give the reference librarian the name of the person you are seeking and a search will be made for the telephone numbers, address and state using the residential directory on the library's CD-ROM or by using "switchboard.com" on the Internet. Businesses can be located the same way.

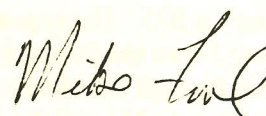
Did you promise yourself you would take more time to enjoy listening to music or watching good movies that you missed at the theater? Check out the many selections of classical, popular, rock, country, and jazz music available at the library on CD or cassette. For your viewing pleasure the library is continually adding to its video collection of over 2100 drama, comedy, western, Sci-fiction, classic, children's and non-fiction videos.

Is your goal to become more active in '98? Attend some of the many educational, craft and health programs the library and its branches offer throughout the year. Join the Library Quilters, the Library Needlepointers or the Fit Forever exercise group. Learn drawing or cartooning from Artist Nikki Kutansky of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts. Stay healthy. Take advantage of free blood pressure screening held the second Tuesday of each month at the library and the second Thursday of each month at the Shelby Branch.

Are you planning to volunteer time in service to your community or are you looking to join one of the many local, state or national organizations? The library has listings of several organizations that would welcome your help. Are you interested in teaching someone to read or helping a newcomer to this country learn English as a Second Language? Become a tutor for the library! Join the Friends of the Library. They are doing wonderful things to make our library grow.

And, if relaxation is what you are looking for, what better place for spending a few hours with a good book, new magazine or daily newspaper than in the comfortable confines of the library's lounge area. You will find that our cushioned chairs and rockers face the windows that look out on the wooded area of the library grounds, letting a touch of nature in.

We look forward serving you in 1998.



Michael Furl, Director
Lowell Public Library



HAPPENINGS IN JANUARY

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: January 5, 12, 19, 26
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Fit Forever- Lowell

Each Wednesday: January 7, 14, 21, 28
Each Friday: January 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
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.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, January 8, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Lowell - Tuesday, January 13, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Screening is conducted on a first come, first served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

Creative Writing Course for Adults - Lowell

Each Thursday for 6 weeks beginning January 8 at 7 PM Sharon Palmeri, published author and poet, will instruct beginning and experienced writers to develop or expand their writing skills, increase their knowledge, hone their writing techniques and prepare their work for publication.

At the workshop legal aspects involved in securing an agent, getting published, and marketing will also be covered. In addition, there will be lively discussions on various literary devices and how they are used to enhance poetry, prose and short stories. Time management will also be covered. The workshop consists of lectures, open forum, reading and writing activities and critiquing.

Fee for "Creative Writing" is \$35. The required text for the workshop, *Writing Down the Bones*, by Natalie Goldberg can be ordered through the library. The hardback book is approximately \$11 and the paperback edition is approximately \$6. A dictionary and thesaurus is also useful.

(Creative Writing Cont.)

A certified teacher with a B.Sc. Degree in Education from Indiana University, and a major in English and a minor in journalism, Palmeri has taught writing classes for eight years to students from five to ninety-five years old. She has had nearly 200 articles published in various literary magazines, and in newspapers such as the Munster Times, the Post Tribune, and the Lake County Star.

As an award winning writer, her by-line has appeared on health columns, features, hard news, short fiction, essays and poetry. Most recently she is working on three poetry books to be published shortly. Palmeri founded Write-On, Hoosiers, Inc. and is the executive editor of Hoosier Horizon and Hoosier Horizon Children's Magazine.

CPR (Adult/Child/Infant) Course - Lowell

Monday, January 19, at 6 PM

The CPR American Heart Association Course for the general public is \$12. For health professionals seeking renewal the fee is \$16. Katherine Misiora, RN and Leon Misiora E.M.T., Paramedic, are instructors for the course.

Coming In February

Preparing for the SAT

A SAT Preparation Course for the verbal and math sections of the SAT will be held each Wednesday, at 6 PM beginning February 4. Call the library for fee information or to pre-register.

Basket Weaving with Julie Duttlinger

Weave a Bean Pot Basket at the Shelby Branch Library on Tuesday, February 3, at 9 AM. The class will be repeated on Thursday, February 5, at 6 PM. Fee is \$20.

The Tax Man Cometh

Those "after the holiday blues" come when the bills arrive. Hopefully you are entitled to a refund from Uncle Sam.

The library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will soon be gearing up for the tax season. Trained volunteers of AARP will offer free tax assistance for senior citizens, handicapped or low income taxpayers at these locations beginning in February. Federal and State tax forms will be available at the libraries toward the end of the month. Dates and times for the tax program will be announced.

**Pre-register for all programs by
calling the library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch
at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.**



FOR YOUNG ADULTS

Become a Young Author

Creative Writing for Young Adults

Each Saturday, January 10, 17, 24, 31 from 1 PM to 3:30 PM
Rachel Yaselsky will teach participants ages 12-18 to write for fun and publication. Class size is limited...register now!

Learn to draw with Artist and Instructor Nikki Kutansky of the Center For Visual and Performing Arts.

Principles of Drawing - Beginners

Each Monday at 3:30 PM Beginning February 2
Learn the principles of drawing with different media, charcoal, color crayon, etc.



Cartooning Principles

Each Tuesday at 3:30 PM. Beginning February 3
Learn the "How" of cartooning, demonstrating the method used to develop and construct characters correct in form, design, symmetry and detail.

Super Heroes and Advanced Cartooning

Each Wednesday at 3:30 PM Beginning February 4 at the Lowell Middle School. Super Heroes deals with the principles of the human figure, applied specifically to the drawing of Super Heroes. In Advanced Cartooning the emphasis will be to turn pictures of people and animals into cartoons.

Principles of Drawing - Intermediate/Advanced

Each Friday at 3:30 PM Beginning February 6
For students who have taken the beginning principles of drawing and wish to develop their skills at a higher level.

Fee for each course (includes supplies) is \$65.

We were asked...What is the life span of a bandicoot?

Bandicoot is the name given to 19 species of Australian marsupial. The species called the Great Binty can live up to seven years in captivity. It is unknown how long they live in the wild. (Answer was found over the Internet at the Home Page of the Australian Department of Natural Resources).

What is the name of the white crescent shape at the base of the Thumbnail? It is called the Lunula. (Source: the Atlas of Human Anatomy).

Board Member Retires

Lowell resident and community leader Norma Ruley recently retired from the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees after 12 years of service to the library district. During her term of office Ruley served as the board's treasurer and took part in the planning of the new Lowell Library that was dedicated on November 13, of 1993.

Thank You Santa Claus

Children attending the Santa Claus Story Time at the library and its branches in December each had a precious moment alone with Santa Claus to whisper their secret wishes for the holiday. Parents and library staff watching the event had a chance to look back to their childhood and remember what it was like to talk to Santa.

We thank Friends member Brian Mathias for making Santa's visit possible and wish his wife Judy a speedy recovery from her recent illness.

Afghan Raffle Fills Treasury

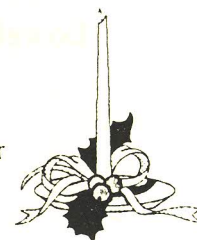
Thanks to the talented hand work of Friends of the Library member Luetta House the Friends treasury is now over \$200 richer. Luetta made a beautiful blue and white afghan for a special drawing at the library on December 15. Patron Doris Little picked the winning ticket and Mary Rose Lynch took home the prize.

Congratulations Mary Rose

Happy New Year!!!

The Lowell Public Library will 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.

The Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed from Wednesday, December 30 to Friday, January 2, and resume regular hours on Saturday, January 3.





STORY TIME FOR JANUARY

LOWELL

Each Tues at 10:00 AM or 1:30 PM

Jan 6 - Feb 10

Each Wed at 10:00 AM or 1:30 PM

Jan 7 - Feb 11

SHELBY

Each Mon at 9:30 AM

Jan 5 - Feb 9

SCHNEIDER

Each Thurs at 9:30 AM

Jan 8 - Feb 12

CRAFT CORNER

LOWELL

Preschool Craft - Jan 8

Thurs. at 10:00 AM

School Age Craft - Jan 8

Thurs. at 3:30 PM

SHELBY

Preschool Craft - Jan 22

Thurs. at 3:30 PM

School Age Craft - Jan 29

Thurs. at 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER

Both Crafts - Jan 15

Thurs. at 3:30 PM

****Crafts will be to make a snowman!****

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