



# Lowell Library Lines



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## From the Director:

On behalf of the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches, I would like to express my appreciation to all of our patrons, and to the volunteer members of the Board of Trustees, Endowment Board, Leasing Corporation and Friends of the Library all of whom helped make 2002 a great year for the library.

As we look forward to another great year of service to our patrons and the community at large, I would like to share with you some of the accomplishments of 2002.

Francine Shreffler  
Library Director

- Number of registered borrowers - 11,840
- Programs for Adults, Young Adults - 714
- Programs for Children - 419
- Public Internet access computers - 10
- Materials in collection - 76,641
- Total materials circulated - 344,330 (a 3.7% increase over the total in 2001.)
- 1161 people took free computer classes at the library.

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## Community Day Event Fundraiser for the Friends

The Friends of the Library is taking part in the Carson Pirie Scott Community Day Event. You can help by purchasing a \$5 coupon packets for the special Carson's sale on Saturday, March 1.

Each event package includes:

- One \$5 coupon good for almost any merchandise item in the store and six 20% savings coupons valid during the one day sale.
- Exclusive merchandise offers
- The chance to win a trip for two to Mexico

Friends receive 100% of the \$5 packet price to donate to the library.

## Winter Respite at Chicago Flower & Garden Show



Take away the winter doldrums and spend a day among the beautiful flower gardens at the 2003 Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier.

Purchase your ticket for the Sunday, March 9, comfort bus ride to the show at the circulation desk where there will be an information sheet about the show and other activities at Navy Pier. Comfort bus tickets to the show are \$17 (non-refundable) and includes a donation to the Friends of the Library.

Admission to the show is \$12 for adults, and \$5 for children, ages 4-12.



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- Adult programs included over 40 craft classes, free computer classes, a series of 12 gardening programs, workshops in writing, money management, investment retirement planning and college funding.
- To encourage writing, the library sponsored the Mid-West Writer's Forum that lead to the publication of several books by its members. Tax assistance, free blood pressure screening, hearing screenings and Flu immunizations were offered at the library.
- The number of YA (young adults) attending programming in 2002 and the variety of programs they enjoyed succeeded beyond our expectations. The Food, Fun & Fiction Club met each month, at the library and its Shelby Branch for a discussion of a book chosen by the YAs.
- During 2002 YAs attended A Saturday Matinee, a basket weaving course, a baby-sitting course, learned paper making and attended a cheerleading clinic. The 3 month-long YA Summer Reading Program registered 95 YAs from Lowell, 71 from Shelby and 4 from Schneider. A two-month Winter Reading Program for young adults and their parents was held in November and December. Over 90 books were read by YA's and 40 books read by parents.
- Over 9,370 children attended programming designed for them including three six-week Story Time programs, two five-week Toddler Time Programs, Craft Corner, puppet skits, Summer Reading Club, Headstart programs each month, the Santa Claus Story Time, and Children's Book Week events.
- The Summer Reading Program at the library and its branches included a pet show, storytellers and a magician, Christopher & Company. The highlight of the Reading Program was a visit with an Eagle Band Chief of the Miami Indians of Indiana, who told the children the history of the Indiana Miami.



## Food, Fun & Fiction

The sinking of the Titanic, one of the worlds great ship disasters, is vividly recalled in this fictional book *Voyage on the Great Titanic*, a *Dear America* book. YA's (Young Adults) grades 6 - 12, will discuss this book over refreshments when they meet at the library on Wednesday, February 26, at 4:30 PM. Copies of the book are at the circulation desk.

At the Shelby Branch Library, club members will read *A Single Shard* by Linda Sue Park. The date and time of their book discussion will be announced. Call 552-0809 to pre-register.

## Dinner: A Delicious Way to Meet

The Friends of the Library are dining out in February at the China Buffet in Schererville. If you would like to join the Friends of the Library this would be an excellent opportunity to meet other members. We will carpool from the library on Wednesday, February 19, at 5:30 PM. Contact Nell Fabish for more information at 696-7704.

The Friends will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 PM.



## YA Hearts Afire

Young adults, grades 6-12, are signing up for some holiday fun at the Lowell Public Library. "Hearts Afire" will be held on Saturday, February 1, from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM.

Participants will "make everything for their Valentine," including a salt dough ornament, an applesauce ornament, a cinnamon ornament, and a wax heart ornament. Lunch will be included in the \$2 fee due upon registration.

Upcoming YA programs include "Spring Training Baseball Memorabilia," a mothers/daughters "Mother's Day" craft and "One Stroke Painting" taught by Debbie Dunning.





## February 2003 Adult Programs

### Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, February 3, 10, 17, 24  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

### Basket Weaving Workshops

Shelby - Tuesday, February 4, at 6 PM  
Fee for the Hearth Basket is \$30

Lowell - Tuesday, February 18, at 8:30 AM  
Thursday, February 20, at 6 PM  
Wednesday, February 26, at 6 PM  
Fee for the Sweetheart Wall basket is \$25

### Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, February 13 & 20, at 7 PM  
Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum,  
and share your writings with others.

### Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, February 13, 9 -10:30 AM  
Offered by Technicians of Shelby Fire Dept.

Lowell - Wednesday, February 19, 9 to 11AM  
Offered by Clinical Management Services

### Crocheting - Lowell

Monday, February 17, at 6:30 PM  
Join and learn techniques of crocheting or  
work with other participants on your projects.

### Blood Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, February 19, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood sugar (glucose) screenings will be  
offered by Clinical Management Services.  
Check to see that your blood sugar count is  
within normal limits or staying in the normal  
range.

### Brown Bag Showtime - Lowell

Thursday, February 20, at 11 AM  
Hilarious, charming, whimsical...  
and that's just the patients of 1940's  
veterinarian James Herriot. Wait  
until you meet their owners. Bring a  
brown bag lunch and enjoy viewing  
***All Creatures, Great & Small*** on our large  
screen television with other animal lovers.  
We'll provide your beverage. Invite your  
friends. You'll laugh, you'll cry, and have a  
good time.



### "Coffee Klatch" Book Discussion - Lowell

Thursday, February 20, at 7 PM or  
Friday, February 21, at 10 AM.

*Sweet Thursday*, by John Steinbeck will be  
the topic of Coffee Klatch, an hour long book  
discussion served up with coffee and dessert.  
The setting for Steinbeck's novel is Monterey,  
off the California coast. Steinbeck's cast of  
characters once again brings to life post war  
Cannery Row, its sardine canneries, honky-tonks,  
seedy lots and flophouse bums; a place where  
*Sweet Thursday* comes after Lousy Wednesday,  
never a good day of the week.

In this juicy, easy reading comedy, the inhabitants  
of Cannery Row including: Fauna the brothel keeper,  
Old Jingleballicks, Lee Chong, Mack of the Palace  
Flophouse, Henri, painter and boat builder and a cast  
of several other colorful residents whose lives are  
filled with laughter and tears.

### Fruit Trees - Lowell

Monday, February 24, promptly at 7 PM.  
Dave McAfee of County Line Orchards will discuss  
the selection of fruit trees for the home gardener.  
Other topics include maintenance, pruning, insect  
and disease control, fertilizing and harvesting.

Register for the 2003 Garden Series programs  
sponsored by the library and Purdue Cooperative  
Extension Service.

### **Board of Trustees to Meet**

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees will  
be held on Monday, February 24, at 7 PM following  
an Executive Session at 6 PM and a Work Session  
at 6:30 PM.

### **All-American Blood Drive**

**Saturday, February 8, 10 AM - 3 PM**

**Call 1-800-Give Life to schedule  
your American Red Cross  
blood donation at the library.**

**Help build the summer blood supply!**

**Sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club**