

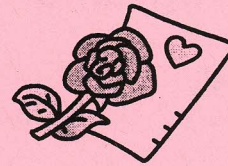


Lowell Library Lines



FEBRUARY 2004

From Friends with Love



The Friends of the Library are sending a special Valentine to the library this month in the form of over \$3,000 in donations for programming and special materials that are not included in the library's budget.

At their January meeting the Friends voted to provide \$1100 for 2004 children's programming, \$1000 for adult programs and \$300 for YA (young adult) programs. On the wish list for the Shelby Branch Library was a 26-inch television and a VCR to be used to show movies to children in the community. Friends voted to purchase the equipment which should be in place by the beginning of February. The Friends also voted to purchase die cut sets for the library's Accu-Cut machine. The die cuts are used to create displays for the library.

All is not work for Friends members. On Wednesday, February 18, the Friends will enjoy an evening out together enjoying dinner at Lucrezia Italian Ristorante in Crown Point.

Friends generate monies to donate to the library through their on-going booksale located in the non-fiction section of the library and from proceeds generated from the public copier. In December the Friends raised more funds with their holiday wreath sale. Friends bookbags, coloring books and Nature Trail T-shirts. The organization also plans a rummage/bake sale in June.

If you would like to be a member of the Friends fill out an application at the library's circulation desk. Dues are \$5 a year and members are mailed a monthly copy of the library newsletter.

"Winter Turns to Spring"

2004 Chicago Flower & Garden Show

We'll take you where the sun is shining indoors, and you can stroll through 25 beautiful gardens where the flowers are blooming all the time. The Friends of the Library invite you to enjoy their annual comfort bus trip to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show. Do your spring shopping at over 150 different exhibitor's booths and enjoy visiting the many other stores at Navy Pier. There are a variety of restaurants available to please any palate. While you are at the Pier visit the Smith Museum of Stained Glass. There is free admission for this permanent display of 150 stained glass windows representing the time period 1870 to the present.

Your comfort bus will arrive at the library on Sunday, March 14, at 9 AM to whisk you away to beautiful downtown Chicago and the show at Navy Pier. Tickets for the bus trip are available at the circulation desk for \$17 each (non-refundable and includes a donation to the Friends of the Library) Admission to the Flower & Garden Show is separate. Show prices are \$13 for adults and \$6 for children (4 to 12) to be paid at the show gate. Following your day at the show you will board the bus for the return trip at 3:45 PM.

An information sheet about the show is available at the circulation desk or you can call 696-7704 and ask for Nell Fabish for more information.



Adult Programs

Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, February 2, 9, 16, 23
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby

Monday, February 9, 10:30 AM to
12 Noon. Offered by technician
Pam Cross.

Conifers Gardening - Lowell

Monday, February 9, at 7 PM
Conifer gardening for four-season color
will be discussed by Arlene Dunn of Taltree
Arboretum.

Basket Classes

Shelby - Monday, February 9, at 6 PM
Weave a Field Basket with Julie Duttlinger.
Fee is \$38.

Lowell -

Thursday, February 12, at 6 PM or
Tuesday, February 24, at 6 PM.
Create an Apple Basket. Fee is \$25.

Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil,
tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic
bag to the basket workshop of your choice.

Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, February 16, at 6:30 PM.
Do you like to crochet? Bring your crocheting,
knitting or quilting projects to the library's
Crochet Club. If you're a novice you can learn
from others.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, February 18, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening
is offered by Clinical Management Services.
Diabetes is called the silent illness. Check your
glucose level at the library. Type 1 diabetes is
usually diagnosed in children and young adults.
In Type 1 diabetes, the body does not produce
insulin. Invite your family and friends to take
part in the regular monthly blood glucose
screening at the library.

What the Deaf-Mute Heard - Lowell

Thursday, February 19, at 7 PM or

Friday, February 20, at 10 AM

At the age of 10, an abandoned child finds his way
to a small Georgia town. Feeling silence means
safety, Sammy Ayers pretends not to be able to
hear or speak. And for the next 40 years the
townspeople feel free to reveal their darkest secrets
in front of him, and Sammy comes to know
everything about the people in the town. What will
happen when the truth finally comes out? Check
out *What the Deaf-Mute Heard* by G. D. Gearino
and come to Coffee Klatch. Refreshments are
served with coffee.

Northwest Indiana Poetry Society - Lowell

Saturday, February 21, at 10 AM

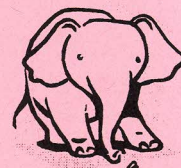
Bring your poetry to share with others. Come
and enjoy and learn the art of poetry writing.

Spring Cleaning Your Garden - Lowell

Monday, February 23, promptly at 7 PM.
Melissa Mravec of Allen Landscaping will
discuss preparing your lawn and garden space
in the spring. Learn how and where to start.

White Elephant Bingo

Prizes and surprises are
planned for senior participants at
the "White Elephant" game day at
the library on Thursday, February 19, at 10:30 AM.
The program, co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks
Department combines Bingo with an ice-cream
social sure to take away the winter doldrums. Call
696-1570 to pre-register.



Hospice in the Community

Debbie Schultz, Hospice Coordinator for
St. Anthony Hospice will discuss the many
different kinds of care a hospice service can offer
for families of loved ones with life-limiting illnesses.
The program to be held on Tuesday, February 17,
at 11 AM. The program will also describe the role
volunteers can play in hospice care, including
inpatient daily activities, clerical duties, emotional
support for families, or speakers for hospice care.
Volunteer training and qualifications will be covered.
Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.



Dr. Seuss's 100th Birthday

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*Hop On Pop*, *Horton Hears a Who*, and *The Cat in the Hat* are only a few of the many books written by Dr. Seuss (Theodor Geisel). Beloved by children all over the world, Dr. Seuss stories are famous for their imaginative characters and rhyming words.

March 2 is Dr. Seuss's 100th birthday, and to help celebrate the occasion ISTA-R (Indiana State Teacher's Association - Retired) and the library will co-sponsor a Dr. Seuss Birthday Party. Children (ages 3 to 5 years) are invited to attend on Saturday, February 28, at 10:30 AM. as part of the NEA (National Education Association) "Read Across America" project.

The "Cat in the Hat" will be there too! Come listen to the stories read by Dr. Seuss's special volunteers! Have fun playing games and be ready to blow out Dr. Seuss's birthday candle. While children are listening to stories and playing games parents are invited to wait in the program room and, later, join the children in a cake and ice cream party. At the end of the party the "Cat in the Hat" will give each child a fun animal balloon and a Dr. Seuss coloring and activity sheet to take home.

R.S.V.P. by calling the library at 696-7704. Space is limited to 40 children.

## Check out these Dr. Seuss books:

- *Bartholomew and the Oobleck*
- *The Cat in the Hat*
- *The 500 Hats of Bartholomew Cubbins*
- *The Foot Book*
- *Fox in Socks*
- *Green Eggs and Ham*
- *Hop on Pop*
- *Horton Hatches The Egg*
- *Horton Hears A Who*
- *How The Grinch Stole Christmas*
- *If I Ran The Circus*
- *If I Ran The Zoo*
- *The Lorax*
- *McElligot's Pool*
- *Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You?*
- *On Beyond Zebra*
- *One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish*
- *Thidwick, The Big-Hearted Moose*
- *Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories*

## Bedtime Stories at the Library

Moms and dads are invited to bring their pre-schoolers to the Lowell Public Library each Wednesday at 6:30 PM for the "Bedtime Story Hour. Children will love the wonderful stories they will hear read to them in the library's Children's Room. Call 696-7704 to pre-register. Children will also enjoy learning a song and learn fingerplays.

## Monday Morning Movie



Young children can enjoy viewing the movie *Veggie Tales* on Monday, February 9, at 11 AM. Bring a blanket, pillow and stuffed animal and enjoy a snack and a song too!



## Tax Assistance!

Help the Lowell Public Library and its Schneider and Shelby branches spread the word that tax assistance is available at the library for low to moderate-income individuals, senior citizens and persons who have disabilities.

The library is scheduling tax assistance every Thursday and Friday morning beginning February 5. Call 696-7704 to schedule a session. The Schneider and Shelby Branches will have tax assistance available on alternate Tuesdays beginning February 3. Call the Schneider Branch at 552-1000 or the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 for an appointment.



## Lions Club Blood Drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive co-sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club, in cooperation with the Lowell Public Library, will be held at the library on Saturday, February 14, from 10 AM to 3 PM. The blood supply is still low and is expected to remain so. Your help is needed. If you can be a blood donor, schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins will be accepted.

## YA/Adult One-Stroke Painting Classes

Debbie Dunning will teach young adults and adult participants the art of painting daisies using the one-stroke painting technique, on Tuesday, February 3, at 6 PM. The workshop will be repeated on Thursday, February 12, at 10 AM. Fee for the workshop is \$10 due upon registration. A list of supplies needed is at the circulation desk.

On Saturday, February 7th, YA and adult participants can learn to paint a floral design on corkboard. Fee is \$6 due upon registration. A list of supplies you will need is available at the circulation desk.



## Food, Fun & Fiction for Teens!

Join the popular "Food, Fun & Fiction" Young Adult Book Club at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby Branch. Help select the book to be read and discussed each month. Take part in a discussion of the book, served up with fun snacks, at the club's monthly get-togethers.

February's selection is *Julie of the Wolves* by Jean Craighead George. Food, Fun & Fiction Club members at the Shelby Branch Library will have their book discussion on Wednesday, February 18, at 4 PM. Lowell club members will meet on Wednesday, February 25, at 4:30 PM. The book is available at the circulation desk.

## Radio at YA Flick

The flick of the month for the YA's Showtime is *Radio*. Reserve your seat and bring your friends on Saturday, February 7, at 12 Noon.

Come to the library on Saturday, February 21, at 12 Noon. In keeping with Black History Month, the YA movie *The Color of Friendship* will be shown.

Fee for each movie is 25 cents due upon registration. Get your PB&J sandwiches, popcorn and soda at our free concession stand and enjoy this great movie.

## Board Games at Shelby Library

Have fun playing board games each Thursday at 4 PM at the Shelby Branch Library. Challenge your Friends!

## Friends to Meet

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 17, at 7 PM.



# Just for Kids



## Valentine Craft Corner

Make a Valentine keepsake at Craft Corner for pre-schoolers and school age children.

### Craft Corner hours are:

**Lowell** - Thursday, February 12,  
at 3:30 PM  
Pre-register at 696-7704

**Shelby** - Thursday, February 19  
at 3:30 PM  
Pre-register at 552-0809

**Schneider** - Thursday, February 26  
at 4 PM  
Pre-register at 552-1000

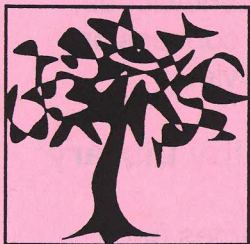
## Toddler Time Begins

Toddlers, 18 months to 3 years, can enjoy a spirited 20 minutes of non-stop activity at Toddler Time. Children will enjoy picture books and other fun activities as they interact with other children during this five-week program.

**Lowell** - Each Tuesday at 10 AM & 11:15 AM  
February 17 - March 16

Each Wednesday, at 10 AM  
February 18 - March 17  
Pre-register at 696-7704

StoryTime continues at the Shelby and Schneider Branches. Call the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000 to pre-register.



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