

Lowell Library Lines

February 2005

Friends Offer Trip to Garden Show

Turn winter into spring. Step aboard a comfort bus that will whisk you away to the 2005 Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier on Sunday, March 13.

This year's show promises to be an exciting event! Among the gardens on exhibit are: *"All Aboard Chicago,"* a train lover's delight, *"All's Not Black and White,"* *"The Artist's Garden,"* *"Cirque de Couleur,"* *"Color in All Seasons,"* *"Color by Design,"* *"Color My Summer,"* *"Expect the Unexpected,"* *"Gardens of the Natural Trust,"* *"Tropical Punch,"* *"Winery Gardens,"* and many more. Certified horticulturists will lead hands-on demonstrations throughout the show. Other highlights of the show include a seminar presented by Lou Manfredini host of *"Mr. Fix It"* at 11 AM. Also, see WGN AM Radio's Gardens Live at the Show!

Enjoy the shopping experience at Navy Pier. There is something for everyone. Visit the Chicago Children's Museum located in the Family Pavilion at Navy Pier. Navy Pier's newest attraction, the Smith Museum of Stained Glass Windows is the first museum in the United States dedicated solely to stained glass windows. The museum will eventually exhibit approximately one hundred and fifty windows, about 80 percent of which had been installed in Chicago from 1870 to the present. You may want to catch a 3D movie at the Navy Pier IMAX Theatre, featuring a six-story-high, 80-foot-wide screen. Enjoy dining at the many restaurants at the Pier.

Get your comfort bus tickets at the circulation desk where you will also find an information sheet about the show. Fee for the bus trip is \$18 (non-refundable) and includes a small donation to the Friends. Admission to the show is paid at the door, \$13.00 for adults and \$6 for children ages 4 - 12.

IRS Calling

We're prepared. The trained team of volunteers from the AARP Retired Service Volunteer Program are ready to aid people in filing their taxes.

Schedule for help tax help now. Assistance is by appointment only each Thursday and Friday. The hourly sessions are from 9:15 AM to 12:15 AM. Call 696-7704 for your appointment.

Indiana Artist To Teach Pisanki

Artist and craftsman Ted Sumara, a member of the Indiana Arts Organization, will teach the centuries old traditional art of Pisanki, the art of decorating eggs using the head of a straight pin dipped in wax to draw geometrical and floral and then dying them with rich colors. For over 50 years Sumara has been crafting beautiful eggs (some on display at the library) to help keep this art form alive and well in America.

Sumara will offer a 5-week course each Wednesday, at 9:30 AM beginning February 9. Fee for the course is \$30 due upon registration.

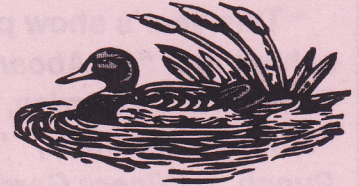


Dr. Seuss' Birthday Party

Hoorah! Hooray! We're celebrating Dr. Seuss' 101 birthday! Children ages 3 to 5 are invited to attend the party starring "Cat in the Hat" on Saturday, February 26, at 11 AM. Listen to the nifty stories of Dr. Seuss, visit with and enjoy sharing birthday cakes and ice cream with the "Cat in the Hat." Space is limited. Pre-register now! Call 696-7704.

The program is part of an NEA (National Education Association) campaign to encourage reading and is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Tales of the People and Places of The Olde Kankakee River



Richard C. Schmal, is a man dedicated to the preservation of local history. Named Lowell Town Historian in 1997, he received this recognition for the many projects he took on in pursuit of promoting interest in the rich and diverse history of the area including the Kankakee River.

For over 25 years, Dick has written the *Pioneer History* column in the Lowell Tribune. With the help of Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg the articles from that column are now available to Internet users at <<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/ltschmal.htm>> providing a fascinating look back at our local Indiana history. His latest project resulted in the book *Tales of the People and Places of the Olde Kankakee River* consisting of many of his articles from the *Pioneer History* column. Arranged, compiled and presented by the

Seniors Game Day

Check those overcoats and boots at the door and come in and have some fun challenging your friends and neighbors to board games, card games and dice games.

Games including Chess, Checkers, UNO, Dominos, Chinese Checkers, Skipbo and a variety of dice games will be available at the senior gathering. Snacks too!

The program is co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department and Friends of the Library.

Kankakee Valley Historical Society, Inc., among the many articles represented in the book are: A Kankakee River Story; Early Mail Routes; Hunting in the Kankakee Valley, 1869; Indians; Oil in the Kankakee Valley; Stories by George Cole; Down by the River in Schneider; The Buckley Family; The Draining of the Kankakee Marsh; The Legend of Bogus Island; The Oxen and the Iron Horse; The Sanger Family; Benjamin Gifford and the Chicago and Wabash Valley Railroad; and Strange and Unusual Facts.

"This book adds to my continuing goal of preserving the history and traditions of our community," said Schmal. You can purchase a copy of the book at the Lowell Tribune office or call Richard Schmal at 696-9234.

A fitting tribute to one who has given so much of himself in the preservation of history is the plaque on the 4-ft monument in the Town of Lowell's Olde Town Square park that is "Dedicated to Richard C. Schmal"



Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, February 7, 14, 21, 28
9 AM - 12:30 PM Bring your quilting
projects and learn from other quilters.

Scrapbook Your Memories - Lowell

Monday, February 7, at 6 PM
Denim pages add dimension in your
family scrapbook. You'll use denim
material in this project.

Monday February 21, at 6 PM
You're all heart! Using Scherenschnitte
(lacy accents) you can romance your
pages. Bring scissors, pens, photos,
current projects and adhesives.

Basket Classes - Lowell

Thursday, February 10 at 6 PM or
Thursday February 17, at 6 PM.
Learn the art of basket weaving from Julie
Duttlinger. Weave a "Shaker Peg" wall
basket. Fee is \$20.

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

Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby

Monday, February 14, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon.
Take care of your health. Screening is
offered by medical technicians on a first
come/first served basis.

Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell

Monday February 14, at 6 PM or
Thursday, February 17 at 9:30 AM.
Recreate the charming winter painting
on exhibit at the circulation desk, while
learning the techniques of acrylic painting.
Fee is \$13 due upon registration. All
supplies are provided.

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Blood Pressure/Sugar Test - Lowell

Wednesday, February 16, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose)
screening is offered by technicians of
the Clinical Management Services.

Learn & Enjoy Crochet - Lowell

Monday, February 21, at 6:30 PM
Bring your crochet projects to the library.

2005 Garden Series

Landscape With Berries

Using shrubs or plants that produce
berries to enhance your landscape and
attract wildlife will be the topic for the
February 2005 Garden Series program
on Monday, February 28, at 7 PM.

Learn from Stan Sims, Purdue
Co-operative Extension agent for Lake
County, what berry shrubs and plants to
choose for best growth in Northwest
Indiana, what plants go where, diseases
expected if any and insect problems.

S.A.T Test Preparation

A six-week course to prepare high
school students for taking both the verbal
and math sections of the S.A.T. will be held
at the library each Wednesday for six weeks,
March 2, 9, 16, 23 and April 20 and 27.

The course, taught by S.A.T instructor
Gloria Vela, will introduce students to
effective test taking and time management
strategies. She will review vocabulary
words used in the verbal section of the
S.A.T which tests students' abilities to
understand and analyze what they read.
Also, Vela will review math concepts and
traps, in addition to focusing on the math
formulas students need to know before
taking the S.A.T.

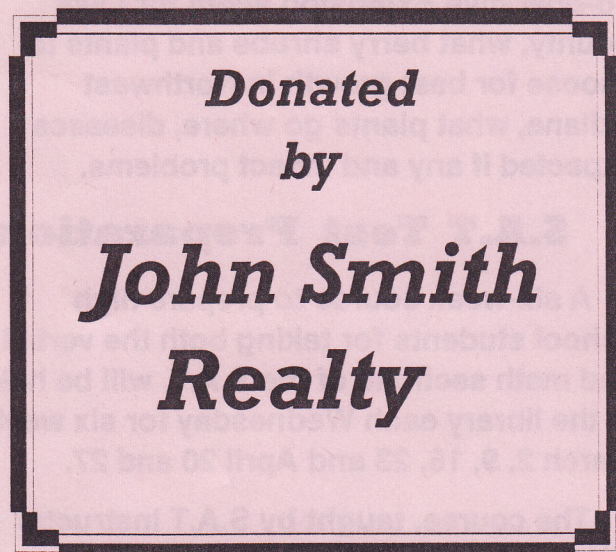
Fee for the course instruction is \$110. The
book for the course is \$32. A deposit of \$50
is due upon registration to cover the cost of
the book order and portion of the fee.

Gift Subscriptions

Recently, the Friends of the Lowell Public Library began a magazine subscription campaign to help the library provide more magazines of interest to the public.

So far the library has received six subscription gifts that are chosen from a list available at the circulation desk. The Friends invite Tri-Creek residents, organizations and businesses to join them in donating funds for magazine subscriptions.

Each donated magazine subscription issue will bear a plaque with the name of the donor, organization or business. Plaques may also bear a memorial, honor an individual or recognize a business or organization. The following is an example.



On the Web

Lowell Public Library:

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>

Lowell History on the Web:

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/history.htm>

Richard Schmal's
"Pioneer History" Column:

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/ltschmal.htm>

YA Chess Club

YAs, grades 5-12, can enjoy having fun playing chess with their peers. There's music and snacks, too! If you don't know the game, come and learn from others. Chess Club is held on Thursdays at 6 PM but may be preempted by special programs.

Movies for YAs

Bring a pillow and blanket and enjoy the movie *Raise Your Voice* on Saturday, February 19, at 12 Noon. Bring a friend!

Upcoming Programs for YAs

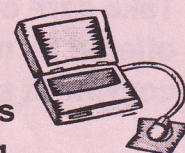
Watch for news next month of dates for Debbie Dunning's One-Stroke painting classes and the YA Food, Fun and Fiction Club book discussions.

Lions Club Co-Sponsors Blood Drive

The Lowell Lions Club and the library will co-sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, February 12, from 10 AM to 2 PM.

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to schedule your blood donation. Walk-ins will be accepted. Please bring ID!

Clicking Keys!



All day long, in the library's conference room, the clicking sounds of keys can be heard by staff passing by as more and more people participate in the library's free computer classes to learn word processing and the skills needed to surf the internet.

Practice makes perfect and the library has 10 Internet access computers in the main room of the library to hone computer skills.

Shelby Branch Happenings:

Adult Showtime at Shelby

Bring a friend and enjoy a good movie each Monday night at the Shelby Branch Library. Showtime begins at 5 PM. Refreshments are served.

Book Discussion for Adults

Grab a copy of *The Red Hat Club*, by Haywood Smith, at the branch circulation desk and enjoy a discussion of the book on Tuesday, February 8, at 5:30 PM.

Take the Challenge

Game night for kids is held each Thursday, at 4 PM. Bring your friends and play board games.

Saturday Flicks

Kids, grab your seat at 12 Noon each Saturday and watch a fun flick. You'll find popcorn and soda at our concession stand.

Computer Classes

Pre-register for computer classes in word processing and Internet training held each Monday from 3:30 PM to 6:30 PM.

Put Your Reserve On:

Fiction

Unexpected Blessings by Barbara Taylor Bradford

By Order of the President by W.E.B. Griffin

Life Expectancy by Dean R. Koontz

The Broker by John Grisham

Murder a la Mode by G. A. McKevett

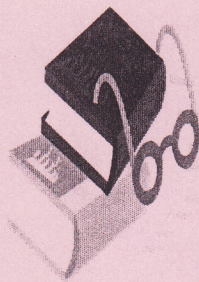
State of Fear by Michael Crichton

The Cat Who Went Bananas by Lillian Jackson Braun

Hot Target by Suzanne Brockmann

Night Fall by Nelson DeMille

Twisted by Jonathan Kellerman



Schneider Branch Happenings

Adult & YA Scrapbooking

Come join the Schneider Scrappers and learn new techniques on Saturday, February 19, at 2 PM in the Schneider Community Building.

MovieTime

Step out of the cold and enjoy a fun flick on Thursday, February 10, at 4 PM.

Kid's Craft Day

Make your own Valentine Decoration. Make a ceramic heart person. Pre-register for this program at 552-1000.

Scrapbooking for Kids 9 to Teens

See how inventive you can be making your own scrapbooking craft. Come on Saturday, February 19, at 2 PM and bring your friends. Call for more information.

I have never known any distress that an hour's reading did not relieve.

Charles de Montesquieu

Non-Fiction

158.1 *Things I Want My Daughters To Know* by Alexandra Stoddard

640 *The Starving Artist's Way* by Nava Lubelski

364.1523 *Witness* by Amber Frey

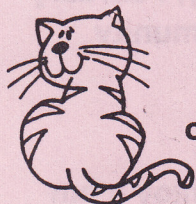
158.1 *Shut Up, Stop Whining & Get a Life* by Larry Winget

641.5638 *8 Grams or Less*

598.442 *Love of Loons* by Kate Crowley



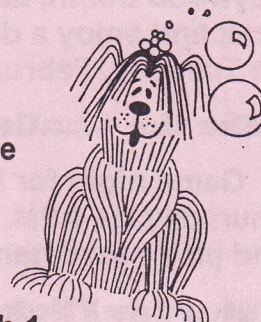
Paws for Reading



The library has recently launched a "Paws for Reading" to encourage children and adults to keep on reading.

Pets are family, too! We invite you to donate a book in honor or memory of a pet for the library's collection. Your gift will keep on giving and is a wonderful way to express what your pet means to you.

We will help you choose a book on a topic you would like us to purchase with your donation. A special "pet" plaque will be placed in the inside front page of the book with your pet's name and his/her donor.



The Jigsaw Swap Meet

Bring in your puzzles (those with all of the pieces) from March 1 to March 31 and trade for other puzzles of your choice on Friday, April 1. For each puzzle brought in, the donor will be given a certificate of exchange for another puzzle. Unclaimed puzzles will be used for programs at the library.



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