



# Lowell Library Lines

February 2007



## Chicagoland Flower & Garden Show

It's spring in March! Flowers will be blooming at the Chicagoland Flower and Garden Show and the Friends of the Lowell Public Library don't want you to miss the excitement. Formerly at Navy Pier, the show will be held at the Donald E. Stephens (Rosemont) Convention Center.

Reserve your seat on the Friends Comfort Bus Trip on Sunday, March 11. Bus tickets are \$22.50 (non-refundable) and include a donation to the Friends Organization for children's programming at the library. Tickets for the show (available at the show door) are \$14 for adults and \$5 for children, 4-12. The bus will leave the library at 9 AM for Rosemont and participants will re-board the bus for the trip back to Lowell at 3:45 PM.

Enjoy up to 200,000 sq. ft. of Garden Show displays with 100 exhibitors: horticulturalists, landscape builders and designers. (1) Take in the Garden Gourmet Stage where culinary demonstrations by some of Chicagoland's top chefs will be held. (2) "Live from the Garden Show" – See familiar WGN radio personalities broadcasting throughout the show week. Meet and talk with master gardeners and horticulturalists. (3) Be sure to visit "The Teaching Garden." Novice gardeners can learn from the experts who will be available to give tips. The setting is a working garden and you will work with the professionals of landscape and horticulture at this unique exhibit.

Bus space is limited to 46 seats so visit the library now and reserve your seat.

### Special Friends Make for Great Programming

The Friends of the Lowell Public Library are a dedicated group of volunteers on a mission to make programming at our library the best it can be.

At the January meeting of the Friends members voted to donate over \$4,500 to the library, with most of the monies to be earmarked to fund library programming.

Included in the donations are \$1100 for children's programming, \$1200 for adult programming, \$200 for the Kids' Nature Club and \$1000 for programming at the Shelby and Schneider branches.

Join the Friends of the Library and help support library programming. Dues are \$5 a year. Members will receive the library newsletter each month. Meetings are held the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

In place of February's meeting at the library, Friends will dine at McVey's in Lowell at 6 PM. New members are welcome to attend. Call the library at 696-7704 and ask for Becky or Nell.



### Poetry Slam

The Northwest Indiana Poetry Society is organizing a Poetry Slam, to be held at the Library in April. Beginning and experienced poets who would like to participate in the event are asked to call Tom or Kathy Spencer at 696-3338.



## **Schneider Kids' Corner**

Watch a fun flick on Kids' Movie Day at 3:30 PM on Wednesday, February 7. Bring your friends. Get free popcorn and soda at the free "concession stand."

At Kids' Craft Day, on Monday, February 26, at 4 PM, young children will make *Frosty the Snowman* cupcakes.

## **For YAs at Schneider Branch**

The Schneider YA Food, Fun & Fiction Club will meet on Tuesday, February 27, at 4 PM. A copy of the novel selected for discussion will be available at the circulation desk.



## **Shelby Kids' Happenings**

Each Saturday at 12 Noon kids of all ages are invited to enjoy a fun flick with friends.

Bring your pals for some friendly competition playing games each Wednesday at 4 PM.

Grab your cards and watch your numbers as you play Library Bingo at 4 PM on Wednesday, February 14.

*Frosty the Snowman* cupcakes are sure to be a hit at Kids' Craft Hour at the Shelby Branch Library on Tuesday, February 27, at 4 PM.

## **Shelby YA Corner**

Circle around and talk about anything on your mind at 5:30 PM on Wednesday, February 7.

YAs (Young Adults) will meet on Wednesday, February 21, at 5 PM for a discussion of *How to Be Popular* by Meg Cabot.

## **Checkout our Website**

[Http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us](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>

## **Fast Track With YAs!**

**(Grades 6th through 12th)**

**Cool Flick** Grab a pillow and bring your friends to catch the flick *Get a Clue* with Lindsey Lohan, Thursday, February 1, at 6 PM. Enjoy snacks too!

**Roundtable Chat** Have something to say? Say it here! We will discuss the rules of being popular. We snack, we debate, we have a good time on Tuesday, February 6, at 6 PM.

**Game Night** Make ice cream sundaes, play games, talk, do homework or watch the movie *Cars* on Thursday, February 8, at 6 PM.

**Valentine Craft** Make wax glitter hearts for your Valentine at 11 AM on Saturday, February 10. Stick around for *Material Girls*, a funny flick with Lindsey Lohan. Have P & J sandwiches, popcorn and pop during the movie.

**Bingo Night** Join others for snacks and prizes at this fun evening playing bingo on Wednesday, February 14, at 6 PM.

**Game Night** Challenge your peers with a variety of games to play at 6 PM on Thursday, February 15.

**Roundtable Chat** Circle around and talk about anything on your mind on Tuesday, February 20, at 6 PM.

**Game Night** Pick your game, grab some partners and play. The games begin at 6 PM on Thursday, February 22. We'll supply the snacks and soda.

**Movie Day** Johnny Depp as Captain Sparrow is too good to miss. Watch *Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest*, on Saturday, February 24, at 1 PM.

## **Food, Fun & Fiction Club**

Discuss the book of the month selection over snacks on Wednesday, February 28, at 4 PM. Call YA Programmer Debbie Blink for details.





## **Adult Programs**

### **Library Quilters Meet -**

**Lowell** Each Monday,  
February 5, 12, 19, 26, 9:30 AM  
Bring your quilting projects.

### **Blood Pressure Testing - Shelby**

Monday, February 12, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon  
Testing is offered on a first come/first served basis.

### **Card Games - Schneider**

Monday, February 12, at 2 PM &  
Monday, February 26, at 2 PM.  
Join other adults for some fast moving card games. Refreshments too! Bring your friends.

### **Adult Book Discussion - Shelby**

Monday, February 12, at 5:30 PM  
Read *The Oath* by John Lescroart and enjoy a lively discussion of this thrilling novel.

### **Adult Craft Night - Shelby**

Monday, February 12, at 5 PM  
Bring your craft projects to work on with others. Enjoy refreshments while you create.

### **German Apple Basket - Lowell**

Monday, February 12, at 6 PM  
Wednesday, February 28, at 6 PM  
Fee is \$30. Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop.

### **Learn Tatting - Lowell**

Tuesday, February 13, at 6 PM  
Join the Library Tatters! Cherie Whybrew will teach you the technique of making handmade lace. Bring a small shuttle.

### **Senior Games - Lowell**

Thursday, February 15, at 10 AM  
Lowell Senior High School students are coming to the library to challenge senior participants at board and card games.

The program is co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department. Drinks and desserts are on us. Call the Parks Department 696-1570 to reserve your place.

### **NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell**

Saturday, February 17, at 10 AM

### **Blood Pressure/Sugar Test - Lowell**

Wednesday, February 19, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening is offered by technicians of the Clinical Management Services.

### **Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell**

Tuesday, February 20, at 9:30 AM  
Recreate "Indiana Acreage," an acrylic painting by artist Pat Mahns on display at the circulation desk. Fee is \$13.

### **Book Group - Lowell**

Wednesday, February 28, at 6:30 PM  
A classic masterpiece, *The Good Earth* by Pearl Buck, will be discussed at Book Group. This book is available for checkout at the front desk. Share your views of the novel with others over refreshments.

## **Blood Drive**

The Lowell Tri-Kappas and the Library will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, February 3, from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you can be a blood donor, schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins are accepted.

## **Tax Time**

The library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will offer free tax filing assistance with trained and certified AARP tax-aide volunteer counselors. Call the library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809, and the Schneider Branch at 552-1000 to schedule an appointment. Federal and state tax forms are available at the library.

## **2007 Garden Series**

Tree Selection is the topic for the Garden Series program on Monday, February 26, at 7 PM. One of the most important landscaping decisions you can make is the selection of the right kind of trees to plant. Do you want seasonal color, shade or fruit trees? What about tree size, soil conditions, location and maintenance? Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

## **Computer Classes**

The Shelby Branch Library is offering beginning computer classes each Thursday from 3 PM to 6 PM. Learn to surf the Internet. Call 552-0809 to schedule a session.





# Just for Kids!



## Winter Craft Corner

Come join the fun! On Thursday, February 8, we will make "Valentine Bugs." Take home your own decorated jar which can be used to hold candy and other treasures. Craft Corner is for pre-schoolers through 5th grade. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register for the morning session at 10 AM or the afternoon session at 3 PM.

## Story Time

Story Time is a 6-week program for children, 4 and 5 years old. Children's Programmer, Mrs. Mayhew will introduce children to picture books, music and activities. Children can also enjoy interacting with other children their age at Story Time. Each session is 30 to 45 minutes. Story Time will be held each Tuesday at 10 AM, February 13 through March 20 and each Wednesday, February 14 through March 20. Pre-register at the circulation desk.

## BookWalk

Take a walk on the BookWalk. Get your exercise and win books! Come February 22, at 10 AM or 3 PM. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register at the circulation desk.



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