



Lowell Library Lines



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Newspaper and Yearbook Indexes on Lowell History Website

For several years volunteers and library staff have been indexing Lowell newspapers for personal names from important family events like marriages, births, deaths, etc., making local research a bit more convenient for people working on family histories. Only those issues of newspapers that are in the Lowell Public Library holdings can be indexed, and some issues of past years are missing. This is especially true of the older newspapers.

Recently a browsable index of this data has been put online at our Lowell History website, <http://www.lowell.pl.lib.in.us/history.htm>. Thus far newspaper indexes are available for the years 1872 (Lowell Star), 1901-1903 (Lowell Souvenir), and 1916-1917, 1920-1929, and 1944-2007 (Lowell Tribune). As more newspapers are indexed, this data will be added to the site.

Since the library owns all the papers that are indexed, either on microfilm or in hard copy, family researchers will be able to find and photocopy whichever full text articles appeared on their families for the indexed years. If you need assistance, ask for help at the Reference Desk.

Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg recently indexed the Lowell High School yearbooks, and this information can be accessed at the same Lowell History site. Yearbooks were not published for the years 1931-1934 because of the Great Depression, and the library does not have copies for the years 1918-1920, 1980-1981 and 1985-1987. Other than those years, all yearbooks have been indexed for both names and photos between the years 1915-2005. Library visitors may use the index for easy access in finding friends and loved ones in the yearbooks.

If anyone would like to donate a copy of the yearbooks not in the library's collection, it would be greatly appreciated.

Marriages, Births, and Deaths Online

Genealogy enthusiast Joan Kessel, volunteer at the Lowell Public Library for over a year, has been pouring over microfilm issues of the town's weekly paper from the 1920's and has created a database of engagements, marriages, births, deaths, etc. This extremely labor-intensive job can only be done by someone with an eye for details and a love for the work since microfilmed papers from that far back are hard on the eyes and the print is sometimes difficult to decipher. In addition, quite often a marriage, death, birth or other event was given only a single line in the newspaper, often with no headline, making it necessary for Joan to read every line in every column of each issue of the paper.

In addition to her volunteer work on the library's newspaper database, Joan has been a volunteer with other genealogy projects in Lake County and was named Volunteer of the Year by the Northwest Indiana Genealogical Society. Joan is currently working on her certification as a genealogist.

Joan is now working on a similar index for the 1930's papers. The 1920's Lowell Tribune index to family events is available to the public online at our website, <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/history.htm>

YA Programming - Lowell

Saturday, February 2, YA Movie to be announced

Thursday, February 14, Valentine Game Night, at 6 PM

Thursday, February 21, Game Night, at 6 PM

No Game Night on February 7 and February 28



YA Computer

YA's can now use the "YA's Only" computer located in the YA section of the library to access the internet or just play computer games!



Happy Valentine's Day !



Branch Programs for Children / YAs

Schneider Kids

Thursday, February 7, at 4 PM
Kids' Valentine Hanging Craft

Thursday, February 14, at 4 PM
Kids' Movie Day with Valentine treats

Thursday, February 21, at 4 PM
Game Day for Kids

Tuesday, February 26, at 4 PM
Join Miss Sandy as she shows you how to make a Ball & Triangle Game, decorated with authentic Indian symbols!

YA Programs

Wednesday, February 6, at 4:30 PM
Valentine Collage Craft

Wednesday, February 13, at 5 PM
Make wax hearts and write a poem about love or caring. Enter the drawing for a Valentine basket.

Wednesday, February 20, at 4:30 PM
YA Bingo

Wednesday, February 27, at 5 PM
YA Book Discussion. Get your copy of *Bat 6* by Virginia Ewer Wolff at the circulation desk.

Shelby Kids

Monday, February 18, at 3 PM
Kids' Bingo

Thursday, February 21, at 4 PM
Make a Ball & Triangle Game with Miss Sandy

Story Time with Miss Bethany continues on Mondays through February 11 at 10:30 AM. The 4-week Toddler Time program for 2-3 year olds begins on Monday, February 25, at 10:30 AM.

YA Programs

Tuesday, February 5, at 5 PM
Play Valentine Bingo

Tuesday, February 12, at 4 PM.
Write a poem about love or caring. Make wax hearts. Enter your name for a Valentine drawing.

Tuesday, February 19, at 5:30 PM
Chats and Chewies. We will be making our special English Muffin Pizzas.

Tuesday, February 26, at 5:30 PM
YA Book Discussion. Read the book, *13 Reasons Why* by Jay Asher.



Lowell Adult Programs

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday February 2, 9 AM - 1 PM
Co-sponsored by the Lowell Tri-Kappas and the library.

Library Quilters Meet

Each Monday, February 4, 11, 18, 25
9 AM - 12:30 PM Bring your quilting projects.

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, February 16, at 10 AM
Aspiring poets are joining the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society that meets at the library on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Basket Weaving

Tuesday, February 19, at 6 PM
Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to weave the Wool basket on display at the circulation desk. Fee is \$36.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Test

Wednesday, February 20, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management. Provided on a first come, first served basis.

Tuesday Morning Page Turners

Tuesday, February 26, at 10 AM
Historical novelist Philippa Gregory uses the perspective of "another Boleyn Girl" to reveal the rivalries and intrigues swirling through England during the reign of King Henry VIII. Meet with us to discuss *The Other Boleyn Girl*. Refreshments will be served.

February Senior Social

Thursday, February 28, at 11 AM
Seniors can make a fun craft, enjoy a cool movie and have a snack. The program is co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department.

Computer Classes

Learn word processing and how to navigate the internet. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays; Internet Basics on Wednesdays, and Word or Excel on alternate Fridays. All classes will be held at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday, at 6 PM. Please pre-register at the circulation desk.

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Garden Series

"Roses for Rose Lovers" will be held on Monday, March 24, at 7 PM. Advanced Master Gardener Karl Bapst will discuss rose culture, description, selection, growing and gardening. (No February program)

At the Shelby Branch

Adult Book Discussion

Friday, February 8, at 11 AM
Meet with others to discuss *Sarah's Key* by Tatiana de Rosnay.

Blood Pressure

Monday, February 11, 10:30 AM - 12 PM
First come/first served basis.

Adult Craft

Monday, February 18, at 5 PM
Bring your craft project to work with others.

National Chocolate Mint Day

Tuesday, February 19
Come in for yummy chocolate mints!

Adult Bingo

Monday, February 25, at 5 PM
Play Bingo for novelty prizes.

At the Schneider Branch

Adult Crafts

Monday February 18, at 2:30 PM
Bring your craft or use our materials.

Adult Scrapbooking

Saturday, February 2, at 10 AM
All day scrapbooking for adults & YAs.

Tax Filing Assistance

Tax filing assistance will be held at the library each Thursday and Friday morning from 9 AM to 12 Noon, by appointment only. Call the library at 696-7704 to schedule.

Call the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000 for further information. Standard tax forms are available at the circulation desk. Other forms can be downloaded from the Internet. Inquire at the Reference Desk.



JUST FOR KIDS



Story Time Continues

Story Time is a six week program for 4 and 5 year olds. Each session lasts approximately 30-45 minutes. Space is limited. Register for either Tuesdays at 10 AM (January 8-February 12) or Wednesdays at 10 AM (January 9 - February 13). Parents must stay in the library during the program, however, not in the Program Room.

Toddler Time

Toddler Time is a 4 week program for 2 and 3 year olds. Pre-register for Tuesday sessions at 10 AM (February 26-March 18) or Wednesday sessions at 10 AM (February 27-March 19). Space is limited. Caregivers must stay with children during the program.

February Craft Corner

Come join the fun! You will be creating your own piggy bank on Thursday, February 14th. Preschoolers through 5th graders are welcome. Please pre-register for the 10 AM or 3 PM session. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

Winter Bookwalk

Come to the library on Thursday, February 21 and join the Bookwalk. Win some great books for those chilly winter days! Preschoolers through 5th graders are welcome to attend. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. There are two sessions, 10 AM and 3 PM.