

# Lowell Library Lines

February 2009

## **Consolidation Issue Hot and Heavy in State Senate**

The short session of the Indiana State Legislature has begun with the introduction of Senate Bill 348, regarding the library consolidation issue. The bill calls for, among other components, the formation of a planning committee in each Indiana county, charged with selecting 1 of 5 service models for libraries, one being county-wide consolidation.

The Library Board of Trustees and Library Director Sandy Morgan continue their strong opposition to mandatory consolidation of your library into a countywide system. They are re-enforced by the many local residents who have contacted their legislators to also voice opposition and the many petition signatures (over 1,800) of local residents that were presented to county and state elected officials.

The libraries in Lake County serve diverse areas, industrial, urban and rural. "One size does not fit all." Whereas consolidation would not mean the liquidation of the Lowell Public Library, it could ultimately mean the closing of the Shelby and Schneider branches. The local library tax dollars that have been used exclusively for your library may be put in one county pot. As newly acquisitioned libraries come under one board, the effort to fund and maintain the programs and services of the larger libraries may well leave the smaller ones facing shrinking budgets, less materials, shorter hours, and less staff to serve them, even though local taxpayers may find themselves paying a higher rate for "county" library service.

There are no feasibility studies, cost-benefit analyses or flow charts as to any savings with consolidation. Yet, the cost to consolidate all 7 Lake County Library Districts and their 21 branch libraries into one county-wide system, would be enormous as would the management of all these library systems under one county board.

Indiana libraries are among the best in the nation. According to the 2007 statistics Indiana ranks 4th among the states in per capita circulation of library materials. Library visits per capita ranks Indiana 2nd in the nation. In Collection expenditures per capita, Indiana ranks 3rd. Statistics were taken from the 2007 edition of *The Bowker Annual Library and Book Trade Almanac* and from the National Council on Educational Statistics. "More than three-quarters of library users believe libraries spend tax dollars well. Even among non-users, 6 in 10 say they believe libraries use their funds wisely." (source: Americans for Libraries Council).

Director Morgan plans to meet with state legislators on Legislative Day, February 24, to discuss SB 348 and express the importance of the Lake County libraries maintaining local control with emphasis on collaboration and other cooperative agreements to provide cost savings among the library districts.

Connection to the community your library serves, creative programming, quality and efficient service and fiscal responsibility is best achieved under local control.

It is important that you as a library patron and taxpayer keep contacting our legislators, as the next two months may decide the fate of Indiana libraries and elected officials need to hear your voices.

## **Oppose Consolidation**

### **Contact Your Elected Officials**

**Please Write or Call:**

**Indiana State Senator Sue Landzke, District 6**

**200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.**

**Phone 1-800-382-9467.**

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**Indiana Assembly Representative Don Lehe, District 15**

**200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.**

**Phone: 1-800-382-9841**

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**Indiana Assembly Representative Rochelle "Shelli" VanDenburgh,  
District 19**

**200 W. Washington Street, Indianapolis, IN 46204.**

### **Tax Filing Assistance at the Library**

Senior citizens, low income or disabled residents who are seeking help filing their income tax forms can find it free at the Lowell Public Library with trained and certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteer counselors. Appointments at the Lowell Library are held each Thursday morning. Call the library at 696-7704 to make your appointment.

Tax assistance will also be offered at the branch libraries. Call the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 and the Schneider Branch at 552-1000 for information.

Federal and State tax forms are available at the Lowell library. Tax forms can also be downloaded from the Internet by the Reference Librarian.

### **Library Board to Meet**

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, February 16, at 7 PM following an Executive meeting at 6:30 PM.

### **Friends to Enjoy Evening Out**

In place of the regular meeting the Friends of the Library will dine out on Wednesday, February 18, at the Z Grill in Crown Point. Members can carpool from the library at 5:30 PM. Members interested in joining the Friends are welcome to attend.

## **Lowell Adult Programs**

### **Free Computer Classes**

Learn word processing and navigating the internet. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays and Word or Excel on Fridays. All classes are held at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-registration required.

### **Library Quilters Meet**

Each Monday, February 2, 9, 16, 23  
Bring your quilting projects.

### **Red Cross Blood Drive**

Saturday, February 7, 9 AM - 1 PM  
Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule your blood donation at a Red Cross Blood Drive co-sponsored by Lowell Tri-Kappa Sorority and the library.

### **Tax Changes & Disaster Relief**

Monday, February 9, at 7 PM  
Before you file your taxes learn about the tax changes in the tax law for 2008. Get information of special tax provisions for taxpayers financially affected by a disaster such as flood or tornado. Bring your questions to the program.

### **Learn to Knit/Join the Club**

Monday, February 9, at 6:30 PM  
Learn to knit. Participants can be part of starting a knitting group at the library that will meet twice a month on Mondays.

### **Monday Afternoon Book Chat**

Tuesday, February 10, at 1 PM  
Read *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant and join a discussion, with refreshments.

### **What is Buckley Homestead?**

Wednesday, February 11, at 7 PM  
Enjoy a presentation of the Buckley Homestead Living History Farm and home of the Conway Observatory Field Laboratory. Park Manager Becky Crabb, will give you a verbal tour of historical Buckley, its story, day to day operation and the events that take place on the farm. The program is co-sponsored by the Three Creeks Historical Association and the library.

### **Library Scrappers Meet**

Monday, February 16, at 6:30 PM  
Scrappers meet on the third Monday of each month. Share your scrapping ideas and learn new techniques.

### **BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test**

Wednesday, February 18, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services, on a first come, first served basis. A combined cholesterol test is \$5 (cash only please).

### **Weave a "Stair Step" Basket**

Wednesday, February 18  
or Tuesday, February 24, at 6 PM.  
Join Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger to learn to make your own Stair Step basket. Fee is \$30.

### **Poetry Group Meets**

Saturday, February 21, at 10 AM  
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society. Share your poems with others.

### **Garden Trends for 2009**

Monday, February 23, at 7 PM  
Take a respite from the cold and snow and enjoy a presentation of "Garden Trends for 2009" with Wayne Gruber of *Gardens on the Prairie*. The program will focus on new and underused plants, trees and shrubs, color trends, selection, sustainability, and garden design as well as other garden topics. Learn about upcoming events. Bring your gardening questions.

### **"Tuesday Page Turners"**

Tuesday, February 24, at 10 AM  
Read any biography about Mary Todd Lincoln and meet to discuss what you have learned about her life. Refreshments will be served.

### **Senior Social**

Thursday, February 26, at 11 AM  
Bring a brown bag lunch, view a movie and enjoy homemade desserts. The program is co-sponsored by library and the Lowell Parks Department. Call 696-1570 to pre-register.

## Young Adult Programming

Thursday, February 5, at 6 PM Sign up now for Bunco, cost is \$1.50. Please pre-register.  
Thursday, February 12, at 6 PM Valentine Bingo  
Saturday, February 14, all day. Mini Manicure Fundraiser - Nails Polished & Stenciled. \$1.00  
Thursday, February 19, at 6 PM Game Night with Xbox and Wii  
Thursday, February 26, at 4 PM YA Food, Fun & Fiction Book Discussion of *New Moon*  
Saturday, February 28, at 1 PM Watch a movie and have a PB & J, pop and popcorn 25¢.

### Shelby Adults

**Monday, February 2, at 10 AM**  
Free blood pressure screening.

**Monday, February 2 & 16, at 10 AM**  
Sewing Projects

**Monday, February 9 & 24, at 10 AM**  
Painting Projects

**Monday, February 23, 1 PM- 4 PM**  
Play Bunco, cards, and dominoes.

### Shelby Young Adults

**Tuesday, February 3, at 5 PM**  
Valentine craft.

**Tuesday, February 10, at 5 PM**  
Valentine Bingo.

**Tuesday, February 17, at 5 PM**  
Snacks and games.

**Tuesday, February 24, at 5 PM**  
Book Discussion - *Twilight*

### Shelby Kids

**Monday, February 2 & 16, at 4 PM**  
Sewing Projects

**Monday, February 9 & 24, at 4 PM**  
Painting Projects

**Mondays, 10:45 - 11:45 AM**  
Storytime

**Every Wednesday at 4 PM**  
Game Night.

**Every Saturday at Noon**  
Kids' Movie Day.  
Have pop, popcorn and cookies for 25¢.

**Tuesday, February 24, at 4 PM**  
Craft Day with Miss Sandy. Make a Pasta Pet.

### Schneider Adults

**Saturday, February 7, 10 AM - 10 PM**  
Scrapbooking for Adults  
Work on your layouts and share your ideas.

**Thursday, February 26, at 4 PM**  
Movie Day

### Schneider Young Adults

**Wednesday, February 4, at 4 PM**  
Valentine Craft.

**Wednesday, February 11, at 4 PM**  
Valentine Bingo.

**Wednesday, February 18, at 4 PM.**  
Snacks & Games - Play *Catch Phrase*.

**Wednesday, February 25, at 4 PM.**  
Book discussion on Stephenie Meyer's *Twilight*.

### Schneider Kids

**Every Monday at 4 PM**  
Game Night is held for kids, ages 10 and up.

**Thursday, February 5, at 3:45 PM**  
Make a Valentine craft.

**Thursday, February 12, at 3:45 PM**  
Play Valentine bingo for novelty prizes.

**Thursday, February 19, at 3:45 PM**  
Kids Movie Day.

**Wednesday, February 25, at 4 PM**  
Join Miss Sandy to make a Pasta Pet from shaped pasta and pipe cleaners.



## **Non-Fiction Reading Picks**

- 158.1      *The Optimist's Handbook* - Edworthy, Niall  
302.222    *Body Language 101* - Lambert, David  
306.0973   *The Savage Nation* - Savage, Michael  
332.722    *An Insider's guide to Refinancing Your Mortgage* - Reed, David  
362.2      *A Balanced Life* - Smith, Tom  
578.77     *Smithsonian Ocean* - Cramer, Deborah  
597.9      *Stalking the Plumed Serpent* - Means, D. Bruce  
638.15     *Fruitless Fall* - Jacobsen, Rowan  
641.5622   *Better Baby Food* - Kalnins, Daina  
643.52     *The Complete Guide to Dream Bathrooms*  
646.72     *The Green Beauty Guide* - Gabriel, Julie  
658.11     *The Knack* - Brodsky, Norm  
658.872    *How to Say It* - Claxton, Lena  
741.5973   *30 years of Laughs and Lasagna* - Davis, Jim  
746.432    *Stripes, stripes, stripes* - Scoville, Sandy  
747         *Make It Yours!*  
747.88     *Can't Fail Room Makeover* - Samu, Lucianna



## **Biographies**

- B CURTIS    *American Prince* - Curtis, Tony  
B TURNER    *sTORI Telling* - Spelling, Tori  
B SELIGM    *The Day After He Left for Iraq* - Seligman, Melissa

## **New CD's**

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| <i>50 Bestest Kids Songs</i> - Kidz Bop 14  | <i>Life, death, love and freedom</i> - John Mellencamp |
| <i>Hard Candy</i> - Madonna                 | <i>The Definitive Collection</i> - Chuck Berry         |
| <i>Viva a vida</i> - Coldplay               | <i>Where the light is</i> - John Mayer                 |
| <i>Rock of Ages</i> - Bill & Gloria Gaither | <i>E=MC2</i> - Mariah Caray                            |
| <i>Tapestry</i> - Carol King                | <i>In Concert</i> - Janice Joplin                      |

# What's New!

## **New Fiction Books:**

*On the Grind* - Cannell, Stephen J.  
*Agincourt* - Cornwell, Bernard  
*Associate* - Grisham, John  
*Darker Place* - Higgins, Jack  
*What I did for Love* - Phillips, Susan  
*The Passerby* - Crowel, Thomas Ray  
*Runner* - Perry, Thomas  
*A Promise for Spring* - Sawyer, Kim Vogel  
*Nemesis* - Bernhardt, William  
*Centurion's Wife, Bunn, Daviid, & Oke*  
*Eclipse* - Petterson, Richard North  
*Fire and Ice* - Garwood, Julie  
*Black Ops* - Griffin, W.E.B.  
*Another Life* - Vachss, Andrew H.

## **New DVD's:**

<i>Mama Mia</i>	<i>Wall E</i>
<i>Horton Hears a Who</i>	<i>Fallen Angel</i>
<i>Never Back Down</i>	<i>Queen Sized</i>
<i>Vantage Point</i>	<i>Grace is Gone</i>
<i>Honeydripper</i>	<i>Aces N' Eights</i>
<i>Lone Rider</i>	<i>Chisum</i>
<i>Street Kings</i>	<i>Deception</i>
<i>Lucky Seven</i>	<i>Kabluey</i>
<i>Sixteen Candles</i>	<i>Beer for my Horses</i>
<i>Baby Einstein: My First Signs</i>	
<i>Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian</i>	
<i>What's New Scooby-Do : Safari So Good</i>	
<i>Curious George Takes a Vacation</i>	

## **Mystery**

*Cat Sitter on a Hot Tin* - Clement, Blaize  
*Bright Futures* - Kaminsky, Stuart M.  
*Honestly Dearest* - Fredrickson, Jack  
*A Body to Die for* - McKevitt, G.A.  
*A Rule Against Murder* - Penny, Louise  
*A Matter of Justice* - Todd, Charles

## **Check out this site!!!**

Access us on the web! You will find the Lowell Public Library's web site at <[www.lowellpl.lib.in.us](http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us)>. The site offers links to the Lowell Library's Catalog, (including Lake County Public Library's catalog), and the Lowell Library Lines newsletter including back issues.

The Lowell History site contains local facts and news stories of businesses, churches, crimes and criminals, disasters, doctors, fires, geography, houses, libraries, monuments, museums, newspapers, parks, police, population, the post office, the fire department, schools, etc., and a history time line.

New to the Lowell History site is the Lowell High School Yearbook index, 1915 to 2006. This index to the names in the Lowell (Indiana) High School yearbooks indicates in which yearbook volume, and on which pages, a name can be found as well as how many photos of the person appear on a particular page. All local names appear, whether they are students, school personnel, etc.

Check out these links to several of the databases the library offers: Chilton's Car Repair, HeritageQuest (Home access) and HeritageQuest (Library access), Internet Index, Magill's Medical Guide, Reference USA and Tax Forms.



# *Just for Kids*



## **February Craft Corner**

Join us on Thursday, February 12 when we will be making valentines. Make a special card for your valentine. Craft Corner is for children, preschool to grade 5. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register for the 10 AM or the 3 PM session.

## **Abraham Lincoln Birthday Bash**



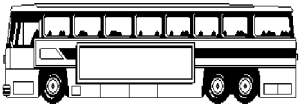
On Thursday, February 12, the Children's Department will celebrate President Abraham Lincoln's 200th birthday. Throughout the day, patrons can view a display of books, pictures and facts about Lincoln's life. Children can enter a trivia contest, hunting for answers in the Children Room. They can also enter a drawing. Plans include a visit from a lawyer, made possible through the Indiana Supreme Court. Children will learn of Lincoln's interest in the law at a young age. Birthday cake will be served in the Program Room following Craft Corner.

## **Winter Bookwalk**

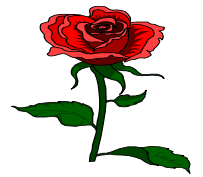
Winter fun at the library is in store for children, preschool to 5th grade. Go on a bookwalk, get a little exercise, and win some great books for those chilly winter days! The bookwalk will be held on Thursday, February 19. Register for the 10 AM or 3 PM session.

## **Toddler Time**

Toddler Time meets each week for about forty minutes and is for children ages two to three years old. The program will feature stories and activities for toddlers to share with their caregivers. Pre-register at the circulation desk for Tuesdays at 10 AM (Feb. 24, March 3, 10, and 17) or Wednesdays at 10 AM (Feb. 25, March 4, 11, and 18).



# ALL ABOARD!



For a Comfort Bus Ride to the  
Chicago Flower and Garden Show  
**SATURDAY, MARCH 7**

Get your ticket at the circulation desk. Comfort bus fee is \$23 (non refundable) due upon registration and includes a donation to the Friends of the Library. Admission to the show is \$14 for adults, \$5 for children. ages 4 - 12, and is paid at the show door.

Be at the library no later than 8:45 AM. The bus departs the Lowell Public Library “on time” at 9 AM.” Re-board for trip back to Lowell at 3:45 PM.

“Created and designed by acclaimed landscapers and horticultural professionals, the gardens will be exquisite, lush and, quite simply, make visitors say Wow! Whether a suburban yard or a smaller urban plot, you'll be stimulated with a wide range of gardens and landscape styles. From exotic flowers and plants to more common foliage& paving stones& decks& ponds& and more, the gardens will be about variety blended with fantasy, yet practicality. Visitors will experience sleek, lush and creative as well as - with a little imagination - the affordable. NEW IN 2009! Among the show's 25-plus gardens will be those debuting in a new THEMED MIDWAY comprised of Chicago's best-known cultural institutions including the Lincoln Park Zoo, the Museum of Science and Industry, the Shedd Aquarium, and the Field Museum, as well as the

Experience shopping at Navy Pier. For entertainment 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.

Navy Pier's interesting mix of restaurants offers something for everyone. From casual, family-oriented dining to romantic, candlelit evenings, the emphasis is on variety and excellent cuisine. No matter what the season, an exciting roster of restaurants keeps Navy Pier visitors coming back for more. You have many choices including: Billy Goat's Tavern, Bubba Gump, the Häagen-Dazs Café, RIVA/RIVA, Charlie's Ale, Capi's Italian Kitchen, Dock Street Café Charge Loco or Joe's BeBop or visit the food courts.

For more information access <<http://www.chicagoflower.com/>>

**Notice:** The bus will leave Navy Pier for the trip back to Lowell at 4:00 PM sharp. Please be sure you know where to reboard the bus at “3:45 PM.” The bus can not wait.

“If you miss the bus you are responsible for your transportation back to Lowell.”