

Chase Winter Away

...We know what to do when the skies are grey and cloudy: plan a trip where there is color, color and more color. We invite you to come along with the Friends of the Library to a flower extravaganza. Travel by comfort bus to the 1998 Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier on Saturday, March 14, and enjoy over 30 distinct gardens represented there.

...You will leave the library at 8:30 AM for your trip to Navy Pier and reboard the bus at 4:30 PM for the trip back to Lowell. Fee for the comfort bus is \$12, non-refundable and includes a donation to the Friends of the Library, sponsors of the trip. The bus fee does not include admission to the Flower and Garden Show. For more details stop at the circulation desk.

...Speaking of flowers, Darlene Rigg, who grows all those exotic plants you see on the reference desk was so thrilled with the new addition to the reference collection, *The American Horticultural Society A-Z Encyclopedia of Garden Plants*, that she bought another copy of the book for herself. She encourages all plant and flower growers to come in and view this book.

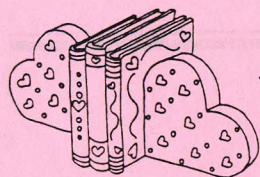
...Is it a plant, an alien? Darlene's son Ernest thought her plant selections were a bit too fancy and she needed to jazz up her plant life. During the Christmas holiday he gifted his mother with a member of the Grasstop Family, and that is how this strange little troll-shaped figure came to the library's reference desk. When he first arrived he had a shiny dome top but now he is sprouting a head of grass thick enough for a lawn mower to plow through. Born at the Grasstop General Hospital, he needs a certificate of birth. Children are invited to visit the reference desk and check his daily "grass" growth and fill out his birth certificate. They can choose his name, weight and length at birth, the father's name, mother's name and name of the doctor who brought this funny little creature into the world. Darlene will choose a final name from the entries.

...Have an afternoon out on the town! Enjoy the matinee performance of *Phantom of the Opera* in Chicago! This comfort bus trip, scheduled for Sunday, April 19, is sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department and is just the ticket for a exciting change of pace. Call 696-1570 and ask for Mindy.

...Speaking of a night on the town, what better way to meet new friends than to join the Friends of the Library. And February is the perfect month to get to know the members. Friends will be dining out at Dick's Restaurant & Tap, 10808 Wicker Ave., St. John. They will meet at the library on Wednesday, February 18, to car-pool to the restaurant. Come to the library's circulation desk and pick up a membership application and join the fun.

...Tax help is on the way. Trained volunteers of AARP are now scheduling appointments to offer free tax assistance for senior citizens, handicapped or low income taxpayers. Each individual tax session is 45 minutes. Please bring your records. Beginning February 2, tax assistance will be offered at the Lowell Library each Monday from 3:15 PM to 6:15 PM. Each Friday, beginning February 6, tax assistance will be offered at the library from 9:15 AM to 1 PM. The Schneider Branch will offer tax assistance each Tuesday evening, 4 PM to closing, beginning February 3.





HAPPENINGS IN FEBRUARY

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

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

Fit Forever- Lowell

Each Wednesday: February 4, 11, 18, 25
Each Friday: February 6, 13, 20, 27
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning, strengthening, and flexibility exercises. The class is open to anyone interested in a total body, low impact workout aimed at improving and maintaining fitness forever. Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department, the program is led by Physical Fitness Instructor Linda Johnson. Fee is \$1.50 per session.

Weave A Bean Pot Basket - Shelby

Tuesday, February 3, at 6 PM
Thursday, February 5, at 9 AM
Fee is \$25

Weave An Indian Heart Basket - Lowell

Tuesday, February 10, at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, February 17 at 8:30 AM
Wednesday, February 25, at 6:45 PM
Fee is \$20. A display of Julie's baskets can be viewed at the Lowell Library's circulation desk.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Lowell - Tuesday, February 10, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Shelby - Thursday, February 12, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Screening is conducted on a first come, first served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

Precious Memories Preserved - Lowell

Saturday, February 21, 9:30 AM
Take those unorganized photos and learn to make safe, creative and meaningful albums. Bring 10-12 photos pertaining to one event to use during the hands-on workshop taught by Cheryl Casey of Creative Memories. Fee is \$10

CPR (Adult/Child/Infant) Course - Lowell

Monday, February 23, at 6 PM
The CPR American Heart Association Course for the general public is \$12. For health professionals seeking renewal the fee is \$16.

Holiday Ceramic Classes - Schneider

Every other Thursday, February 26- April 9 at 7 PM
Create colorful ceramic Easter decorations with Crista Stavros. There is a small fee for each class.

Pitfalls to Avoid When Building a Home - Lowell

Tuesday, February 24, at 7 PM
Among the home building concerns Mark Langen of Phoenix Risen Development Corp. will discuss at this free seminar are financial concerns, choosing a lot, community and neighborhood, lot characteristics, the style of house desired, selecting a builder, and preparing the plan. Other topics include monitoring the building process, coordinating financial needs, the closing and planning the move.

Unlocking the Secrets of the Kankakee - Lowell

Saturday, February 28 at 2 PM
Recognized Kankakee River fishing expert Din Beckrich will tell you the secrets of fishing the Kankakee River. You will learn which bait to use to catch Walleye and northern pike. Din will cover such topics as which tackles and lures to use and how to recognize the best fishing spots and well as getting to know the river, history, currents, and structure. Let an expert take you down the river for some great fishing!

Pre-register for all programs by calling:

Lowell 696-7704 Shelby Branch 552-0809
Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

Library Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, February 16, at 7 PM

Childhood Immunizations

Please bring your child's immunization record

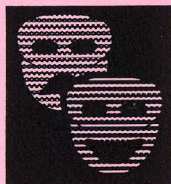
Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

Cedar Lake Clinic - 13963 Morse
Thursday, February 5, 12 Noon - 6 PM

Schneider Branch Library
Thursday, February 19, 12 Noon to 3 PM

Sponsored by the Lake County Health Department

Lowell Public Library
Thursday, Feb. 19, 9 AM - 3 PM



For Young Adults

"Acting Up"

Eight Week Acting Course for Young Adults

February 7 - April 4 (excluding March 21)

Each Saturday from 10:30 AM to 12 Noon

Actress and Instructor Kim Yurkovich of the Center for Visual and Performing Arts will teach an acting course to young adults ages 12 to 17.

A play will be performed by the actors for their families and friends at the final session. Fee is \$30. At Yurkovich's acting classes participants not only begin to learn the skills of acting but they also build self-confidence and self-esteem. "It's a great place for personal growth," states Yurkovich who received her theater training at Indiana State University where she appeared in every theater production. She knows first-hand the benefits acting can bring.

6-Week Complete S.A.T. Preparation Course - Lowell

Each Wednesday, from 6 PM to 8 PM

February 4-March 18 (excluding Feb. 25 & Mar. 11)

S.A.T. Instructor Gloria Johnson will introduce college bound students to test taking and time management strategies and review vocabulary words used in the verbal section of the test. Mrs. Johnson will also review math concepts and include a brief brushup of algebra and geometry in addition to focusing on the math formulas students need to know before taking the S.A.T.

Learn to Draw

Join the art classes of Artist and Instructor Nikki Kutansky of the Center For Visual and Performing Arts. Fee for each course (includes supplies) is \$65. The courses are open to persons from 9 years old to adult.

Principles of Drawing for Beginners - Lowell

Each Monday at 3:30 PM Beginning February 2

Cartooning Principles- Lowell

Each Tuesday at 3:30 PM. Beginning February 3

Super Heroes and Advanced Cartooning for

Advanced Students- Lowell Middle School

Each Wednesday at 3:30 PM Beginning February 4

Drawing - Intermediate/Advanced - Lowell

Each Friday at 3:30 PM Beginning February 6

Collecting Pays Off

We want you to know that we appreciate your thoughtfulness by donating your Wilco Foods receipts of \$50 or more in our Wilco box at the circulation desk and those Campbell labels that are placed in our big Campbell drum near the entrance of the library's main room. In doing so you help the library purchase needed materials and offer more programs.

We also appreciate your donations of nearly new books and paperbacks for our on-going booksale. Over \$860 was raised by the Friends of the Library through the booksale, and that money will help the library better fill the needs of the community. Your thoughtfulness really counts!

Two Thumbs Up!

We think you will enjoy our recent video additions. If you have seen the movie *Titanic*, try the 4-part video documentary of the same name produced by Greystone Communications and Arts and Entertainment Network. Using newsreels, stills, diaries, and interviews with survivors, *Titanic* charts the fateful history of the disaster that befell this "unsinkable" magnificent ship. Also added to the video collection:

Comedy and Drama

Soul Food
Zeus & Roxanne
Grosse Pointe Blank
Twister
Leaving Las Vegas
Dante's Peak
Volcano
Secrets and Lies
Sleepers
Liar, Liar
Phenomenon
Ransom
Up Close & Personal
First Wive's Club
One Fine Day
How to Make an
American Quilt
The Preacher's Wife
Relic
The American
President
Chain Reaction

Children's Videos

Leave It to Beaver
Air Bud
101 Dalmatians
Cats Don't Dance
Matilda
Jingle All the Way
Curse of the T-Rex
Beauty and the Beast:
Enchanted Christmas
Adventures of Snowden
Casper: A Spirited Beginning
Pooh's Grand Adventure

Documentarys

Liberty: The American
Revolution - PBS
Lewis & Clark - PBS
America: Going to War- PBS
Anastasia: Dead or Alive?
Our Time In Hell: The Korean
War

TODDLER TIME

For Toddlers

18 months to three years

SHELBY

Each Mon. at 9:30 AM

Feb. 16 - Mar. 16

LOWELL

Each Tues. at 10 AM

Feb. 17 - Mar. 17

Each Wed. at 10 AM

Feb. 18 - Mar. 18

SCHNEIDER

Each Thurs. at 9:30 AM

Feb. 19 - Mar. 19



VALENTINE CRAFT CORNER

LOWELL

Preschool Craft - Feb. 5

Thurs. at 10:00 AM

School Age Craft - Feb. 5

Thurs. at 3:30 PM

SCHNEIDER

Both Crafts - Feb. 12

Thurs. at 3:30 PM

SHELBY

Preschool Craft - Feb. 9

Mon. at 3:30 PM

School Age Craft - Feb. 11

Wed. at 3:30 PM

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