



Lowell Library Lines

March 2002



Art Is Where It's At

Artist Nikki Kutansky of the Northern Indiana Arts Association is coming back to Lowell for a special YA (young adult) cartooning workshop to be held at the library on Monday, March 25, at 3:30 PM. For many years Nikki, as a visiting artist, taught Principles of Drawing, Cartooning Principles, and Super Heroes and Advanced Cartooning, at the library and the Lowell Middle School. His workshops were always popular with the young adults, some who were enrolled in his workshops for several seasons.

At the 90 minute Cartooning Workshop Nikki will show students, grades 5 through 12, how to take real life subjects and transform them into cartoon figures. All supplies are included in the \$10 fee due upon registration.

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The traditional art of Wycinanki, the Polish art of paper cutting will be taught by Artist Helen Budarz at the library on Saturday, March 16, from 10 AM to 12 Noon. The ancient art of paper cutting can be traced back to the invention of paper during the Han dynasty of China (206 B.C. – 221 A.D.). Many ancient paper cutouts can be found in national museums. Today it is practiced in every country in the world in one form or another.

With a pair of scissors master paper cutting techniques and create beautiful projects while enjoying this leisurely recreational craft that also acts as a beneficial eye-hand exercise. Fee for a paper cutting packet is \$3 due upon registration.

Tribute to the Lowell Men in Blue

An exhibit of the history of the Lowell Police Department will be on display in the foyer of the library during the month of March. As part of the Lowell's Sesquicentennial, the exhibit will also highlight the department's new police station, programs and services.

Edward Curtiss, the first town marshal, was appointed on May 3, 1898, while David A. Wilson is the present chief of police. A metropolitan police system went into effect in Lowell as of Jan 1, 1972. The department protects a population of approximately 7,500 Lowell residents.

JMG Group Program Begins

JMG stands for Junior Master Gardener. The program for young people of all ages uses fun activities to teach horticulture and environmental science concepts.

Children in third grade and above can get involved in exploring their world through activities such as making plantable greeting cards, creating a garden weather station, and discovering the world of worms.

JMG's first meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 26, from 3:30 PM to 4:30 PM. The JMG group will meet twice a month. Call the library at 696-7704 to join the JMG's.



Adult Programs

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Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: March 4, 11, 18, 25
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Weave a "Stained Glass" Basket - Lowell

Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to weave this large, colorful basket. Fee is \$29. The basket is currently on display at the library.

Shelby

Thursday, March 7, at 9 AM

Tuesday, March 12, at 6 PM

Lowell

Wednesday, March 13, at 6 PM

Tuesday, March 19, at 8:30 AM

Thursday, March 21, at 6 PM

Create an Easter Basket - Lowell

Thursday, March 14, at 6 PM

Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothes pins, a towel and a plastic bag for your basket class.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, March 14

9 AM - 10:30 AM

Lowell - Tuesday, March 19

1 PM - 4 PM

First come, first served.

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, March 14 & 28, at 7 PM

Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum, sponsored by the library, and share your writings with other members.

The Art of Polish Paper Cutting - Lowell

Saturday, March 16, at 10 AM to 12 Noon

Wycinanki (Paper Cutting) Artist Helen Budarz will teach participants to create paper art. Fee is \$3. Participants will receive a paper cutting packet.

Crocheting - Lowell

Monday, March 18, at 6:30 PM

Join to learn techniques of crocheting.

Landscaping Design - Lowell

Monday, March 25, promptly at 7 PM

Enjoy a lively discussion on the basics of landscape design and plan development that will allow participants to mature their dreams and ideas into an actual plan that can be implemented and realized.

The program is presented by Melissa Mravec, a landscape designer with Allen Landscape in Highland. She particularly enjoys designing "the bones" of the landscape and having people design and plan their own gardens. She looks forward to questions from participants, and there will be handouts.

Children's Gymnastics

Routines on the bars, balance beam, vault, and pommel horse are taught at the library each Friday afternoon. Join Tumble Bears and learn tumbling, hand-eye activities, stunts, calisthenics and stretching exercises. Call 865-9698 for information or to register your child.

Shipping News

Book Discussion



Read the book before you see the movie! *Shipping News* will be the topic of an informal book discussion at the library on Thursday, March 21, at 7 PM or Friday, March 22, at 10 AM. Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Programs in April

Pest Control of Your Garden

Thursday, April 4, 6:30 P.M.

Learn new ways to control insect pest in your garden without chemical pesticides.

Pruning

Monday, April 15, at 7 PM

Hands on demonstration of proper pruning methods of your trees and shrubs.

Popular Computer Classes Keep Keyboards Clicking

Participants of the computer classes offered at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches are learning to master computer processing, the Internet, Excel, Mricosoft Publisher, etc. You don't have to have a computer at home once you learn. Come use ours that are located throughout the library.

For information about the classes or to schedule an appointment call the library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.



Recycle Your Eyeglasses

Look for the brightly colored blue and white box in the main room of the library next to the copier machine. The box was placed there by the Lowell Lions Club who ask your help in helping someone else see better through your donation of used eyeglasses.

An ultra-magnifying machine for people with visual impairments was donated to the library by the Lions Club in January of 2000. Since that time many people have used the machine to read books, newspapers, documents and other reading materials.

Library Board Meeting

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, March 18, at 7 PM.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 20, at 7 PM.

Last month the Friends had a social outing at the Stork's Nest in Lowell, welcoming new members Ruth Dunn and Pat Alt.

Food, Fun & Fiction



The 3rd and last meeting for the season of the *Food, Fun & Fiction* Young Adult Book Club will be held on Thursday, March 28, at 5:30 PM. Pizza and soda will be served at this lively discussion of the Newberry Award winning book *Holes* by Louis Sachar. Club members must be in grades 6-12.

Stanley Yelnats didn't steal the pair of sneakers but in this darkly humorous tale of crime and punishment, Stanley is paying the price for being falsely accused. Digging holes is Stanley's fate, lots of holes, five feet by five feet at Camp Green Lake, a detention center for wayward boys. Under a hot Texas sun Stanley digs and digs until with his new found friend Zero, he escapes to find redemption and a new happiness with his family. Pre-register for *Food, Fun & Fiction* at 696-7704.

Lions Hold Blood Drive

In January, over 50 units of blood were collected at a American Red Cross Blood Drive sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club at the library. On March 30, the Lowell Lions will hold another blood drive at the library from 10 AM to 3 PM. Call 1-800-448-3543 or 1-800-GiveLife. Walk-ins will be accepted.

Tax Assistance Program Continues

Tax assistance for low to moderate income persons, disabled, or elderly taxpayers in Lake County is being offered at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Volunteers of AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) will be at the library each Wednesday, from 9:15 AM to 12 Noon and each Friday, 9:15 AM - 12 NOON. If you would like to schedule an appointment for tax assistance call the Lowell Library at 696-7704.



Easter Bunny Craft Corner

Children will have fun creating "Pom-Pom" Easter baskets and a "Bunny Cup Hugger" at the library and its Schneider and Shelby branches.

Craft Corner hours are:

Lowell - Wednesday, March 13
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM

Schneider - Thursday, March 14
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM

Shelby - Thursday, March 21
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM

Children's Videos Added

Check out some new, exciting videos recently added to the library's children's collection including:

Caillou: Caillou's Furry Friends

Rugrats: I Think I Like You

Rugrats: Easter

Pokemon: Buggy Boogie

A Valentine for Eeyore

The Tigger Movie

The Hobbit

The Lord of the Rings

Baby's Day Out

Holiday In the Sun

Atlantis: The Lost Empire

The Miracle Maker



To pre-register for programs call: Lowell 696-7704 Shelby 552-0809 Schneider 552-1000



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