



# Lowell Library Lines

MARCH 2003



## Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss

*Hop on Pop? Yertle the Turtle? One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish?* Let us read them to you! Come to the birthday party for Dr. Seuss at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, March 1, at 1 PM and have a piece of Dr. Seuss' birthday cake after you listen to really funny stories, read by very special people, wearing very funny, very tall, red and white Seuss hats!

State Representative Robert Kuzman will be a Seuss reader at the party. He will come with his wife Cheryl...and young son Evan who loves Dr. Seuss books, especially *One Fish, Two Fish*. Joan Cole, Chairperson, ISTA-R, Nancy Nethery of Lowell Centier Bank, Lowell Police Department Officer John Swisher and a member of the Lowell Fire Department will also take turns reading Seuss books to children attending the party. Share the laughter with "Chickadee" the clown as she creates funny balloon animals that will be made for children to take home, too! And there will be other surprises at the party. Call the library at 696-7704.

Dr. Seuss (Theodore Geisel) began writing children's books in 1940 after reading an article by author John Hersey who thought that the books schools used to teach children to read were boring. With *Cat in the Hat*, Seuss created his first book with zany characters and rhyming. Today it would be hard to find a library without a collection of Dr. Seuss books. Children love the rhyming words in the books, and there is no doubt that listening to a Dr. Seuss book will put a smile on an adult face too.

The Dr. Seuss birthday party is co-sponsored by the ISTA-R (Indiana State Teacher's Association-Retired) and the Friends of the Lowell Public Library as part of the "Read Across America" campaign of the NEA (National Education Association).



### Recycle!

**Please Bring Us Your Books, Paperbacks, Books-On-Tape, Videos, DVD's, CD's, Audio Cassettes, Magazines...we'll take them.**

The Friends of the Library are asking patrons to recycle any of the above to help the Friends in their efforts to sponsor library programs and provide the library with non-budgeted items. The materials will be placed in the Friends on-going booksale or may be added to the library's materials collection. Last year the Friends raised over \$1,000 for the library with patron donations of the above items.

### Mark Your Calendar!

The GFWC Lowell Woman's Club and the Friends of the Library will help the library celebrate National Library Week (April 6-12) by hosting "A Visit With Mark Twain."

Warren Brown, Rhodes Scholar speaker for the Illinois Humanities Council, will present an uproariously authentic, costumed characterization of Mark Twain and his stories guaranteed to entertain audiences. The program will be held on Monday, April 7, at 7 PM.





## March 2003 Adult Programs

### Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

### Basket Weaving Workshops

Shelby - March 11, at 6 PM

Create a "Cross Your Heart Basket."

Fee is \$29.

Lowell - Thursday, March 20, at 6 PM

Wednesday, March 26, at 6 PM

Create a "Prairie Picking Pail" Basket,  
or make an Easter Basket using pastel  
colors. Fee is \$28.

### Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, March 13 & 27, at 7 PM

Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum  
and share your writings with others.

### Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, March 13, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Offered by Technicians of Shelby Fire Dept.

Lowell - Wednesday, March 19, 9 to 11 AM

Offered by Clinical Management Services.

### Crocheting - Lowell

Monday, February 17, at 6:30 PM

Join and learn techniques of crocheting or  
work with other participants on your projects.


### Blood Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, March 19, 9 AM to 11 AM

Blood sugar (glucose) screenings will be  
offered by Clinical Management Services.  
Check to see that your blood sugar count is  
in normal limits or staying in the normal range.

### Create a Dried Flower Wreath - Lowell

Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 PM

Create a beautiful dried flower wreath at  
this fun workshop with Holly Keithley.   
Fee is \$25. Participants can make an  
everlasting dried flower wreath (14-24 inch in  
diameter) of their own style, using a wide  
assortment of herbs, everlastings and dried  
flowers - silver king, sweet Annie, mugwort,  
strawflowers, statice, amaranth, and cockscomb  
in the color combination they desire.

### Brown Bag Showtime - Lowell

Thursday, March 20, at 11 AM

*Serendipity* just doesn't stay on  
our shelves. So popular is this movie that  
we thought you might enjoy bringing a brown  
bag lunch and sharing the movie with others.  
We will provide beverages. Call 696-7704 to  
let us know you are coming.

*Serendipity* will bring back memories of *An  
Affair to Remember*. Jonathan and Sara are both  
engaged to others. They meet, fall in love and part.  
Will destiny bring them back before they make that  
walk down the aisle to marry the wrong mate?

### The Runaway Quilt by Jennifer Chiaverini "Coffee Klatch" Book Discussion - Lowell

Thursday, March 20, at 7 PM or

Friday, March 21, at 10 AM.

Pre-Civil War in the slave-owning South, the  
Underground Railroad and antique quilts...all are  
woven through this tale of a modern family mystery  
of an heirloom quilt. Did a slave make the quilt as  
a map to help slaves escape to freedom before the  
war?

What is the true history of Elm Creek Farm and  
what family secrets are revealed in the journal  
found in the attic of Sylvia Bergstrom Compson,  
descendent of what she believes were staunch  
abolitionists? Pick up a copy of *The Runaway  
Quilt* at the circulation desk and enjoy a relaxing  
conversation about the book. Refreshments will  
be served.

### 2003 Garden Series "Better Veggies" - Lowell

Monday, March 24, promptly at 7 PM.

Stan Sims, Purdue Agriculture Extension Educator,  
will help you "Growing Better Veggies." Topics  
include preparing to grow vegetables, new varieties,  
controlling diseases and insects (with and without  
chemicals) and a question and answer period.  
Register for the 2003 Garden Series programs  
sponsored by the library and Purdue Cooperative  
Extension Service.

### Meetings

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees  
will hold their regular meeting on Monday, March 24,  
at 7 PM.

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular  
meeting on Wednesday, March 26, at 7 PM. New  
members are welcome.





## Think Spring!

*Think gardening and relax in an easy chair while viewing the beautiful photos in the library's "just arrived" gardening books.*

Among the arrivals are:

*Garden Makeovers* by Liz Dobbs

*Cottage Gardens* by David Squire

Reader's Digest: *The Gardener's Book of Color*

Be sure to sign up for the library's 2003 series of garden programs.

## Tax Assistance

Free tax assistance is still available at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. To schedule an appointment call the library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

## Computer Classes

Computer classes are being offered at the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches. For information contact the library at 696-7704 the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

## Reading Machine for the Visually Impaired

The video magnifier donated by the Lowell Lions Club is helping visually impaired users enjoy reading books, magazines and newspapers at the library.

The magnifier, in color or black and white, magnifies up to 200% and has a 20" television screen. The viewer is located by the fiction section of the library.

## Tumble Bears

Routines on the bars, balance beam, vault and pommel horse are taught at the library each Friday. Call 865-9698 for information.

## Food, Fun & Fiction

*A Single Shard*, by Linda Sue Park, is the March selection for the YA Food, Fun & Fiction book discussion at the Lowell Library. YA's (Young Adults) grades 6 - 12 will discuss this book over refreshments at a date and time to be announced.

The tree ear is a type of mushroom that grows on trees with no parent seed. Park's story of an orphan boy named Tree Ear is Set in 12th century Korea.

The Shelby Branch will also have a book discussion in March. Call the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 to pre-register and get the book title, date and time of the Food, Fun & Fiction meeting.



## Signs (not for the faint of heart)

Crop circles appear on a rural farm.... and this is just the beginning! Something alien is out there!

Thrills and chills are in store for YA's, grades 4 and up. You're invited to attend a showing of the movie **Signs**, starring Mel Gibson, on Saturday, March 15, at 12 Noon. Bring a friend, your pillow and a brown bag lunch or make a P B & J sandwich on us as you watch the movie on the library's large screen TV/DVD player. We will also be providing drinks and chips. Bring your friends. Pre-register if you are sure you can come. If you don't know till the last minute, come anyway. The balcony is open!

On Saturday, March 22, YA's can bring their friends and view the popular movie *Tuck Everlasting* at 12 Noon. For more information or to pre-register call 696-7704.

## Upcoming

April 5 - American Red Cross Blood Drive  
April 7 - "Mark Twain" Performance  
April 15 - CPR  
April 24 - Brown Bag Movie  
April 16 & 29 - Basket Classes





## Story Time Adventures

Children, ages 3 to 5 years old, can spend an hour each week with Miss Heidi as she introduces them to picture books and easy readers at Story Time. They will also enjoy learning a finger-play game and a song together.

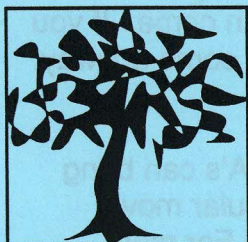
**Shelby** - Each Monday at 9:30 AM  
March 24 - April 28

**Schneider** - Each Monday, at 4 PM  
March 24 - April 28

**Lowell** - Each Tuesday at 10 AM & 1:30 PM  
March 25 - April 29

Each Wednesday at 10 AM  
March 26 - April 30

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



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## April's Easter Craft Corner

Pre-school and school age children can create holiday decorations at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches with Miss Heidi.

Beginning March 10, sign up for Craft Corner.

**Lowell** - Thursday, April 3,  
at 3:30 PM

**Shelby** - Wednesday, April 9,  
at 3:30 PM

**Schneider** - Thursday, April 10,  
at 3:30 PM

