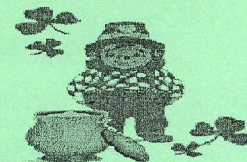


Lowell Library Lines

March 2007



The Poets' Corner

The Northwest Indiana Poetry Society will co-sponsor a poetry slam with the Friends of the Library on Sunday, April 15, from 3 PM to 6 PM.

Poets can enter the Slam as contestants for a fee of \$5, the total entry fee to be divided between the first five winning poets. Only original work will be accepted. Judging will be on composition, content, presentation and form. The decision of the judges is final.

Poets and visitors can enjoy refreshments at the Slam. In coffee house style, enjoy hot dogs, potato chips, assorted coffees, pastries, and baked goods sure to tempt your appetite. The Poetry Slam will be held in the Library Program Room. For more information call Tom Spencer at 696-3338.

Early Spring Cleaning

Feeling in the mood for some spring cleaning? We can make some of your cleaning-out guilt free. Don't throw out those books you received as gifts; recycle books, books-on-tape and CD, paperbacks, magazines, videos, DVDs, and music CDs and cassettes by donating them to the library.

You will have a nice, empty space and you will be helping the Friends of the Library. Funds from the sale are donated by the Friends for children's programs.

Computer Classes

The Shelby Branch Library will resume computer classes in April. Classes are held each Thursday, from 3 PM to 6 PM.

Starting and Financing a Small Business

Enhance Your Entrepreneurial Spirit. Have you ever thought about starting your own business? Did you start a business and now find you're not sure how to take your business to the next level?

Paul R. Wyatt, a Business Development Specialist with the Indiana District Office of the US SBA (Small Business Administration) will present a series of 3 programs to be held Tuesday, March 27, Tuesday, April 24, and Wednesday, May 23, at 7 PM, on topics that include: considerations for starting a business, how to finance start-up operations, financing for purchasing or constructing a building for business operations, selling products or services to the government, and exporting your products. Gain awareness of additional services that are available to aspiring entrepreneurs.

Bring your questions to the program. Pre-register for these free programs by calling the library at 696-7704.

2007 Garden Series

Become an organic gardener on Monday, March 26, at 7 PM.

Garden location, selection, soil preparation, planting, organic matter, compost, fertilizer, and weed and pest control are among the topics to be discussed at this garden program. Master Gardeners can obtain additional training hours by attending the program co-sponsored by Purdue Extension Service. Call 696-7704 to pre-register.





Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, March 5, 12, 19, 26
at 9:30 AM. Bring your quilting
projects.

Blood Pressure Testing - Shelby

Monday, March 12, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon
Testing is offered on a first come/first
served basis.

Card Games - Schneider

Monday, March 12, at 2 PM &
Monday, March 26, at 2 PM.
Join other adults for some fast moving
card games. Refreshments too! Bring
your friends.

Adult Book Discussion - Shelby

Monday, March 12, at 5:30 PM
Mystery readers can enjoy a discussion
of popular author Patricia Cornwell's book
At Risk. Pick up a copy at the branch
library and come for a book discussion
refreshments.

Dried Flower Wreath/Swag - Lowell

Monday, March 12, at 6:30 PM
Enhance your home with a beautiful dried
flower craft. Make a 15" or 20" wreath
using wide assortment of herbs and dried
flowers: silver king, sweet Annie, mugwort,
strawflowers, statice, amarth and cockscomb.
Fee is \$25 due upon registration. The wreath
is on display at the circulation desk.

Learn Tatting - Lowell

Tuesday, March 13, at 6 PM
Cherie Whybrew will teach you the
technique of making handmade lace.
Bring a small shuttle.

Senior Movie - Lowell

Thursday, March 15, at 11 AM
The Guardian is a taut and thrilling adventure
movie. Kevin Costner stars in this exciting
movie about Coast Guard rescue swimmers.
Bring a brown bag lunch. We will furnish
desserts and drinks. The program is co-
sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department.
Call 696-1570 to pre-register.

NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell

Saturday, March 17, at 10 AM
Bring your poetry to share with other poets.
Learn about the upcoming Poetry Slam.

Adult Craft Night - Shelby

Monday, March 19, at 5 PM
It's always fun to create with other crafters.
Bring your projects for a cozy evening.

Criss Cross Basket - Lowell

Monday, March 19, at 6 PM or
Wednesday, March 28, at 6 PM
Fee is \$26. Please bring a plastic bucket,
scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins,
towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Test - Lowell

Wednesday, March 21, 9 AM to 11 AM
Stay healthy. Get your blood pressure and
sugar (glucose) checked with technicians of
the Clinical Management Services.

Traditional Rug Making - Lowell

Wednesday, March 21 and Thursday, March 29,
at 7 PM. Traditional rug hooking (not klatch)
will be taught by Jeane Kolberg. Learn the
technique to make all hangings, clothing,
jewelry, etc. A sample of her work will be
on display at the circulation desk. Call for fee
information due at registration.

Branch Bingo - Shelby

Monday, March 26, at 5 PM
Grab a card or two and play bingo with friends
and neighbors over refreshments.

Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell

Tuesday, March 27, at 9:30 AM
Recreate "Splash, Splash" an acrylic
painting by artist Pat Mahns on
display at the circulation desk. Fee is \$13.

Beginning a Small Business - Lowell

Tuesday, March 27, at 7 PM
Learn the ins and outs of starting a small business
from the SBA (Small Business Administration).

Book Group - Lowell

Wednesday, March 28, at 6:30 PM
Travels With My Aunt by Graham Greene,
will be discussed at Book Group. This book
is available for checkout at the front desk.
Share your views of the novel with others over
refreshments.

CPR HeartSaver Course - Lowell

Saturday, March 31, from 9 AM to 12 Noon. A
Heartsaver CPR course will be offered for adults,
16 and over, on Participants will receive a 2 year
certification from American Heart Association.
Fee for the course is \$25 due upon registration.

Schneider Kids' Corner

You can make a St. Paddy's Day wall hanging on Wednesday, March 14, at 4 PM.

Kid's Game Day on March 27, at 4 PM, is a fun way to get together with your friends for board and card games.

At Craft Corner, on Wednesday, March 27, at 4 PM, children will make a Bunny Bookmark. A treat will follow.

For YAs

The Schneider YA Food, Fun & Fiction Club will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 4 PM, to discuss *How to Be Popular* by Meg Cabot and on Friday, March 30, at 3:30 PM, for a discussion of *Defining Dulcie* by Paul Acampora.

Bring your friends to "Chat" on Monday, March 19, at 4 PM. Circle around and talk about an issue or two.



Shelby Kids' Corner

Happy Birthday Party!

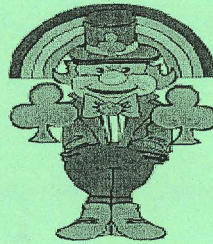
Celebrate the 103rd birthday of Dr. Seuss. Come to a special Seuss Party on Monday, March 5, at 4 PM. Play special games and enjoy desserts at the event.

The party is in conjunction with the NEA (National Education Association) *Read Across America* program. Pre-register by calling the branch at 552-0809.

Kids of all ages can make a Bunny Bookmark, on Thursday, March 29, at 4 PM. Enjoy a treat too!

Movie Madness! Each Saturday at 12 Noon kids of all ages are invited to enjoy a fun flick with friends.

Game Day! Bring your pals for some friendly competition playing games each Wednesday, at 4 PM.



YA's On The Go

(Grades 6th through 12th)

Roundtable Chats Have something to say? Say it here! We snack, we debate,

we have a good time on Tuesday, March 6, and Monday, March 19, at 6 PM.

Game Nights Bring your friends, play cards, board games or Yu-Gi-Oh on Thursday, March 8, 15, and 22.

Spring Bingo Night Join others for snacks and prizes at this fun evening playing bingo on Tuesday, March 27, at 6 PM.

Food, Fun & Fiction Club Discuss *How to Be Popular* by Meg Cabot over snacks on Wednesday, March 28, at 4 PM. Call YA Programmer Debbie Blink for details.

Nature Trail T-Shirts

Think spring! Buy a nature trail T-shirt, large or X-large. Only \$5, this Friends of the Library fundraiser T-shirt can also be worn as a child's sleep shirt. All donations are given to the library for children's programs.

Shelby YA Corner

The "Chat Room" will be open on Wednesday, March 7, at 5:30 PM. Circle around and talk about an issue or two with others.

YAs (Young Adults) will meet on Wednesday, March 21, at 5:30 PM for a discussion of *The Golden Compass* by Philip Pullman.

On Our Web!

[Http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us](http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us)

Lowell History on the Web

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/history.htm>

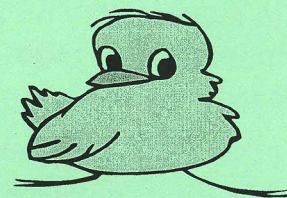
Richard Schmal's "Pioneer History" Column

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/ltschmal.htm>



Just for Kids!

Bunny Happenings Craft Corner



Have a hopping good time at Craft Corner. On Thursday, March 8, children, ages pre-school through 5th grade, will make a festive bunny attached to a carton that will hold holiday treats. You make the bunny, and we will supply the treats. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register for the 10 AM or 3 PM session.

Story Time Continues

Story Time is a program for children ages 4 and 5. Children's Programmer, Mrs. Mayhew, will introduce children to picture books, music and activities. Each session is approximately 30 to 45 minutes. Space is limited. Parents are asked to relax in the main room of the library while the program is in session. Pre-register at the circulation desk for the session held each Tuesday, at 10 AM, March 6, 13, 20, or each Wednesday, at 10 AM March 7, 14, & 21.

A Peek at the Peepers

Soft, tiny, and oh, so irresistible, baby chicks are a delight for children to view. At the library children, ages pre-school through 5th grade, can visit with, hold and feed baby chicks on Thursday, March 22, from 3:30 PM to 5 PM.



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