



# **Lowell Library Lines**



**March 2008**

## **Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library**

The Children's Department has been expanding its programming to incorporate the new initiative sponsored by the Indiana State Library entitled *Every Child Ready to Read @ Your Library*. The main objective is to help in the development of early literacy skills in children 0-5 years old. One of the best ways to do this is to provide parents of young children with simple and fun tools they can use to develop pre-reading skills.

The library has been successful in promoting the program through a series of positive events, providing parents with literature about the early literacy initiative, including tips on what they can do to help their child get ready to read. Children who attend Toddler Time and Story Time not only experience activities that promote early literacy skills but also take home activities that can be done with their parents to reinforce the concepts.

In addition, Children's Programmer Mrs. Mayhew, has begun doing community outreach activities such as pre-school presentations, attending food pantry giveaways, bookwalks and bingo for books. Thanks to the generosity of our patrons Mrs. Mayhew has been able to distribute thousands of books to children who might not otherwise own their own books. The outreach programs have also seen several hundred children receive bears that they can read to!

The Friends of the Library helped further this initiative by purchasing three magazine subscriptions for our very young patrons and their parents. The new magazines will be highlighted in the children's programs and will be an additional tool for parents to help their children get ready to read.

## **Library Newsletter Now Online**

You can now access the library's monthly newsletter, Lowell Library Lines, at <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/>. Scroll down the page to the newsletter link to access current and past issues. While you're on our home page access the Lowell History site to find a wealth of rich local history, including hundreds of photographs.

## **A Rose By Any Other Name**

"What's in a name? That which we call a rose By any other name would smell as sweet;"

**- William Shakespeare**

ARS (American Rose Society) Consulting Rosarian and Advanced Master Gardener Karl Bapst would agree. Bapst will share his knowledge of growing and caring for roses at the 2008 Garden Series program on Monday, March 24, at 7 PM. Bapst lives on a 3/4 acre homestead that is also home to over 500 rose bushes.

## **Open Mike Poetry**

Poetry is alive and well at the Lowell Public Library. Our last Open Mike Poetry & Coffee House gig was popular and entertaining. The Northwest Indiana Poetry Society and the library invite poets, seasoned and beginners, to read their poems before an audience of fellow poets and visitors on Saturday, March 29, from 10 AM to 3 PM.



## **Lowell**

### **Adult Programs**

#### **Library Quilters Meet**

Each Monday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 at  
9 AM - 12:30 PM Bring your quilting projects.

#### **Basket Weaving**

Wednesday, March 12, at 6 PM  
Julie Duttlinger will teach participants to  
weave the Spring Candy Basket on display at  
the circulation desk. Fee is \$23.00.

#### **Poetry Group Meets**

Saturday, March 15, at 10 AM  
Aspiring poets are joining the Northwest  
Indiana Poetry Society that meets at the  
library on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

#### **Income Tax Rebate Discussed**

Tuesday, March 18, at 7 PM  
How does the rebate work for people on Social  
Security, married couples, persons filing as  
head of the household? Is there a form to fill  
out? When will I receive the rebate? Bring  
your questions to this program presented by  
H&R Block representatives.

#### **Blood Pressure/Sugar Test**

Wednesday, March 19, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose)  
screening are offered by Clinical Management.  
Provided on a first come, first served basis.

#### **Tuesday Morning Page Turners**

Tuesday, March 25, at 10 AM Join in our  
discussion of *The Secret Life of Bees* by  
Sue Monk Kidd. Pick up your copy today.  
Refreshments will be served.

#### **March Senior Social**

Thursday, March 14, at 10 AM Come play  
Bingo with Lowell High School students.  
Great snacks, desserts and fun provided!  
The program is sponsored by the library  
and the Lowell Parks Department.

#### **Computer Classes**

Learn word processing and how to navigate  
the internet. Computer Basics will be offered  
on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays,  
and Word or Excel on alternate Fridays. All  
classes will be held at 11 AM. Evening classes  
are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Please pre-  
register at the circulation desk.

### **Garden Series Program**

“Roses for Rose Lovers” will be held  
on Monday, March 24, at 7 PM. Advanced  
Master Gardener Karl Bapst will discuss  
rose culture, descriptions, selection,  
growing and gardening with roses.

#### **At the Shelby Branch**

#### **National Peanut Butter Day**

Saturday, March 1  
Peanut butter lovers, head for the Shelby  
Branch Library. Browse among the books,  
then enjoy a free peanut butter cup!

#### **Blood Pressure Testing**

Monday, March 10, 10:30 AM - 12 PM  
First come/first served basis.

#### **Adult Book Discussion**

Friday, March 14, at 11:00 AM  
Meet with others to discuss *Joshua* by  
Joseph Girzone.

#### **Adult Craft**

Monday, March 17, at 5 PM  
Bring your craft project to work with  
others.

#### **Easter Bake Sale**

Saturday, March 22, 9 AM - 2 PM

#### **Adult Bingo**

Monday, March 24, at 5 PM  
Play Bingo for novelty prizes.

#### **At the Schneider Branch**

#### **Adult Game Day**

Monday, March 24, at 2:30 PM. Enjoy  
games and snacks.

#### **Adult Scrapbooking**

Saturday, March 8, at 10 AM  
Adults and YAs, bring your projects.

#### **AARP 55 Alive Driving Course**

Register now for the AARP 55 Alive Driver  
Safety Course being offered at the Lowell  
Public Library on Friday, April 4 and Satur-  
day, April 5 from 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. for  
motorists aged 55 and older. Fee is \$10.

## **YA Programming - Lowell**

Thursday, March 6, at 6 PM is YA Game Night

Thursday, March 13, at 6 PM come to YA Game Night - Watch the *Bratz* movie. Have PB & J sandwich, popcorn & pop for 25¢.

Saturday, March 15, at 1 PM watch a YA Movie. Enjoy *Nancy Drew Gets A Clue*. Have a PB & J sandwich, popcorn and pop for 25¢.

Thursday, March 20, at 6 PM is YA Game Night. Watch *The Bee Movie* and enjoy popcorn, a PB & J sandwich, and pop for only 25¢.

Thursday, March 27 No Game Night

Saturday, March 29, 9AM -12 PM Try one stroke painting with Debbie Dunning. Adults & YA's are welcome.



## **Branch Programs for Children / YAs**

### **Schneider Kids**

Kids' Bingo is Tuesday, March 4, at 3:45 PM.

Think green on Thursday, March 13, at 3:45 PM for a St. Patrick's Day craft.

Tuesday, March 18, at 3:45 PM, play a poison prevention game. All ages are invited.

Tuesday, March 18, at 3:30 PM, join Miss Sandy and make Fluttering Butterflies with tissue paper and pipe cleaners.

Kids' Easter Craft Day is Thursday, March 20, at 3:45 PM.

Game Day is held on March 25, at 3:45 PM.

### **YA Programs**

Wednesday, March 5, at 4 PM is YA Movie Night showing *The Ultimate Gift*. PB & J sandwiches, popcorn and pop are 25¢.

Wednesday, March 12, at 4:30 PM - YA Bunco

Wednesday, March 19, at 4:30 PM - Easter Craft- call Schneider Branch for details.

On Wednesday, March 26, at 5 PM, *Scrambled Eggs at Midnight*, by Brad Barkley and Heather Hepler will be discussed.

### **Shelby Kids**

Sign up now for Toddler Time with Miss Bethany on Mondays, March 3, 10, and 17, at 10:30 AM. This program is designed for children ages two and three. Story Time sessions for four and five year olds begin March 31, at 10:30 AM.

On Thursday, March 20, at 4:00 PM, join Miss Sandy and make Fluttering Butterflies with tissue paper and pipe cleaners.

Saturdays at noon, come and enjoy a fun flick with your friends! Snacks are provided.

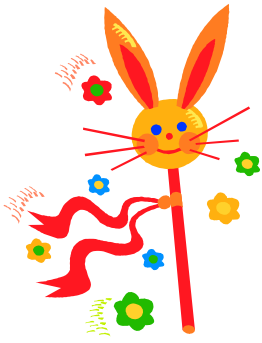
### **YA Programs**

Tuesday, March 4, at 4 PM is YA Movie evening with popcorn and pop for 25¢.

Tuesday, March 11, at 5 PM is YA Bunco.

Tuesday, March 18, at 5 PM enjoy YA Game Night. Play Deal or No Deal !

Tuesday, March 25, at 5:30 PM discuss *Scrambled Eggs at Midnight*, by Brad Barkley and Heather Hepler.



# JUST FOR KIDS



## **March Craft Corner**

Come to the library on Thursday, March 13. You will make animal critters sitting on jelly beans! Preschoolers through 5th graders are welcome. Please pre-register for the 10 AM or 3 PM session. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

## **Books That Are Loved**

Share your favorite books! Fill out a drawing slip and tell us the title and author of your favorite books and we will pass that love on to other readers. Do this and you can earn your entry into the drawing for the Children's Valentine basket!! Keep reading, thanks for your input and good luck in the drawing.