

Lowell Library Lines

March 2009

House to Determine Libraries' Fate

For several months your library has asked your support in opposition of the State's proposal to consolidate the Lowell Public Library and all other Indiana libraries into county-wide systems. With consolidation, your home library would become a branch of a larger library. All decision making, as to providing services, programs, operating funds, etc., would be determined at the county level instead of by the 7 member, all volunteer library board, that now serves the Tri-Creek community.

Many of our community's residents responded to the threat of consolidation by contacting their elected state officials that represent our district. We want to thank you for this support. Now, more than ever, your letters, phone calls and e-mails are crucial to the fate of our library as Senate Bill #348 goes before the House.

To update you on the consolidation issue, Senate Bill #348— Library Reorganization, was passed through the State Senate with amendments introduced by Senator Sue Landske, at the request of the 7 independent Lake County district libraries: Lowell, Crown Point, Gary, Hammond, East Chicago, Whiting and Lowell. During the 2nd reading of the bill on the Senate floor, a request was made and granted to exclude Marion County from the bill. Shouldn't Lake County libraries be given the same consideration, especially in these tough economic times when people will turn to their libraries for the free resources they offer?

In Lake County alone, the cost of consolidating its 7 district libraries into a county-wide system would be enormous. And, a proposed county planning committee, that is included in the bill, would cost hundreds of thousands dollars more. This is the experience other libraries across the state would also face. The bill, passed by the Senate, now goes to the House for consideration. While 6.5% of Indiana's population (spread over 38 counties) is without library service or is underserved, there are 54 counties in Indiana (Lake County being one of them) that provide library service to all its citizens. SB 348 should focus on those 38 counties while allowing streamlined options for the majority of the counties that provide full library service.

Lowell and its sister libraries in Lake County not only meet, but exceed, the current library standards. With a long standing record of fiscal responsibility, the Lowell Library is committed to adhering to Indiana State Library standards and can demonstrate financial viability while establishing long range and technology plans. The types of programs and services the library offers the Tri-Creek area, composed of over 19,000 residents, are more often found with larger urban libraries. Only with independence can your library be most responsive to your library needs.

If you want your "home library" to remain under local control, please write or call your state representatives.

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Lowell Adult Programs

Free Computer Classes

Learn word processing and navigating the internet. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays and Word or Excel on Fridays. All classes are held at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-registration required.

Library Quilters Meet

Monday, March 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30, at 9 AM
Bring your quilting projects.

Learn to Knit/Join the Club

Monday, March 2 and 23, at 6:30 PM
Learn to knit. Participants can be part of starting a knitting group at the library that will meet twice a month on Mondays.

Adult Book Chat

Tuesday, March 10, at 1 PM to 3 PM
Read *The Passerby* by Thomas Ray Crowel and join the discussion.

Three Creeks Historical Society

Wednesday, March 11, at 7 PM
Discover what history information is available to you at the library. Darlene Rigg, Reference Librarian, will discuss the library's Lowell History on the Web, and other library resources available for your research.

Library Scrappers Meet

Monday, March 16, at 6:30 PM
Scrappers meet on the third Monday of each month. Share your scrapping ideas and learn new techniques.

BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test

Wednesday, March 18, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services, on a first come, first served basis. A combined cholesterol test is \$5 (cash only please).

Senior Social

Tuesday, March 24, 10 AM to 12 PM
Seniors will play bingo along with students from the Lowell High School I.C.E. program.

Basket Weaving

Tuesday, March 24, or
Tuesday, March 31, at 6 PM
Join Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger to learn to make your own basket. Call for details and to pre-register.

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, March 21, at 10 AM
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society. Share your poems with others.

"Tuesday Morning Page Turners"

Tuesday, March 31, at 10 AM
Read *A Midsummer Night's Dream* by William Shakespeare. Refreshments will be served.



Welcome Spring!

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 8, 2009

Daylight Saving Time (or summertime as it is called in many countries) is a way of getting more light out of the day by advancing clocks by one hour during the summer. During Daylight Saving Time, the sun appears to rise one hour later in the morning, when people are usually asleep anyway, and sets one hour later in the evening, seeming to stretch the day longer. The reason DST works is because it saves energy due to less artificial light needed during the evening hours— clocks are set one hour ahead during the spring, and one hour back to standard time in the autumn. Many countries observe DST, while many do not.

(Source: <http://www.timeanddate.com>)

Young Adult Programs

- Thursday, March 5, at 6 PM Game Night
- Thursday, March 12, at 6 PM Game Night
- Thursday, March 19, at 6 PM Play bunco. Sign up now. Cost is \$1.50.
- Saturday, March 21, at 11 AM March Movie Marathon: watch *High School Musical 3* at 11 AM and *Twilight* at 1 PM. Answer *Twilight* trivia and win a prize. Pop is 25¢.
- Thursday, March 26, at 4 PM Book Discussion. Read *Breaking Dawn* by Stephenie Meyers.
- Thursday, March 26, at 6 PM Game Night
- Saturday, March 28, at 1 PM March Movie Marathon: Watch *Igor* at 11 AM and *Madagascar 2* at 1 PM. Pop is 25¢

Attention all Young Adults: Are you interested in learning to knit? Sign up at the desk. Cost is \$3.00 for the needles and yarn, which are yours to keep.

Shelby Adults

- Monday, March 2, at 10:30 AM**
Free blood pressure screening.
- Monday, March 2 & 16 , at 10 AM**
Sewing Projects
- Monday, March 9 & 23, at 10 AM**
Painting Projects
- Monday, March 23, 1 PM to 4 PM**
Seniors, play Bunco, dominoes and cards.

Shelby Young Adults

- Tuesday, March 3, at 5 PM**
Watch *High School Musical 3*. Pop is 25¢.
- Saturday, March 7, 11 AM - 2:30 PM**
Movie Marathon includes *Igor* at 11 AM, then *Madagascar 2* at 1 PM.
- Tuesday, March 10, at 5 PM**
Make a craft with Debbie.
- Tuesday, March 17, at 5 PM**
New game night. Play Wii or PS2.
- Tuesday, March 31, at 5 PM**
craft night. Call for details.

Shelby Kids

- Wednesdays at 4 PM**
Game Night
- Saturdays at 12 PM**
Movie Day every Saturday!
- Tuesday, March 24, at 4 PM**
Craft Day with Miss Sandy. Make and decorate your own kite!

Schneider Adults

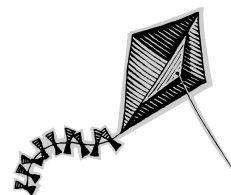
- Saturday, March 14, 10 AM - 10 PM**
Scrapbooking for Adults
Work on your layouts and share your ideas.

Schneider Young Adults

- Wednesday, March 4, at 4 PM**
Watch the movie, *Madagascar 2*.
- Wednesday, March 11, at 4 PM**
Play *Catch Phrase* or Wii games.
- Wednesday, March 18, at 4 PM**
Sign up now for Bunco.
- Wednesday, March 25, at 4 PM**
Chats & Chewies.

Schneider Kids

- Every Monday at 4 PM**
YA Game Night is held for kids, ages 10 and up.
- Thursday, March 12, at 3:45 PM**
Come in and make a St. Patrick's Day craft.
- Thursday, March 26, at 3:45 PM**
Play Bingo for novelty prizes!
- Tuesday, March 31, at 4 PM**
Miss Sandy will show you how to make and decorate your own kite!



Non-Fiction Reading Picks

- 070.92 *A Bold Fresh Piece of Humanity* - O'Reilly, Bill
306.874 *Multiple Blessings* - Gosselin, Jon
330.973 *The Great Depression Ahead* - Dent, Harry S.
332.024 *Suze Orman's 2009 Action Plan* - Orman, Suze
332.72 *Mortgages for Dummies* - Tyson, Eric
353 *The Book of U.S. Government Jobs*
359.9 *Leathernecks* - Bartlett, Merrill L.
618.92 *The ADD/ADHD Checklist* - Rief, Sandra F.
636.3 *Beautiful Sheep* - Dun, Kathryn
641.56314 *Lickety-Split Diabetic Meals* - Foco, Zonya
641.5635 *Weight Watchers 5 Ingredient 15 Minute Cookbook*
641.8653 *The Birthday Cake Book* - Wilson, Dede
642.4 *Katie Brown Celebrates* - Brown, Katie
646.2 *Seams to Me* - Horner, Anna Maria
747.94 *Can't Fail Color Schemes* - Wax, Amy
818.5409 *Letter to My Daughter* - Angelou, Maya
973.7 *Looking for Lincoln* - Kunhardt, Phillip B.



Biographies

- B LINCOL *Mrs. Lincoln* - Clinton, Catherine
B KING *Haunted Heart* - Rogak, Lisa

New Books on CD

- The Laughter of Dead Kings* - Elizabeth Peter
Heat Lightning - Sandford, John
Divine Justice - Baldacchi, David
Damage Control - Jance, J.A.
Daisy and the Trouble with Life - Gray, Kes (Juvenile)
The Daddy Goose Collection - French, Vivian (Juvenile)

What's New!

New Fiction Books:

Heart and Soul - Binchy, Maeve
The Lost Witness - Ellis, Robert
Galway Bay - Kelly, Mary Pat
Second Opinion - Palmer, Michael
The Seance - Harwood, John
Bloodprint - Sewell, Kitty
Very Valentine - Trigiani, Andriana
The Leisure Seeker - Zadorian, Michael
Dark of Night - Brockmann, Suzanne
Kiss - Dekker, Ted
People of the Thunder - Gear, W. Michael
True Colors - Hannah, Kristin
Midnight Sons - Macomber, Debbie
The School of Essential Ingredients - Bauermeister, Erica

Mystery

A Test of Faith - Cox, Carol
Lethal Legacy - Fairstein, Linda
The Shanghai Moon - Rozan, S.J.
Frame Work - Faigen, Anne G.
Batter Off Dead - Myers, Tamar
Through the Fire - Noble, Diane

Library Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, March 16, at 7 PM following an Executive meeting at 6:30 PM.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will meet on March 18, at 7 PM. New members are always welcome.

New DVD's:

<i>Mostly Ghostly</i>	<i>Pirate Camp</i>
<i>The Dark Knight</i>	<i>The X Files</i>
<i>Fireproof</i>	<i>Get Smart</i>
<i>Waltzing Anna</i>	<i>Valley of Light</i>
<i>Run Fatboy Run</i>	<i>Space Chimps</i>
<i>Spongebob's Pest of the West</i>	
<i>Sex and the City: The Movie</i>	
<i>When Did You Last See Your Father</i>	
<i>Ben 10 Season 4</i>	
<i>Definitely, Maybe</i>	
<i>Scooby Doo DVD game</i>	

Don't Throw it Away: Recycle

The Friends of the Library ask you to put a smile on someone else's face by recycling books, paperbacks, Books-on-Tape and CD, VHS and DVD movies, music CDs and cassettes, or magazines that are in good condition by donating these items to the library for their on-going book-sale or added to the library's collection.

For Puzzle Lovers

Put them together, take them apart, bring them back and check out some more. You will find recycled puzzles on the shelves of the west wall of the non-fiction section. The library appreciates donations of puzzles. Please, no missing pieces.



Just for Kids



Toddler Time

Toddler Time meets each week for about forty minutes and is designed for children ages two to three years old. The program will feature stories and activities for toddlers to share with their caregivers. Pre-register at the circulation desk for Tuesdays at 10 AM (March 3, 10, and 17) or Wednesdays at 10 AM (March 4, 11, and 18).

March Craft Corner

Join us on Thursday, March 12 when we will be making dog cans. Make a special container for your special things, or a holder for your dog's treats. Craft Corner is for children, preschool to grade 5. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register for the 10 AM or the 3 PM session.

Color Shape Bingo for Books

Play Bingo and learn your colors and shapes while having fun. You may even win a book to take home! Pre-register for 10 AM or 3 PM session that will be held on Thursday, March 19. This program is for all children, preschool to grade 5.