



# Lowell Library Lines



March 2010

## Recapping 2009

Lowell Public Library  
1505 East Commercial  
Lowell, IN 46356  
696-7704

### Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9 AM - 8 PM  
Fri - Sat. 9 AM - 5 PM

Schneider Branch  
24002 Parrish Ave.  
Schneider, IN 46376  
552-1000

### Hours

Mon. 2 PM - 7 PM  
Tues. - Wed. 3 PM - 6 PM  
Thurs. 3 PM - 7 PM  
Fri. CLOSED  
Sat. 10 AM - 12 PM

Shelby Branch  
23323 Shelby Rd  
Shelby, IN 46377  
552-0809

### Winter Hours

Mon. 9 AM - 12 & 1 - 6 PM  
Tues. - Thurs. 3 - 7 PM  
Fri. CLOSED  
Sat. 9 AM - 2 PM

Just how busy were we last year? Every year libraries across Indiana submit their annual reports to the Indiana State Library. Sifting through the many pages of statistics in the report can be a bit of a bore.

Cutting to the chase, the following are some of the more interesting statistics about your library, contained in the report.

Serving the Tri-Creek area, the library has 16,836 registered borrowers.

Programs held at the Central Library (Lowell) and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Adult Programs: 397 in house and 62 outreach.

Children's Programs held: 527 in house and 82 outreach.

Young Adult Programs held: 163.

Other special or outreach programs numbered 48.

In total the library offered its patrons 1,279 programs in 2009.

Attendance at these programs totaled 52,538.

Reference questions answered numbered 9,675.

The meeting rooms were used 8,938 times last year for non/library meetings/programs/events by local community organizations.

The total number of visitors to the library in 2009 numbered 109,317.

Users of the library's public access computers exceeded 22,200.

Over 240,210 hits were recorded on the library's web pages.

The library holdings include 81,919 books, 4,862 video materials, 3,855 audio materials, 2,357 electronic books (E-books) and 200 serial subscriptions.

There are always new and exciting things happening at the library.

## Got the Winter Blues? Come Catch Our Bus!

There is still time to purchase a comfort bus trip ticket to the Chicago Flower & Garden Show at Navy Pier. The bus leaves on Saturday, March 6. You can purchase a seat on the bus for \$24 non-refundable at the library.

Enjoy viewing the 25 garden masterpieces at the show. Shop and enjoy fast food or fine dining at the many restaurants at Navy Pier.

General admission to the show is \$17 for adults, and \$5 for children, ages 4 - 12, and is paid at the show door. The bus departs the Lowell Public Library at 9 AM. Re-board for the trip back to Lowell at 3:45 PM. If you have any further questions, an information sheet can be found at the circulation desk.

## Lowell Adult Programs

### Library Quilters Meet

Monday, March 1, 8, 15, 22, and 29 at 9 AM.  
Share your projects with others.

### Library Knitters

Tuesday, March 2 and 16, at 6:30 PM.  
Learn to knit on the first and third Tuesdays each month. A list of supplies is at the desk.

### Adult Book Discussion

Monday, March 8, at 1 PM.  
Read and discuss *Painter of Battles* by Arthur Perez-Reverte.

### Senior Social

Thursday, March 11, at 10 AM.  
Play bingo for novelty prizes with Lowell High School students. Great snacks, ice cream sundaes and fun will be provided! Call the Lowell Parks Dept., co-sponsors of the program, at 696-1570 to reserve your seat.

### Friends of the Library Meet

Wednesday, March 17, at 7 PM.  
New member are always welcome.

### Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, March 20, at 10 AM.  
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society.

### Tuesday Morning Page Turners

Tuesday, March 30, at 10 AM.  
*Widow's War* by Sally Gunning will be discussed. Refreshments will be served.

### Library Scrappers Meet

Monday, March 15, at 6:30 PM.  
Scrappers meet on the third Monday of each month. Join the scrapbooking group. Learn new techniques. Pre-register for this free program.

### Library Board Meets

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, March 15, 2010, at 7 PM.

### Basket Weaving Class

Tuesday, March 16, and Wednesday, March 24, at 6 PM.  
Call 696-7704 for details and to pre-register.

### BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test

Wednesday, March 17, at 9 AM to 11 AM.  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services. A combined cholesterol test is \$5 (cash only please).

### Garden Series

Tuesday, March 30, at 7 PM.  
Melissa Mravec, of Allen Landscaping in Highland, will discuss landscaping, planning and creating beautiful walkways, and the use of shrubs, trees and flowers in your design, as well as their care and maintenance. Pre-register for this free program.

### Free Computer Classes

Free Computer Basics are offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays and Word or Excel on Fridays at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-registration is required.

## Consumer Credit Information

President Barack Obama has recently signed a federal law to protect millions of consumers who rely on credit cards. What will the new credit card law mean for cardholders?

Plan to attend a free program on Monday, March 22, at 6:30 PM, presented by Linda Shedrow, of Consumer Credit Counseling in Merrillville, IN. She will discuss the new law and how it affects you, along with how to avoid credit card traps, your credit score and what it means to you and debt management. Pre-register at the circulation desk.

## Daylight Saving Time Begins

Daylight Saving Time has been in use throughout much of the United States, Canada and Europe since World War I. In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed an act into law whereby Daylight Saving Time began on the last Sunday of April and ended on the last Sunday of October each year. In 2005, President Bush signed into law a new energy policy bill that would extend Daylight Saving Time by four weeks beginning in 2007. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 AM on March 14, 2010. Don't forget to change your clocks!

Source: NASA  
<http://eclipse.gsfc.nasa.gov/SEhelp/daylightsaving.html>

## Young Adult Programs

### Lowell

Thursday, March 11, at 6 PM.  
Thursday, March 18, at 6 PM.  
Saturday, March 20, 11 AM - 4 PM.

Thursday, March 25, at 6 PM.

Watch a movie and have some snacks.  
Easter craft.  
Movie Marathon featuring *Twilight* and *New Moon*. Hotdogs \$1.00.  
Pop is 25¢. All other snacks are free.  
Play Bunco. Pre-register. Fee is \$1.00.

### Shelby

Tuesday, March 9 at 4 PM.  
Tuesday, March 16, at 4 PM.  
Tuesday, March 23, at 4 PM.  
Tuesday, March 30, at 4:30 PM.

Easter craft.  
Play *Catch Phrase*.  
Bring your friends and watch the movie, *New Moon*.  
Read and discuss *The Uglies* by Scott Westerfield.

### Schneider

Wednesday, March 10, at 4 PM.  
Wednesday, March 17, at 4 PM.  
Wednesday, March 24, at 4 PM.  
Wednesday, March 31, at 4 PM.

Movie and snacks.  
Easter craft.  
Bring your friends and watch the movie, *New Moon*.  
Play *Catch Phrase*.

## Shelby Branch

### Shelby Adults

#### **Knit and Crochet Club**

Monday, March 8 and 15, at 4 PM.  
Learn to knit or crochet or work on your own projects and help others with theirs.

#### **Adult Book Discussion**

Monday, March 8 at 6 PM.  
Read *The Friday Night Knitting Club* by Kate Jacobs and join us for a discussion.

#### **Adult Bingo**

Monday, February 22, at 3:30 PM.

### Shelby Kids

#### **March Craft**

Wednesday, March 10, at 4 PM.  
Make a Picasso-like face with clay. Be creative.

#### **Storytime**

Begins Monday, March 15 at 10:30 AM and will run through April 19th.

#### **Bingo for Books**

Wednesday, March 17, at 4 PM.  
Play bingo and win books for prizes.

#### **Crafting with Miss Sandy**

Thursday, March 25, at 4 PM.  
Make an animal or another creature using a plastic Easter egg. What will you create?

## Schneider Branch

### Schneider Adults

#### **All Day Scrapbooking**

Saturday, March 13, 10 AM - 10 PM.  
Spend the day sharing your page ideas and learning new techniques.

#### **Craft Day**

Monday, March 15, at 3:30 PM.  
Make ours or bring your own project.

#### **Bowling**

Thursday, March 29, at 3:30 PM.  
Play Wii bowling with other adults.

### Schneider Kids

#### **"10 and Up" Club**

Monday, March 8 and 22, at 4 PM.

#### **Kids' Craft**

Thursday, March 11, at 3:30 PM.  
Make a St. Patrick's Day craft.

#### **Game Days**

Thursday, March 18 and 25, at 3:30 PM.  
Play board games and Wii with your friends.

#### **Crafting with Miss Sandy!**

Tuesday, March 23 at 4 PM.  
Use the supplies that Miss Sandy brings to make an animal using a plastic Easter egg.

# Just for Kids

## Toddler Time

Toddler time is a free program for children, ages two to three years old and will feature stories and activities for toddlers to share with their caregivers. We meet once a week for four weeks. Toddlers must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register at the circulation desk for either Tuesdays at 10 AM, (March 2–March 30) or Wednesdays at 10 AM (March 3–March 31). Each session lasts approximately forty minutes.

## Craft Corner

Join the fun on Thursday, March 11 to make a *Picasso – Style Portrait in Clay*. You will be making a portrait of a face in clay where each half of the face shows different features. A sample is on display in the Children's craft case. Pre-register to attend either the 10 AM or the 3 PM session. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

## Candywalk

Come to the library on Thursday, March 18, at 3 PM.. You will enjoy some wonderful children's music, get some exercise traveling around the number pattern, and win candy if you are lucky enough to be standing on the winning numbers! The Candywalk is for children preschool age through the fifth grade. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Please pre-register at the circulation desk.



## Non-Fiction Reading Picks

- 133.9 *Exploring the Levels of Creation* - Browne, Sylvia  
181.112 *Confucius from the Heart* - Yu, Dan  
241.4 *One Simple Act* - Macomber, Debbie  
304.2 *Whole Earth Discipline* - Brand, Stewart  
306.7 *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man* - Harvey, Steve  
332.024 *Personal Finance* - Bajtelsmit, Vickie L.  
613.25 *The Mayo Clinic Diet*  
616.85 *Flying Without Fear* - Brown, Duane  
616.85 *Digging Out* - Tompkins, Michael A.  
796.332 *The Blind Side* - Lewis, Michael  
909.04924 *The Ten Lost Tribes* - Ben\_Dor Benite, Zvi  
909.825 *The Real History of the Cold War* - Axelrod, Alan  
917.5924 *Fodor's Walt Disney World Resort*  
940.4 *The Remains of Company D* - Nelson, James Carl  
973.932 *Game Change* - Heilemann, John  
977.311 *Chicago* - Pacyga, Dominic A.



A good book is worth its weight in gold!

## Biographies

- B CARLIN *Last Words* - Carlin, George  
B CHIANG *Made Chiang Kai-Shek* - Li, Laura Tyson  
B RENE *Becoming Alice* - Rene, Alice

## Fax Service and Public Scanner Available at Library

The Lowell Public Library now provides public fax service at the reference desk. Fax fee is \$1 per page for faxes sent in the U.S. A scanner for public use is located in the Reference Department's Redbud room.

## New Books on CD

- Faith of Brack Obama* - Mansfield, Stephen  
*Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil* -  
Berendt, John  
*One Simple Act* - Macomber, Debbie  
*A Paper Life* - O'Neal, Tatum

## Go Green

Read our monthly newsletter online at our website  
<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>  
Sign up at the circulation desk to be notified by email  
when the new issue is online.

## New Fiction Books:

*Blood Ties* - Hooper, Kay

*Brava, Valentine* - Trigiani, Adriana

*Coming of the Storm* - Gear, W. Michael

*Dark Fire* - Lowell, Elizabeth

*Dark Matter* - Straub, Peter

*Endless Forest* - Donati, Sara

*The Help* - Stockett, Kathryn

*Last Surgeon* - Palmer, Michael

*Matthew's Story*, LaHaye, Tim F.

*Pilgrims* - Keillor, Garrison

*Poor Little Bitch Girl* - Collins, Jackie

*Saving CeeCee Honeycutt* - Hoffman, Beth

*Winter Garden* - Hannah, Kristin

*Wolf at the Door*—Higgins, Jack

## Mystery:

*Angel's Tip* - Burke, Alafair

*Death of a Valentine* - Beaton, M.C.

*Doors Open* - Rankin, Ian

*Kisser* - Woods, Stuart

*Merry Wives of Maggody* - Hess, Joan

*Mist Over the Water* - Clare, Alys

*Whisper to the Living* - Kaminsky, Stuart

*Wicked Craving* - McKeveett, G.A.

## DVDs

*All About Steve*

*Bright Star*

*District 9*

*Drag Me to Hell*

*Expired*

*Finding Neverland*

*Foxfire*

*Frasier* - Seasons, 1, 2, 8, 10, and 11

*Gamer*

*Girl In The Park*

*Imagine That*

*The King and I*

*Maximum Risk*

*Night at the Museum: Battle of the Smithsonian*

*Open Road*

*Other Man*

*Skin Walkers*

*Surrogate*

*West Wing* - Seasons 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6

*Where God Left His Shoes*

*Wild Child*

*World's Greatest Dad*

*Young Guns*

## Children's Titles on DVD

*102 Dalmations*

*Adventures with Jet Planes*

*Adventures with Trains*

*Call of the Wild 3D*

*The Frog Prince*

*Harry Potter and the Half-Blood Prince*

*Home Alone: Taking Back the House*

*Sandlot*

*Shorts*

*Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs*

