

LOWELL LIBRARY LINES

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A Good Year For The Branches



The opening of the Schneider and Shelby Branches was an exhilarating time for library staff members and local residents who had put their time and talents into setting up the branches. They hoped they had created a warm and inviting atmosphere and that the community residents would be pleased with the new libraries.

Now, three years later, the Lowell Public Library finds that since their debut, the Shelby and Schneider Branches have exceeded all expectations and are welcomed and thriving parts of their community, providing quality library services to their citizens.

Shelby Branch Head, Eleanor Bartz, Mrs. B. as she is fondly known by library users, and Schneider Branch Head, Betty Beier, state that there isn't a spare moment to be had as circulation increases and new patrons continue to register for library cards. Circulation figures for Shelby (population 700) was 5,922 in 1988, 15,227 in 1990. Materials circulated at the Schneider Branch were increased to 6,211 in 1990, up from 5,186 in 1988. Schneider's population is 350 residents.

Visitors to the Shelby Branch Library often tell Mrs. B. how pleased they are with the collection of new hardbound books. They also love the new paperback books, mysteries and romance novels, and the access they have to up-to-date information.

The children crowd into story-hours, toddler times and craft programs, brought to them by Miss Chris, the library's children's programmer. Mrs. B. is very happy that school children have good reference materials to help them with their homework.

A high point for Mrs. B. was when a parent told her, he gave the branch library all the credit for improving his children's report cards.

Recently the library received new carpeting provided by the St. Theresa Church, in which the branch is housed. A new flag flies proudly outside the building donated by the Lowell V.F.W. There's always something new at the Shelby Branch Library.

At the Schneider Branch Library brightly colored posters line the walls of the library, all with faces of well known celebrities and cartoon figures - each urging children to read - and read they do - sweeping through the children's collection checking out more and more books each time they visit the library.

Branch head, Betty Beier, enjoys watching the children's excitement build while waiting for Miss Chris to come in the door for another storytime or to teach them a holiday craft.

Schneider adult patrons look forward to the latest best sellers, the many video movies that change every month and materials they have requested

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that arrive through daily delivery from the Lowell Public Library.

Betty says the branch library is the "In Spot" for local residents, a very popular place.

The branch libraries are grateful for the support they have received from their communities and look forward to bringing more services and materials to library patrons in the future.

DISCOVER YOUR PAST



Digging into the past can be an exciting hobby, but finding information can be an expensive endeavor.

Jane Alexis has had a great deal of experience finding resources that have helped many families search for their roots while keeping their expenses low.

As a librarian at the Family History Library of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, she was able to sift through archives containing two billion names, almost one third of everyone who has lived on earth.

Her program "Researching Your Roots", will be held at the Lowell Public Library, Wednesday, March 6th at 7:00 PM. Jane will share information on the many ways of extracting old records from cemeteries, churches, government buildings, newspapers, etc.

Library Board To Meet

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held Monday, March 18th at 7:30 PM.



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

HAPPENINGS

Beginning Quilting

Each Monday at 9:00 AM

Intermediate Genealogy

Wednesday March 6 at 7:00 PM
Genealogy Researcher: Jane Alexis discusses the many resources available to persons doing their family history.

Taxation and the Small Business

Wednesday March 13 at 7:00 PM
SCORE Representative, Bill Eberle will conduct a seminar on tax management for small businesses.

Blood Pressure/Diabetes Testing

The Lake County Health Department will hold free blood pressure/diabetes testing on a first come, first-served basis. Participants taking the diabetes test should fast two hours before taking the test.

Shelby Branch 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Lowell Public Library 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Vision Screening

Thursday, March 14 from 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Opticare 2000 will conduct free glaucoma/cataract screening on a first come, first-served basis.

Fishing the Kankakee

Thursday, March 14 at 7:00 PM, Don Beckrich, host and producer of outdoor programming at WYIN TV channel 56, discusses time-tested strategies and tactical methods for successful fishing.

CPR Classes

Wednesday, March 20 at 6:00 PM, Cindy Zakula, a CPR instructor, offers classes every month on this life-saving technique.

There is a waiting list for these classes. Call the library for more information.



Taxation And The Small Business

March



The small businessman, subject to federal state and local taxes, must use a professional approach to tax management. Compounding the difficulties of running a small business, are the complexities of tax law, frequent new rulings, changing regulations and difficulties in interpretation.

Are you the sole proprietor, or is it a partnership? What about social security, unemployment or excise taxes? How is withholding handled? How do you depreciate your property?

Bill Eberle, a SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) representative, has been helping small business owners with tax management for over 10 years.

Bill's ownership of a wholesale auto business gave him the experience and skill he lends to others as he counsels on small business problems in the field of taxes.

A question and answer period will follow this program.

He will present "Taxation and the Small Business" at the Lowell Public Library, Wednesday, March 13th at 7:00 PM.

Fishing the Kankakee

It's a tough body of water, with the kind of strong currents that seem to defy all but the experienced angler who fights for the walleye and northern pike protected beneath its surface.

"Fishing the Kankakee" will be presented by Din Beckrich, at the Lowell Public Library, Thursday, March 14, at 7:00 PM.

The Kankakee River is 89 miles of arrow-straight opportunity for some of the greatest fishing around. Trophy size fish (14.4 lb. is the record catch for walleye) await the eager angler.

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Novice and skilled anglers will benefit from Din's time-tested strategies and tactical methods for successful fishing.

Din is host and producer of outdoor programming at WYIN TV channel 56, Indiana editor of the Sportsman Letter, an active member of the Great Lakes Outdoor Writers Association, and Hoosier Outdoor Writers.

Pre-register for this exciting program.

Friends To Meet

The Friends of the Lowell Public Library will meet Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 PM.



Watch for the exciting special events featured daily during National Library Week.

To celebrate this week several professionals have volunteered to share their career experiences and expertise with the youth of our community.

Young people will be invited to interview participating professionals and learn first hand about their exciting and fulfilling careers.

National Library Week is held April 14th - 20th. The Lowell Public Library extends an invitation to all its patrons to visit the library during this special week.

Easter Bunny Hops Into Spring



Spring comes at last and with it comes the Easter Bunny to celebrate. Youngsters attending Craft Corner will be making Easter Bunny decorations for the coming holiday.

Craft Hours are:

Lowell

Pre-school - Thurs. March 7th
at 10:00 AM

School-age - Thurs. March 7th
at 3:30 PM.

Schneider Branch

Both crafts - Thurs. March 14th
at 3:30 PM.

Shelby Branch

Pre-school - Thurs. March 21st
at 4:00 PM

School-age - Thurs. March 28th
at 4:00 PM.

SPRING STORYTIME

Youngsters can "Burst into Spring" with the wonderful stories heralding the coming of spring that will be told at Storytime.

There will be lots of songs and games for children to learn in this hour long program held once a week for 6 weeks.



Storytime Hours are:

Shelby Branch

Each Mon. - 9:30 AM, March 25 -
April 29th

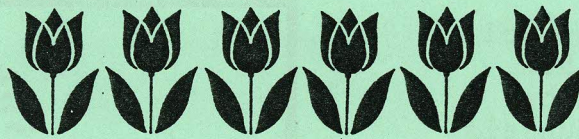
Schneider Branch

Each Mon. - 1:00 PM, March 25 -
April 29th

Lowell Public Library

Each Tues. - 10:00 AM, March 26 -
April 30th

Each Wed. - 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM
March 27 - May 1st



happy easter!