

March 1997

Lowell Library Lines

Your Invitation to



The 1997 Spring Craft Fair



Saturday, March 22,

9 AM to 5 PM

(bake sale too)

Lowell Public Library

Sponsored by the Friends of the Library

Oh Oprah!

Is America reading? Just ask Oprah Winfrey and the American Library Association. Or just ask us! Oprah's "Book Club" is a hit with libraries across the nation and patrons at the library are lining up to reserve her latest book pick.

Here's how it works. Each month Oprah chooses a book (novels only) as the topic for one of her daily talk shows. The book selected is among the books that Oprah has read and wants to share with her audience and viewing public.

Enter the ALA (American Library Association) and book publishers. They work with Oprah's staff on the "Book Club." The ALA places Oprah's selection on a Web site letting librarians know the "Book Club" selection. At Oprah's request the publisher of each "Book Club" selection donates 10,000 books to schools and libraries from a list provided by the ALA.

The following is a list of "Oprah" books the library has in its collection.

Deep End of the Ocean by Jacquelin Mitchard
Song of Solomon by Toni Morrison
The Book of Ruth by Jane Hamilton
She's Come Undone by Wally Lamb

The World At Your Fingertips

Resting on an elegant wood stand with brass claw feet and antique brass-plated meridian is the library's latest and most stunning addition to the reference section.

The new Rand McNally 16" raised relief world globe (located on the east side of the reference desk) is rich in color and enhanced with ornate details. The globe provides a wonderful reference tool for researchers.

"Only a globe can give a correct picture of the earth as a whole. Because the surface of a globe is rounded like the earth's surface, a globe represents all parts of the earth's surface true to scale. Distances, areas, and directions can be observed without the distortion caused by projections used for flat maps. The shortest distance between two points on the earth or globe is defined by what is called a great circle. Navigators make use of a great-circle route in planning ship and air lanes. A great circle can be measured directly on a globe."

World Book Encyclopedia

The globe is a gift to the library in memory of Edna P. Roberts, mother of Library Board Trustee Norma Ruley. Donators were fellow members of Mrs. Ruley's bridge club and the Friends of the Library.



Happenings in March 1997

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Fit After Fifty - Lowell

Each Wednesday, March 5, 12, 19, 26
Each Friday, March 7, 14, 21
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

Join the group that's keeping in shape during the winter months. The Lowell Parks Department, in conjunction with the library, is offering physical fitness exercise programs twice weekly for persons fifty and older. The exercises, taught by Physical Fitness Instructor Linda Johnson, are designed to build strength, flexibility and endurance. There is a \$3 fee per session. Pre-register at the Parks Department, 696-1570.

Basket Classes with Julie Duttlinger

Weave a Friendship Basket

Shelby - Tuesday, March 4, at 6 PM
Thursday, March 6, at 9 AM
Fee is \$25.

Create a Gretchen Basket

Lowell - Tuesday, March 4, at 8:30 AM
Wednesday, March 5, at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 PM
Fee is \$25.

Create a Spiral Easter Basket

Lowell - Thursday, March 13, at 6:30 PM
Fee is \$20

KARATE OFFERED

Come to the free karate class at the library on Tuesday, March 11, from 5:30 PM to 7 PM. The class, taught by Sensi Mike Nanay of the Azatos School of Karate, is offered to persons 4 years to adult by the Lowell Parks Department in conjunction with the library.

Participants should wear loose clothing (sweats, T-shirt and gym shoes). Call the Parks Department at 696-1570 to pre-register for this free class.

Blood Pressure Screening

Lowell - Tuesday, March 11, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Shelby - Thursday, March 13, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Conducted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Spring Fishing on the Kankakee: How to Catch the Big Ones - Lowell

Saturday, March 15, at 12 Noon

The Kankakee River runs from the Illinois border upstream to the Porter-LaPorte County line. The river produces some of the biggest walleyes and northern pike in Indiana, some trophy size, especially in the spring. Fishing expert Din Beckrich will teach the basic strategy for successful fishing on the Kankakee River, covering such topics as river currents, river structure, basic baits, tackles and lures to use, and recognizing the best fishing spots.

CPR Course - Lowell

Monday, March 24, at 6 PM

Take the life-saving American Heart Association CPR (Adult, Child, Infant) Course taught by Katherine Misiora, R.N. and Leon Misiora, E.M.T. - Paramedic. Fee is \$16.

"Should You Have A Living Trust?" - Lowell

Wednesday, March 26, at 2 PM. Repeated at 6 PM

Alicia Gloyeske, Attorney at Law, and Bill Hammer and Paul Palmer, Financial Representatives of the John Hancock Financial Services will discuss probate avoidance, health care representatives, power of attorney, Medicare, Medicaid, estate preservation, and asset allocation.

TAX ASSISTANCE

Trained volunteers will offer free tax assistance for elderly, handicapped, and low-income people by appointment only at the library and its branches. Sessions last 45 minutes. Appointments at the Lowell Public Library will be available each Monday from 4 PM to 7 PM and each Friday from 9:15 AM to 1 PM through April 14. For tax assistance at the branch libraries call the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

ASSISTANCE WITH MEDICARE

Have your questions about your Medicare claims and billing answered. Individual assistance with Medicare questions will be answered by a SHIIP (Senior Health Insurance Information Program) counselor on Thursday, March 13, from 9 AM to 11 AM. The 30 minute sessions are provided as a free community service through St. Anthony Medical Center's Senior Circle Program. Call 696-7704 for an appointment.

Pre-Register for Programs by Calling:

Lowell Public Library - 696-7704

Shelby Branch Library - 552-0809

Schneider Branch Library - 552-1000



Spring "Countdown" Storytime

Numbers can be fun! Children ages 3 to 5 years will enjoy the counting stories, games and spring crafts at the Lowell Public Library when they attend "Spring Countdown Storytime" on Saturday, March 8, at 10 AM.

At Storytime they will be entertained by members of the library's Young Adult Advisory Board. Jeanne Zieseniss and Becky Mounts, students at Lowell High School, and Jennifer Lysek and Sarah Early, students at Lowell Middle School, will entertain children with fun-filled stories and games. They will also teach participants to make a spring craft to take home.

Pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704.

Put Your Reserve on These Good Reads

Library patrons are putting their reserves on the following titles. Don't miss out on a good read!

Hornet's Nest - Patrica Cornwell
Silent Witness - Richard North Patterson
Total Control - David Baldacci
Alias Grace - Margaret Atwood
Drums of Autumn - Diana Gabaldon
Small Town Girl - LaVyrle Spencer
Deep Water - Jayne Ann Krentz
The Unlikely Spy - Daniel Silva
Blood and Honor - W.E.B. Griffin

Thanks to an anonymous donation the library has increased its collection of books on World War II. Among the publications received were:

A Blood Dimmed Tide: The Battle of the Bulge by
the Men Who Fought It by Gerald Astor
The Art of Maneuver by Robert Leonhard
Panzer Leader by General Heinz Guderian
Fatal Decision: Anzio and the Battle for Rome by Carlo D'Este
The Life and Defeat of the Luftwaffe by Werner Baumbach
Stuka Pilot by Hans-Ulrich Rudel
From Moscow to Berlin by Georgi K. Zhukov
Brute Force by John Ellis
Gallipoli by Alan Moorehead
Campaign in Russia by Leon Degrelle

White Elephant Sale

Going once, going twice, sold! The auction at the Schneider Branch Community Building last month raised over \$200 for the Schneider Branch Library. The proceeds from the auction will be used to buy special publications for the library.

Thank you to everyone who donated items for the sale!

Meetings

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, March 17, at 7 PM.

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 19, at 7 PM. New members are welcome.

St. Theresa's Open Door

Last year the Shelby Branch Library moved from its home at St. Theresa's Church to its new location one block south of the church.

The church, however, has kept the door open to the Shelby Branch Library. By offering its room in the lower level of the church for library programs such as Story Time and Craft Corner for children, and for craft classes for adults, the church is helping the library to bring quality programming to the community. St. Theresa's efforts are greatly appreciated.

Holiday Closing

The Lowell Public Library will be closed on Friday, March 28, in observance of Good Friday. The library will resume regular hours on Saturday, March 29.

Free Child Immunizations

Cedar Lake Clinic

Thursday, March 6, 12 Noon - 6 PM
Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

Lowell Public Library

Thursday, March 20, 9 AM - 3 PM
Sponsored by the Lake County Health Department

Schneider Branch Library

Thursday, March 20, 12 Noon - 6 PM
Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

Craft Corner

Children attending Holiday Craft Corner can make their own Spring holiday crafts. Pre-schoolers will make Easter Bunnies. School age children will make Easter Baskets.



Lowell - Pre-school Craft -

Thurs., March. 6 - 10 AM

School Age Craft -

Thurs., March. 6 - 3:30 PM

Schneider - Both Crafts -

Thurs., March. 13 - 3:30 PM

Shelby - Pre-school Craft -

Thurs., March 20 - 3:30 PM

School Age Craft -

Thurs., March 27 - 3:30 PM

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Lowell Public Library
1505 E. Commercial Ave.
Lowell, JN 46356

Storytime Adventures

Wanted! Children ages 3 to 5 to sign up for a reading adventure at the library and its branches. Miss Chris will entertain and teach participants as she reads from her wonderful storybooks, plays games, and sings songs at this six-week Storytime program.

Storytime Hours are:

Shelby - Each Monday, March 24 - April 28 at 9:30 AM

Lowell - Each Tuesday, March 25 - April 29 at 10 AM &
1:30 PM

Each Wednesday, March 26 - April 30 at 10 AM
& 1:30 PM

Schneider - Each Thursday, March 27 - May 1 at 9:30 AM

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