

Thumbs Up on Reading Picks!



Every January the editors of *Library Journal* pick those books they believe to be the best of the previous year. Here are a few of the "Best of 1997" that are owned by the library.

Fiction: *American Pastoral* by Philip Roth. Roth looks back at an innocent time when golden boy Seymour Levov, the pride of his neighborhood, was devastated by a child's violent act.

The God of Small Things by Arundhati Roy. The story of Indian twins Rahel and Estha is told in a witty, at times even caustic, voice.

Underworld by Don DeLillo. A dazzling and darkly funny novel that follows a myriad of characters across the Cold War decades to the fall of the Soviet regime.

Mystery : *A Certain Justice* by P.D. James. What is justice? This question is examined in a brilliantly plotted novel.

SciFi: *Driving Blind* by Ray Bradbury. The master of SF brings us a new collection of 21 short stories.

Award Winners

The most prestigious awards in children's literature have been announced by the American Library Association and are on order at the library.

The 1998 Newbery Award for writing goes to *Out of the Dust* by Karen Hesse (Scholastic Press). It tells the story of the recovery of a 14-year-old girl who is scarred in a fire that also kills her mother.

Rapunzel, the winner of the Caldecott Award is complex love story that can be appreciated on many levels by all ages. The book, illustrated by Paul O. Zelinsky, has classically beautiful illustrations with richly detailed oil paintings that convey dramatic emotions.

These and other award winning Newbery, Caldecott and Omar books can be found in special sections of the Library's Children's Room.



Room On Board

Only a few seats are left for the comfort bus trip to Navy Pier and the 1998 Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier. The bus leaves the library at 8:15 AM on Saturday, March 14. Tickets are \$12 each, are available at the library circulation desk. Admission to the show is \$10.50 for adults and \$5 for children.

At the show you will see more than 40 gardens presented by Chicago's foremost landscapers and horticulture experts. Browse among the 160 booths of plant and gardening supplies. Dine at one of Navy Pier's special eateries and enjoy visiting the antique and novelty shops.

Reserve your seat now!

Writer's Group Formed

After taking an 8-week Creative Writing Course from Writing Instructor Sharon Palmeri at the library, participants of that course decided to form a Writer's Club. They held their first meeting in February and will meet at the library each month beginning in May.

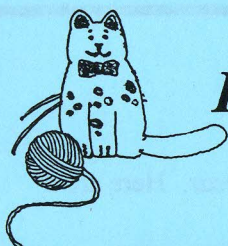
If you are a beginning or experienced writer and would like to join the group, contact Nell Fabish at the library.

Little Treasures at Auction

The Schneider Branch Library will hold a auction and bake sale on Thursday, March 26, at 7 PM in the Schneider Community Room. The branch will use the proceeds from the auction to increase their book and video collection.

Donations of used and new items, crafts, toys, games, small furniture and appliances and other small items (please, no clothing or large appliances) and baked goods are greatly appreciated. Call the branch library at 552-1000 or call 552-0733 for more information.

Don't miss this fun event!



HAPPENINGS IN MARCH

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: March 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Fit Forever- Lowell

Each Wednesday: March 4, 11, 18, 25
Each Friday: March 6, 13, 20, 27
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning, strengthening, and flexibility exercises. The class is open to anyone interested in a total body, low impact workout aimed at improving and maintaining fitness forever.

Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department, the program is led by Physical Fitness Instructor Linda Johnson. Fee is \$1.50 per session.

Holiday Ceramic Classes - Schneider

Every other Thursday, March 5 - April 9 at 7 PM
Create colorful ceramic Easter decorations with Crista Stavros. There is a small fee for each class.

Weave A Teacher's Tote Basket - Lowell

Tuesday, March 10, at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, March 17 at 8:30 AM
Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 PM

Fee is \$35 A display of Julie's baskets can be viewed at the Lowell Library's circulation desk.

Free Blood Pressure Screening

Lowell - Tuesday, March 10, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
Shelby - Thursday, March 12, 9 AM - 10:30 AM

Screening is conducted on a first come, first served basis by a technician of St. Anthony Medical Center.

Tole Painting Craft - Shelby

Tuesday, March 17, at 6 PM
Create a charming tole painting craft with Master Crafter Becky Clinton. Call the Shelby Branch for more information.

Low Maintenance Weed & Seed for Lawns - Lowell

Tuesday, March 24, at 7 PM

Get a jump on those weeds. "Low Maintenance Lawn Care and Weed Control for Gardens and Landscape" will be presented by Stan Sims, Agriculture Educator for the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service. He will discuss methods that can be used to insure a good lawn that is easy to take care of and not expensive to maintain. Other topics include fertilization, mowing, watering, disease control, insect control, and renovation. Sims will also discuss hard-to-control weeds and the safe use of chemicals and ways to control weeds other than chemicals.

Building Wealth Without Unnecessary Risk - Lowell

Wednesday, March 25, at 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM

This free investment seminar is presented by Certified Financial Planner John J. Edwards. Among the topics to be discussed are setting realistic goals, avoiding bad investment strategies, tax-reducing strategies, increasing investment return potential and minimizing risk through diversification and prudent investment selection.

CPR (Adult/Child/Infant) Course - Lowell

Tuesday, March 31, at 6 PM

The CPR American Heart Association Course for the general public is \$12. For health professionals seeking renewal the fee is \$16.

Pre-register for all programs by calling:

Lowell 696-7704 Shelby Branch 552-0809
Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

Childhood Immunizations



Please bring your child's immunization record

Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

Cedar Lake Clinic - 13963 Morse
Thursday, March 5, 12 Noon - 6 PM

Schneider Branch Library
Thursday, March 19, 12 Noon to 3 PM

Sponsored by the Lake County Health Dept.

Lowell Public Library
Thursday, March 19, 9 AM - 3 PM

Board Welcomes New Trustee

Joining the Library Board of Trustees as their newest member is Lake Dalecarlia resident Sandy Morgan.

Mrs. Morgan comes to the board after working several years as Secretary/Bookkeeper for the library before being promoted to Administrative Assistant to the Library Director. She now replaces Norma Ruley who served on the board for 12 years, several as its Treasurer. Secretary of the Lake Dalecarlia Citizen's Advisory Board Mrs. Morgan also is presently the Fairway Association Secretary.

She recently welcomed into the family her new granddaughter Megan Michaela Morgan. Megan's sister is RaeAnna.

We Were Asked...

What is the weight of an Olympic bobsled?

Weight requirements are given in terms of maximum weights. For a two-man sleigh (known as a "bob"), the weight is 859.8 (390 kg). The four-man sleigh may weigh in at 1388.9 (630 kg.). Maximum weights include the crew. Weight bars may be added to bring the sleigh up to maximum weight.

Source: The Guinness Book of Olympic Records and the website of the Federation Internationale de Bobsleigh et de Tobogganing (www.bobsleigh.com).



Flat Stanley Lands in Lowell

There's is nothing like a visit from a happy stranger to perk up a February day. Staff at the Lowell Public Library recently took time from their busy day to offer a tour to a distinguished guest named Flat Stanley.

Flat Stanley was created as part of a school project of Michael Wermeling, 10 year old 4th grader and his classmates at Wyoming Elementary School in Wyoming, Minnesota. Michael sent Stanley on his mission to tour new and interesting locales and report on his adventures to the class. Stanley first visited Forest Lake, Minnesota, before traveling first class (via large manila envelope) to Lowell.

Soon after arriving at the library Stanley visited the reference desk where he enjoyed seeing all the books and computers and materials that help people conducting research at the library. He was excited to see the many exotic plants and flowers from other countries that Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg exhibits at the library. After having his picture taken amid the pleasant surroundings of the reference area Flat Stanley met some of Darlene's friends who were also visiting the library that day. Mazy and Checkers, two corn snakes, had never seen a person quite as short and "paper thin" as Flat Stanley but soon curled their bodies around their new little pal in a friendly hug while staff took their picture.

The photographs of Flat Stanley are on their way back to Michael Wermeling and his classmates, and Flat Stanley is back in his envelope on his way to new adventures with fond memories of his trip to Lowell and the many friends he made at the Lowell Public Library.

Video Hot Picks!

Our just arrived videos star Mel Gibson in *Conspiracy Theory*, Harrison Ford & Brad Pitt in the *Devil's Own*, Clint Eastwood in *Absolute Power*, John Travolta & Nicolas Cage in *Face/Off*, Leonardo DiCaprio in *Romeo & Juliet*, Brabara Streisand in *The Mirror has Two Faces*, and Robin Williams & Billy Crystal in *Father's Day*. Is it any wonder that no dust could collect on our video shelves?

Children will like *Shiloh*, the story of a boy who risks everything to save his best friend, a dog named Shiloh.

Buddy stars Rene Russo in a story of an eccentric socialite who adopts a baby gorilla.

Library Meetings

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, March 16, at 7 PM.

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, March 18, at 7 PM. New members are always welcome.

Story Time

For Children 3 to 5 years

Shelby

Each Mon. at 9:30 AM
Mar 23. - Apr. 27

Lowell

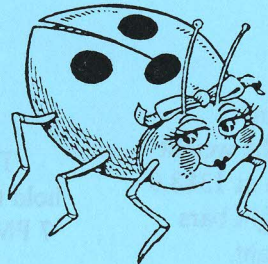
Each Tues. 10 AM & 1:30 PM
Mar. 24 - Apr. 28

Each Wed. 10 AM & 1:30 PM
Mar. 25 - Apr. 29

Schneider

Each Thurs. at 9:30 AM
Mar. 26 - Apr. 30

Story Time Sign Ups Begin March 9



Spring Craft Corner

Butterflies & Ladybugs

Lowell

Preschool Craft - Mar. 5
Thurs. at 10 AM

School Age Craft - Mar. 5
Thurs. at 3:30 PM

Schneider

Both Crafts - Mar. 12
Thurs. at 3:30 PM

Shelby

Preschool Craft - Mar. 19
Thurs. at 3:30 PM

School Age Craft - Mar. 26
Thurs. at 3:30 PM

Lowell Library Lines

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Lowell, IN 46356

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