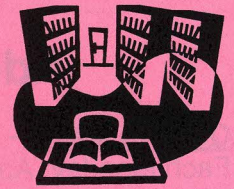




Lowell Library Lines



APRIL 2004

National Library Week (April 18-24)

Do you have a library card? The world and beyond is yours to explore when you own a library card. Better than a Master or Visa card, your library card has already been pre-paid by you and entitles you to unlimited checkout of books, magazines, books-on-tape and CD, music on CD, large print books and CD-Rom materials.

Over 3000 selections of feature videos or DVD's are available for checkout overnight, non-fiction ones for seven nights. Use our public access computers to surf the Internet or to use Microsoft Office including Word for Windows, PowerPoint, Excel, Access. Children can play fun games on the computers too! Enjoy our quiet study rooms for research or study. The reference area also has a group study room and a typing room. Rooms with computers can be used for word processing and other computer functions. Last year the library offered over 550 senior, adult, young adult and children's programs and special events at the library and its branches.

Children who can print their first and last names can get their own library cards. This is a wonderful way for parents to help instill the love of life-long reading and help prepare their children for their education.

Appreciation for Library Workers

Library staff take great pleasure in serving their patrons. Recognizing the efforts of all library workers, including librarians and support staff who make library service possible each working day, the Allied Professional Association of the American Library Association (ALA-APA) is sponsoring the 1st ever National Library Workers Day on Tuesday, April 20, during National Library Week.

Developing the library and handling the business end of it is the librarian, assistant librarian and administrative assistant. The day also recognizes library clerks, those on the front lines who check out materials, register new patrons, place holds on materials, etc., and the reference staff who handle requests and answer thousands of reference questions asked each year.

The library computers person keeps the many computers running smoothly. Clerks, maintenance staff and library pages are essential to keeping the library running smoothly. Then there are the people who select, acquire, catalog and shelve materials, plan, publicize, and present programs for the public. And, there is the branch library staff who do such wonderful jobs servicing the towns of Shelby and Schneider.

We would like to thank the ALA-APA for this recognition. ~~~~~

During National Library Week the library will offer free library cards to patrons who have lost theirs. The library will also offer amnesty on fines to patrons who have overdue Materials belonging to the Lowell Public Library system.



Choirs Highlight Senior Social

Notable entertainment will highlight the Senior Social at the library on Thursday, April 15, at 12 Noon. The Lowell Middle School Girl's Choir and Show Choir under the direction of Ms. Donna Harker will perform some harmonious and lively, upbeat music at the Social. Following this performance, the Show Choir will dance to and sing "Do Wah Diddy," "Stupid Cupid," and "I'm a Believer".

Then it's lunch time, brown bag style with the staff of the Lowell Parks Department and the library, co-sponsors of the Social, providing the delicious desserts. Space is limited. You must be pre-registered. to attend. Call 696-1570.

The Wonderful Month of May

Don't miss reading our insert page for information about the special events that are taking place in the library during the month of May. Read about the GFWC Lowell Woman's Club's Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival of Fun, the Lake County Parks Department "Fur Trade Era," the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society ISFPC's Spring meeting and the Tri-Creek Student Art Exhibit and Reception sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Adult Programs

Quilters Meet -- Lowell

Each Monday, April 5, 12, 19, 26

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

Library Scrapbooking Series - Lowell

Monday, April 5, at 6 PM

Prepare your Easter album pages. Make three dimensional pages using 3D die cut techniques.

Monday, April 19, at 6 PM

Torn between two papers, overlay technique. Mount your Easter pictures, tear and share. Use egg template. Bring your photos and scissors and ideas to share. We provide the coffee.



Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby

Monday, April, 12, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon.

Offered by medical technicians.

Basket Classes

With Master Basket Weaver Julie Duttlinger

Shelby -

Monday, at 6 PM. Call for date.

Weave a Field Basket. Fee is \$38

Lowell -

Tuesday, April 13, or

Tuesday, April 27, at 6 PM

Weave a Field Basket.

Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop of your choice.

Bread Alone - Lowell

Coffee Klatch Book Discussion

Thursday, April 15, at 7 PM or

Friday, April 16, at 10 AM

A heartwarming, uplifting novel, filled with bits of humor, *Bread Alone* by Judith Ryan Hendricks is not to be missed. One night after dinner, Wynter Morrison's husband proceeds to tell her that he has been unhappy for a long time and that he is sorry but he no longer loves her.

Her marriage ended, Wynter, must now reinvent herself, taking a journey of the heart and soul, as she slowly discovers that life after divorce does go on. Her salvation comes in an unusual way, through the healing power of making bread. Reserve your seat for Coffee Klatch.

Northwest Indiana Poetry Society - Lowell

Saturday, April 17, at 10 AM

Bring your poetry to share with others. Come and enjoy and learn the art of poetry writing.

The Northwest Indiana Poetry Society ISFPC's Spring meeting will be held at the library on Saturday, May 15.

Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, April 19, at 6:30 PM.

Do you like to crochet? Bring your crocheting, knitting or quilting projects to the library's Crochet Club. Novices can learn from others.

Get Up & Get Moving - Lowell

Tuesday, April 20, at 10 AM

Corrine Powell of the Lake County Cooperative Extension Service will teach participants how they can get fit and reduce Diabetes risks.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, April 21, 9 AM to 11 AM

Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening is offered by Clinical Management Services.

Diabetes is called the silent killer. Get free testing at the library.

Keep healthy by monitoring your blood pressure and glucose. Invite your family and friends to take part in the regular monthly health checks at the library.

Refreshing Your Landscaping - Lowell

Monday, April 26, promptly at 7 PM.

Stan Sims, County Extension Educator in Agricultural Resources will discuss giving a new look to your landscape. Included in the presentation are pictures of local landscapes. Sims will also discuss analyzing

for possible improvements. The emphasis will be on putting the right plant in the right place.

The program is co-sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.



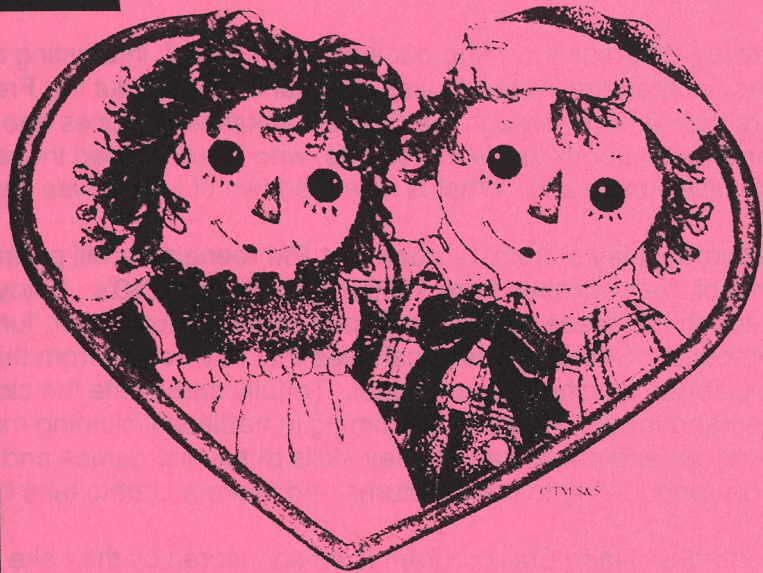
Save a Life Donate Blood

Give the gift of life. The American Red Cross will hold a Blood Drive at the library on Saturday, April 24, from 10 AM to 3 PM.

Call 1-800 -Give Life to schedule your blood donation appointment. The drive is sponsored by the Lowell Lions Club.

Bring your ID!

Raggedy Ann & Andy Festival of Fun



- Raggedy Ann and Andy Look-Alike-Contest — 12:30
- Children's Games, Coloring Contests, Storytelling & Face Painting, Food and much more — all day
- Book signings and autographing of Raggedy Ann and Andy licensed items — all day
- Raffle — win Raggedy Ann and Andy signed memorabilia
- Raggedy Ann & Andy memorabilia for sale

Highlights

- Drawing Lessons featuring artist *Joni Gruelle Wannamaker*, granddaughter of Johnny Gruelle, creator of Raggedy Ann & Andy — lessons given throughout the day

Adults: \$2.00
Children: \$1.00
(12 and under)

Saturday, May 1, 2004

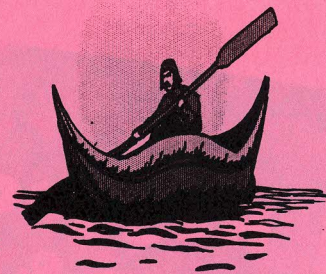
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Contact Barbara (219) 696-6208 or Kathy (219) 696-3338

MEET THE "FUR TRADE ERA"

Something different is coming our way. It's colorful, interesting and fun! Adults and children are invited to visit, play, and learn about the French-Canadian voyageurs that canoed through the Grand Kankakee centuries ago bringing textiles and metal goods to the merchants, who in turn traded those goods for furs with the Native Americans. What is now the town of Lowell was part of that area.



On Saturday, May 8, from 12 noon to 4 PM reenactors will portray the different travelers and inhabitants of the Kankakee from 1690's through the 1780's. Enjoy demonstrations of skilled crafts. See and touch the "trade goods" on display, beads, trade silver, furs, cloth and a trade journal used to keep account records. Share the historical tales that have come from this exciting era. Clothing from the time period is colorful, fanciful and functional. To fully appreciate the clothing, one must remember that everything must was hand made. Reenactors coming in traditional clothing make their own clothes and are very proud of them. Children and adults can try their skills at several games and toys from the period. In, addition, children will have an opportunity to color pictures and make a craft to take home.

Meet the "Fur Trade Era" program is co-sponsored by the Lake County Parks Department and the library.



THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS

The Northwest Indiana Poetry Society will host the ISFPC's Spring meeting on Saturday, May 15th, 2004, at the Lowell Public Library. The program is co-sponsored by the library.

Program Schedule:

9 AM - 9:30 AM Registration. Enjoy a cup of coffee or tea

9:30 AM - 11:00 AM Business Meeting

11:00 AM - 11:30 AM Break

11:30 AM - 12:30 PM Lunch

12:30 PM - 1:00 PM Performance Poetry by Prof. Cornelius House

1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Program -

The Language of Flowers by Sherryl Bainbridge

1:45 PM - 2:00 PM

Poet Laureate Glenna Glee - closing remarks

2:00 PM - 2:15 Break

2:15 - 3:30 PM Open Readings

3:30 PM Close

To attend, please send by May 1, your completed registration form, and check of \$12 per person (made payable to Kathy Spencer, 1651 E Commercial Ave, Lowell, IN 46356-2108). Fee includes a catered lunch. For more details E-mail <spencer1994@comcast.net> or call 219-696-3338

TRI-CREEK STUDENT ART EXHIBIT & RECEPTION



Each year the Friends of the Library sponsor an week-long exhibit of the artwork of Tri-Creek students, grades K-5th grade. The exhibit will be located in the Children's Room. A reception to recognize the students for their efforts is held during the week of the affair with their families invited.

The Tri-Creek schools hold their own art exhibits during the month of May. Then the artwork will be available to exhibit in the library, date to be announced.

A Gift for Moms From YAs

Your mom will love the beautiful votive (small candle) holder you can paint at the library on Saturday, April 17, at 9 AM. This charming candle holder is on display at the circulation desk. Fee for the craft is \$6 due upon registration.

Mother's Day Drawing for YAs

For all she does for you, read for her! YAs (young adults) grades 4th - 12th have the chance to make their mom's Mother's Day extra special this year. Every book checked out and read between April 1 and May 1 will give its reader the opportunity to enter the YA Mother's Day Drawing for a beautiful basket filled with goodies just for her.

The drawing is open to young adults at Lowell and its Shelby and Schneider branches. All participants must read books at an age appropriate level. All books must be finished and slips turned in by noon on Saturday, May 1. The drawing will be held on that day at 3 PM.

One Stroke Painting Classes

Debbie Dunning will use the one-stroke painting technique to teach adult and young adult participants to paint "Berries & Blossoms" on Thursday, April 22, at 10 AM. The class will be repeated on Tuesday, April 27, at 6 PM. Fee for each class is \$10 due upon registration. A list of supplies you will need is at the circulation desk.

Kid's Movie Corner at the Shelby Branch



Each Saturday at 12 Noon children can enjoy an exciting feature movie at the Shelby Branch Library. It's free. There's popcorn and soda too.

Do Not Pass Go!

Young people can have fun playing Sorry, Scrabble, Checkers and other fun board games each Thursday at 4 PM at the Shelby Branch Library. Challenge your friends!

Library Chess Club



Young people are having fun playing and learning more about the game of chess every Thursday night at the Lowell Library. From 6 PM to 7:30 PM, in a casual atmosphere filled with music and snacks, you can compete with others for fun. Bring a friend if you like and a chess board if you have one.

Computer Classes

Learn beginning computer skills in Basic Microsoft Works, Excel, and Publisher are now being offered at the library. The classes are free. Call the library at 696-7704 for information on times and dates for the two-hour computer sessions.

Food, Fun & Fiction Club

The "Food, Fun & Fiction" Young Adult Book Club at the Lowell Library will discuss *A Long Way From Chicago* by Richard Peck on Wednesday, April 28, at 4:30 PM. Shelby Club members will discuss *Hope Was Here* by Joan Bauer on Wednesday, April 21, at 5 PM. Pick up a copy at the circulation desk and register for "Food, Fun & Fiction." Hungry? Enjoy snacks too!

YA Flick Feature

Buy your ticket at the library for the YA (young adult) Flick Feature of the Month, *Cheaper by the Dozen* on Saturday, April 17.

We dim the lights promptly at 12 noon. Movie, popcorn, candy and soda all for 25 cents.

Tumble Bear

Tiny tots and school age children can get their exercise and learn new skills at the Lowell Public Library each Friday. When they register for the Tumble Bears Program they will begin to learn routines on the bars, balance beam, vault, and pommel horse. Participants learn tumbling, hand-eye activities, stunts, calisthenics and stretching exercises. Call 865-9698.



Just for Kids

Story Time Begins

Children, ages 3 to 5, will enjoy listening to wonderful stories with Children's Librarian Barbara Berkey at the Lowell Public Library.

Story Time is designed to provide your child with a rich learning experience through stories, songs and rhymes.

Moms and dads can enjoy a little time away for themselves in the main room of the library while their children learn to interact with other children their age.

Story Time will be held each Tuesday, April 20 - May 11 at 10 AM and 1:30 PM and each Wednesday, April 21 - May 12, at 10 AM. Don't miss the fun.

Raggedy Ann & Andy Coloring Contest

Enter a coloring contest at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. You may win a prize. The contest begins Monday, April 5. Three different color sheets are available at the circulation desk for ages 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12.



Your artwork will also be displayed in the library during the month and the winners will be announced at the Raggedy Ann and Andy Festival of Fun on Saturday, May 1.

Hurry to the library to pick up your coloring sheet! The coloring contest is sponsored by the Lowell GFWC Woman's Club and the library.

Don't miss the fun at the Raggedy Ann & Andy Festival of Fun at the library. See you then!



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