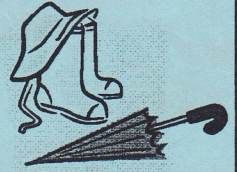


Lowell Library Lines

April 2005



Voyageurs Journey Back!



The Fur Trade Era was an exciting time in the history of our area as French-Canadian voyageurs canoed through the Grand Kankakee centuries ago.

Adults and children are invited to learn more about the vital part the fur traders played in our local history at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, April 2, from 12 Noon to 4 PM. Through "hands on" games and crafts children can experience life during that era.

"Voyageurs" will portray the different travelers and inhabitants of the Kankakee from the 1690's through the 1780's. The reenactors will dress in traditional clothing that they have hand-crafted to represent the period.

The goods that the brave fur traders brought to the merchants (textiles and metal goods) were traded for furs with the Native Americans. See and touch the "trade goods" on display; beads, trade silver, furs, cloth and a trade journal used to keep account records. Enjoy demonstrations of skilled crafts.

The Fur Trade Era will also be highlighted in a special display in the foyer of the library through the month of April. "Meet the Fur Trade Era" at the Library is co-sponsored by the Lake County Parks Department and the library.

On May 14 and 15 "A Travelers' Gathering Voyageur Rendezvous" will be held at the Grand Kankakee Marsh from 10 AM to 4 PM. Call the Lake County Parks Department at 663-8170 for more information.

Your Library Connection @

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>

Lowell History on the Web:

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/history.htm>

Kankakee River Author Back by Demand

So many questions, so little time! On March 17 Richard C. Schmal, author of *Tales of the People and Places of the Olde Kankakee River*, met with visitors interested in learning more about the Kankakee River and other local Indiana history.

The library has received several requests for another program by Schmal, who will return Wednesday, April 27, at 6:30 PM in the library's Program Room. Schmal's vast knowledge of local history and its people places and events led to his being named Town of Lowell Historian. Schmal has written the Pioneer History column for the *Lowell Tribune* newspaper for many years.



National Library Week

April 10—16

Presenting:

Mike Wyzard's Magic Show

Tuesday

April 12

6:30 PM



Adult Programs

Lowell

Library Quilters Meet

Each Monday, April 4, 11, 18, 25
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects and
learn from other quilters.

Scrapbook Your Memories

Monday, April 4, at 6 PM

Learn "tea bag" folding principles
and techniques to add depth to
your pages.

Monday April 18, at 6 PM

Easter Extravaganza: Use punched up
borders and chaining to enhance your
scrapbook album.

Bring scissors, pens, photos, current
projects and adhesives to each class.

Basket Classes

Wednesday, April 13, at 6 PM or
Tuesday, April 26, at 6 PM.

Come to the popular basket classes
at the library. Weave a "Floor Corner"
Basket with Master Basket Weaver
Julie Duttlinger. Fee is \$32.

Please bring a plastic bucket,
scissors, pencil, tape measure,
clothespins, towel

Enjoy Crochet

Monday, April 18, at 6:30 PM

Bring your crochet projects to the
library.

Acrylic Painting Class

Tuesday, April 19, at 9:30 AM

Recreate the "Spring Botanical"
painting on display at the circulation
desk. Learn the techniques of acrylic
painting from artist Pat Mahns. Fee is \$13
due upon registration. All supplies are
provided.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Test

Wednesday, April 20, 9 AM to 11 AM

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

2005 Garden Series

Insect Update: Jodi Ellis, exotic insects
education coordinator at Purdue University
will discuss the gypsy moth, Asian
longhorned beetle and the emerald ash
borer on Monday, April 25, at 7 PM. Learn
about the problems and solutions to insects
that are destructive to trees and plants.
Handouts are available.

On the Horizon

Something new and different is
always happening at the library.

Beginning March 30, you will be
introduced to the new automated
library system "Horizon."

Please bear with us while we
change over to this Windows based
catalog. It will have all the features
of the former system, allowing you
to search for materials and place
holds.

Please feel free to ask for staff help.

Lowell Lions & Library Blood Drive

The Lowell Lions Club and the library
will co-sponsor an American Red Cross
Blood Drive on Saturday, April 9, from
10 AM to 2 PM.

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to
schedule your blood donation. Walk-ins
will be accepted. Please bring ID!

Seniors & YAs Make Beautiful Music

Seniors in the Tri-Creek area are a busy and fun bunch of people always looking for something different to do. Some of our community's young adults have just the ticket!

On Thursday, April 21, at 12 Noon members of the Girls Choir and the Show Choir of the Lowell Middle School, led by Choir Director Donna Harker, will perform for seniors in the library's Program Room. The program is co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department and the library. Seniors and choir members are invited to bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and desserts are on the house!

What's up for YAs?

YA programs for April:

Chess Club meets every Thursday at 6 PM for YAs, 4th -12th grade.

Debbie Dunning's one-stroke painting classes: Create an "Apple Farm" on Saturday, April 16, at 9 AM. Fee is \$11. Paint a "Basket of Lilacs" on Saturday, April 30, at 9 AM, a great Mother's Day gift. Fee is \$12. Fees are due upon registration. One-stroke painting projects are on display at the circulation desk.

There is still space in our babysitting course. And check out what's new on the Food, Fun & Fiction Club and YA Movie Flicks agenda. Call us at 696-7704.

Shelby Branch Happenings for Kids and Adults

Kids

Thursday, April 14, at 4 PM. Make a Butterfly Wind Hanger Craft.
Each Thursday, at 4 PM is Game Day. Challenge your friends to a board game.

Each Saturday, at 12 Noon enjoy nifty feature flicks. Great snacks too!

YAs

Tuesday, April 26, at 5 PM YAs will discuss *Al Capone Does My Shirts* by Gennifer Choldenko.

Adults

Monday, April 11, at 10:30 AM to 12 Noon. Blood Pressure Screening.
Monday, April 11, at 5:30 PM. *Wish You Were Here* by David Baldacci is the subject for Adult Book Discussion.

Adult/YA

Monday, April 5 and 18, at 5 PM enjoy a popular movie selection served up with popcorn and soda.

Monday, April 25, Bring your crochet, knitting or tatting projects to work with others.



Schneider Branch Happenings for Kids and Adults

Kids

Monday, April 4, at 4 PM. How did you make that? Ceramics demonstration.

Tuesday, April 5, at 4 PM. Learn the 2nd step in the ceramics process.

Thursday, April 7, at 3:30 PM. Make a Confetti Globe.

Thursday, April 21, at 3:30 PM. Mother's Day Craft, Part 1. Start a Flower or Melting Pot. Finish up on Thursday, April 28, at 3:30 PM.

Adult/YA

Thursday, April 14, at 6:30 PM. Adult Ceramic Class. Choose a variety of spring items.

Saturday, April 16, at 10:30 AM is Scrapbooking. Bring your projects.



National Library Week
April 10-16, 2005
Celebrate National Library Week 2005!

Something for everyone @ your library

Libraries today have so much to offer, something for everyone. Hardback and paperback books designed for children, young adults and adults; magazines on a large variety of subjects; books and music on cassettes and CD; materials that can keep you informed or entertained.

A large collection of drama, comedies, horror, sci-fiction, westerns, musicals and mysteries on VHS and DVD can be found in the library's collection. Children's movies are a popular part of the library's collection as well.

You can surf the net on our 10 Internet Access computers and do some word processing and Excel or PowerPoint work too. And if you're interested in local history and genealogy, check us out.

The library strives to provide quality programming for our patrons of all ages. During National Library Week be sure to visit the library and say hi to us. We're always glad to see you.

Elegant Eggs For Easter

Winners of the Pisanki (Polish egg art) drawing will have a new touch of art for their homes thanks to the generous donation of Pisanki Artist Ted Sumara for a Friends of the Library Fundraiser. The drawing, held on March 24, raised \$228 for the Friends who will donate the funds to the library for special needs. Thanks Ted, and to all who participated in the drawing.



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