



# Lowell Library Lines

April 2006



## National Library Week Special Events

(April 2-8)

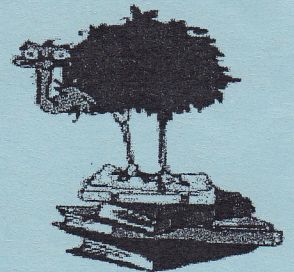
Celebrate National Library Week With Us by Enjoying Special Programs

### Children's Author Peggy Archer: Writing & Getting Published

Tuesday, April 4, at 7 PM. Peggy Archer, author of *One of the Family*, a Little Golden Book and *Turkey Surprise*, published by Dial Books for Young Readers, wants to help other authors learn the ins and outs of writing and getting their books published. Archer, who writes poetry, fiction and non-fiction has also written *From Dawn to Dreams*, a book of poems for babies, soon to be published by Candlewick Press. Archer's work has also appeared in *BabyBug*, *LadyBug*, *Highlights*, *Humpty Dumpty*, *Turtle* and other children's magazines. She is an active member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators in Indiana and Illinois.

### Ballroom Dancing Lessons for Adults and Young Adults

Each Wednesday, April 5, 12, 19 & 26. Put your feet in motion for some fun and exercise while you learn ballroom dancing with dance instructor Wayne Gruber. The lessons will be held at the Lowell Middle School. Fee for the course is \$20 per person or \$40 per couple (non-refundable) due upon registration. The class is open to adults, and young adults, grades 6th through 12th.



### The Children's Hour

Thursday, April 6. During National Library Week children can win books for their home libraries by playing Library Bingo! Pre-schoolers will play Color Shape Bingo at 10 AM. On that same date elementary age children will play traditional Bingo.

### Katherine H. Flotz, Author of *Pebble in My Shoe*

Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 PM. Katherine Flotz's memoir tells the harrowing and terrible time when two orphaned sisters survived the Gakowa, a concentration camp in the former Yugoslavia during World War II. Flotz and her sister were imprisoned for three years. From the horror of the camp, the loss of the girls' parents, serious illness, hunger and ever present fear, the sisters finally escaped and made the long journey across Europe to America. Don't miss this special presentation of the story of endurance, survival and triumph of the spirit.

### Now Showing for YAs: *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire*

Saturday, April 8, from 1 PM to 4 PM. It has it all! *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* is a great ride of a movie, with lots of magic. Young adults can join us for ice cream sundaes (with all the trimmings) and popcorn and soda and enjoy this movie on a wide screen television.

### Schneider Branch Library Celebrates National Library Week

Thursday, April 6, at 3:30 PM. Children will make a special Easter bag for the holiday.

### National Library Week at the Shelby Branch Library

Saturday, April 8, at 12 Noon. *Chicken Little*, the chicken least likely to succeed! He's a bit nerdy, but this chicken is definitely a superhero! Kids of all ages will delight in watching the movie *Chicken Little* as he battles his enemies in this Disney animated adventure.





## **Adult Programs**

### **Library Quilters Meet - Lowell**

Each Monday, April 3, 10, 17, 24  
9 AM - 12:30 PM  
Bring your quilting projects.

### **Library Scrappers Meet - Lowell**

Monday, April 3 & 17 at 6 PM  
Scrapbooking will be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Learn new techniques from others.

### **Writing and Publishing Children**

**Books - Lowell** Tuesday, April 4, at 7 PM  
Children's Author Peggy Archer will discuss the steps from start to finish to get your children's book published.

### **Card Games - Schneider**

Thursday, April 6 at 3 PM &  
Tuesday, April 25 at 3 PM. Join other adults for some fast moving card games. Refreshments too! Bring your friends.

### **Weave Holiday/Party Baskets -**

**Lowell** - Thursday, April 6, at 6 PM  
Weave a Spiral Easter Basket. Fee is \$24.  
Tuesday, April 18, at 6 PM.  
Weave a Chip & Dip Basket. Fee is \$22.  
Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop.

### **Pebble in My Shoe Author -**

**Lowell** Thursday, April 6, at 6:30 PM  
Katherine H Flotz, author of *Pebble in My Shoe, a Memoir*, will tell her story of two orphaned sisters and their survival at Gakowa, a concentration camp in Yugoslavia during World War II.

Flotz describes their escape three years later and the journey that took the sisters across Europe, and finally, to America.

### **Blood Pressure Testing - Shelby**

Monday, April 10, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon  
Testing is offered on a first come/first served basis.

### **Adult Book Discussion - Shelby**

Monday, April 10, at 5:30 PM  
Adults are connecting to Harry Potter stories and movies too! Read the delightfully funny and exciting book *Harry Potter and the Sorcerers Stone* by J. K. Rowling. Join the gathering and talk about the book.

### **Photography for Judging - Lowell**

Monday, April 10, at 6:30 PM  
Professional photographer Linda Steinberg will teach you how to take prize winning photographs. You may want to enter your photos in the Lowell Parks Department's 3rd Annual Amateur Photography Contest (deadline April 21, 2006) or the Lake County Fair in August.

### **Learn Tatting - Lowell**

Tuesday, April 11, at 6 PM  
Join the Library Tatters! Cherie Whybrew will teach you the technique of making handmade lace. Bring a small shuttle.

### **NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell**

Saturday, April 15, at 10 AM  
Bring your poetry to share with other poets. Enjoy learning the art of poetry writing.

### **Adult Craft Night - Shelby**

Monday, April 17, at 5 PM  
Bring your craft projects to work on with others.

### **Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell**

Tuesday, April 18, at 9:30 AM  
Recreate "Victorian High Top Shoe," an acrylic painting by artist Pat Mahns on display at the circulation desk. Fee is \$13.

### **Blood Pressure/Sugar Test - Lowell**

Wednesday, April 19, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening is offered by technicians of the Clinical Management Services.

### **Senior Music - Lowell**

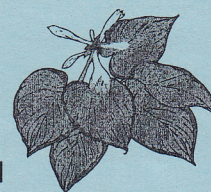
Thursday, April 20, at 12 Noon  
Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department, this program for seniors features a performance by the members of the Girls Choir and the Show Choir of the Lowell Middle School, led by Choir Director Donna Harker. Bring a brown bag lunch. Drinks and desserts are on us. Call 696-1570 to register.

### **Hostas - Lowell**

Monday, April 24, at 7 PM.  
Master Gardener Bob Bukvich will give tips on growing hostas successfully.

### **Book Group - Lowell**

Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM  
Stephen King's book *The Stand* is an epic novel well worth the read. This book is available for checkout at the front desk. Share your views of the novel at Book Group





# New @ your library

Look for the new fiction and non-fiction books for adult, young adult and child readers, books-on-tape and CD, large print books, music cassettes and CDs. There are always new materials at the library. New magazines include *Backyard Living*, *Wild West* and *Simple & Delicious*.

*The Way of the Ship* by Derek Dundy and *The Wolf's Head: Writing Lake Superior* by Peter Unwin, *Marley and Me* by John Grogan and *The Zaher* by Paulo Coelho are some of several new non-fiction books available in the New Book Section of the library. New fiction books by popular authors are on display and ready for checkout in this section.

Children and young adults will have plenty of new books to read for Summer Reading Club and the Young Adult Reading Contest starting in June. Toddlers and pre-school children love the library's board books because the books are sturdy and easy for small hands to grasp. Little ones can head for the big bin in the Children's Room where they have easy access to dozens of new board books to choose from. These books are a wonderful way to foster a love of reading by sharing stories with their children. Children are always asking for books at the circulation desk. From *Dora the Explorer* to *Bob the Builder* books, to books for older children like the new arrivals, *Circle of Doom* by Tim Kennenore, *Mallory on the Move* by Laurie Friedman and *South By Southwest* by Anthon Horowitz children can always spot new books on the shelves. One of the latest sets of non-fiction childrens' books is the *Getting to Know the Presidents* series.

In the Children's Room young children can also play games or use headphones to listen to interactive stories on the computer. Among the computer programs are *Arthur's Math*, *Arthur's Carnival*, *The Cat in the Hat*, *Green Eggs and Ham*, *Paul Bunyan*, *Flight*, *Mars* and *Whales*.

Young Adult new book arrivals include *The Missing Manatee* by Cynthia DeFelice, *Airball* by L. D. Harkrader, *The Slalom* by S. L. Rottman, *Wrecked* by E. R. Frank and *Replay* by Sharon Creech.



Yes! Oscar nominated and winning movies of 2005 have arrived! You can check out *Good Night and Good Luck*, *Capote*, *Crash*, *King Kong*, *Walk the Line*, *Cinderella Man*, *A History of Violence*, *Syriana*, *Jarhead*, *North Country*, *The Constant Gardener*, *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* and *Memoirs of a Geisha* available beginning National Library Week. Watch for *Munich*, *Brokeback Mountain*, *Mrs. Henderson Presents*, *Batman Begins*, *Brothers Grimm*, *Birth*, *Pride and Prejudice*, *Island*, *Madagascar* and *Lords of Dogtown*. Visit the library often and check out our new materials. There is something for everyone at the library!

## For Researchers and Genealogy Seekers

Just a reminder! At the library patrons can use any of the 10 public Internet access computers. Please bring your library card or picture ID. On the computers patrons have on-line access to the newly added database *Reference USA*. With this database patrons have the ability to search for telephone numbers and addresses of residential and business names. Search over 10.5 businesses by company name, type of business, geography, business size and more. *Electric Library* provides full text access to hundreds of magazines, journals, reference and historical sources, newspapers and children's publications. At the library, or Internet access at home or at businesses Indiana residents can access *Inspire* on the Internet for magazines, encyclopedias, and other resources. The database allows you to research current events, science, business, health, biographies and much more from your library, school, home or office.

In the reference section of the library patrons have access to vital statistics on computer taken from the *Lowell Tribune*: births, engagements, marriages and deaths. Family trees from select families who have donated information are available as well as microfilm from local newspapers dating back to 1886. Lake County census records are available on microfilm from 1850 to 1920.





## **For Those Who Serve**

During National Library Week we would like to thank the people who help make the library the best it can be through their volunteerism.

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees is responsible for making policies for the operation of the Library, for obtaining adequate funding for Library materials and services and for promoting the Library in the community. Library Board members (7) are appointed and volunteer their time and talents to serve the Tri-Creek community through their service as board members.

The Friends of the Library is an Organization that raises funds to provide monies for programs and materials that are not included in the library budget. Recently the Friends announced that from 1999 to the present the organization has donated over \$35,000 to the library for programming and the Endowment Fund. Through their fundraising Friends provide monies for program speakers, fund Summer Reading Club and the Young Adult Reading Contest, and other children's programs and special events at the library. An upcoming event is the Student's Art Exhibit held for one week in May for students of Tri-Creek area elementary schools to display their artwork in the Children's Room. Friends hold a reception during the week to recognize the efforts of the young artists and invite their families for refreshments.

To raise funds Friends provide an on-going book sale in the main room of the library on the southwest wall. You can help the Friends help the library by recycling your books, CDs and movies by donating them to the library. As a fundraiser Friends also provide the public with copier use. Other fundraisers include T-shirt and coloring book sales. The popular comfort bus trip the Friends Group offer each year to the Chicago Flower and Garden Show at Navy Pier is always a sell-out.

Become a member of the Friend. The dues are \$5 a year and with membership you receive a copy of the library newsletter mailed to your home. The Friends meet the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 7 PM.

### ***MEET THE***

## ***"FUR TRADE ERA"***



Did you know that Lowell was part of the area where French-Canadian voyageurs traded textiles and metal goods with merchants, who, in turn, traded with the Native Americans for furs? The voyageurs canoed through the Grand Kankakee centuries ago. Adults and children are invited to visit, play with and learn about the French-Canadian voyageurs on Saturday, April 22, from 12 noon to 4 PM.

Re-enactors will portray the different travelers and inhabitants of the Kankakee from the 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 was hand made. Re-enactors 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 Lake County Parks Department invites you to attend the Voyageur Rendezvous at the Grand Kankakee Marsh County Park on May 20 & 22. Pick up a copy of Pathfinder at the Reference Desk for more details of these and other County Park activities.



## **Shelby Branch Programs**

### **Saturday Movies**

Each Saturday at 12 Noon kids of all ages are invited to enjoy a fun flick with friends.

**Game Night** Parents are invited to join their children at Game Night, each Thursday at 4 PM.

**Kids Craft** On Thursday, April 13 at 4 PM, kids can create a "Carrot" basket and a Rice Krispie Kite

**YA Book Discussion** YAs (Young Adults) will meet on Tuesday, April 25, at 5 PM for a discussion of a Cynthia Kadohata novel *Kira-Kira*, a story of two Japanese American sisters and their relationship living in Georgia. Have some snacks too!



### **Schneider Branch Kids' Corner**

Watch a fun flick on Kids' Movie Day on Thursday, April 20, at 3:30 PM. Bring your friends. Get free popcorn and soda at the free "concession stand."

Kids, make an Easter basket to decorate your room on Thursday, April 6, at 3:30 PM. Let everyone who visits the library enjoy your handiwork.

### **Video Special:**

Check out six videos on Monday, April 3, and return them on Thursday, April 6.

### **Checkout our Website**

[Http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us](http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us)

### **Lowell History on the Web**

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

### **Richard Schmal's "Pioneer History" Column**

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

## **On the Go With YAs!**

(Grades 6th through 12th)

**Dreamer on Movie Day** Grab a pillow and bring your friends to catch the flick *Dreamer* on Saturday, April 1, at 2:30 PM. This "feel good" movie stars Kurt Russell and Dakota Fanning. Our free concession stand will be open!

**One Stroke Painting** Paint a lovely picture of fruit using the One-Stroke painting method on Saturday, April 15, at 9 AM. Fee is \$12 due upon registration. Adults are also welcome to this program.

**Food, Fun & Fiction Club** for YAs, grades 6th through 12th will be held on Wednesday, April 26, at 4:30 PM.

**Game Night** It's your choice! Chess and board games are here. We have Chinese Checkers, Scrabble and card games. Come to the library each Thursday at 6 PM and challenge your friends. Bring your Yu-Gi-Oh cards. You won't play hungry. Have snacks on us!

**Reading Contest Begins May 1st**  
"For All He Does For You...Read for Him"  
Enter the Father's Day Gift Basket Reading Contest beginning May 1st. Young adults can enter the reading contest at the from the library its Schneider and Shelby branches by filling out an entry slip each time they check out and read a book from the library. See the contest flyer for details.



### **Giving the Gift of Life**

The GFC Lowell Woman's Club will co-sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive with the library on Saturday, April 1, from 9 AM to 1 PM. If you can be a blood donor schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins are accepted.





# Just for Kids!



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During National Library children can win books for their home libraries by playing Library Bingo! Pre-schoolers will play Color Shape Bingo at 10 AM on Thursday, April 6. On that same date elementary age children will play traditional Bingo.

### Toddler Time

Designed for toddlers (ages 2 to 3 years), Toddler Time with Children's Programmer Mrs. Mayhew, introduces participants to picture books, feature stories and activities. Toddler Time is a 4-week program held each Tuesday, at 10 AM or each Wednesday at 10 AM, April 4th thru April 26. Each session is limited to 15 children, accompanied by adults, and lasts approximately 45 minutes.

### Craft Corner



Come join the fun! We will be making a beautiful butterfly wind hanger Thursday, April 13. Pre-schoolers will meet at 10 AM. Elementary school children will meet at 3:30 PM.



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