



# Lowell Library Lines

April 2007



## *National Library Week April 15 - 21*

In celebration of National Library Week the library will open its doors on Sunday, April 22, from 3 PM to 6 PM to welcome beginning and experienced poets, students and poetry lovers, to the NWI Poetry Society's "Poetry Slam." The Slam event offers anyone who would like to compete in the judged event an opportunity to express their creativity through the art of competitive poetry in a Coffee House atmosphere, before an audience.

Judges for the event include Indiana State Poet Laureate Joyce Brinkman, the first official Indiana poet laureate to be appointed by the Senate. She is a former State Representative, as well as a life-long poetry writer who has studied poetry at the University of New Orleans in Spain. Jeff Manes, columnist for the Lowell Tribune and the Post Tribune and theatrical performer in community theaters and Cornelius House, Indiana University Northwest, adjunct lecturer in literature and visiting instructor of German at Purdue University Calumet will also judge at the event.

Performing his original songs at the event is author and song writer Fred Anderson.

### **Branch Library Bake Sales**

Pies, cookies, cakes, and other delicious pastries will be available for sale at the Shelby and Schneider Branch Libraries on Saturday, April 7. The Shelby Branch bake sale will be held from 8:30 AM to 12 Noon. The Schneider Branch bake sale will run from 10 AM to 12 Noon. All proceeds from the sales will be donated to the branch libraries for programming.

### **2007 Garden Series**

#### **Ready! Set! Grow!**

Wayne Gruber of *Gardens on the Prairie* will discuss new trends in the gardening world on Monday, April 23, at 7 PM. Bring your questions. Master Gardeners can achieve additional training hours attending this program co-sponsored by Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.



### **Meet the Voyageurs**

The Fur Trade Era from 1690 to 1780 was an exciting time in the history of our country. 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 28, from 12 Noon to 3 PM. Through "hands on" games and crafts children can experience life during that era.

The program "Voyageurs" will portray the different travelers and inhabitants of the Kankakee from 1690's through the 1780's. The re-enactors will dress in traditional clothing that they have handcrafted to represent the period. The Fur Trade Era will also be highlighted in a special display in the foyer of the library through the month of April. The event is co-sponsored by the Lake County Parks Department and the library.



## **Shelby Kids' Corner**

Bingo for Kids will be held on Wednesday, April 11, at 4 PM.

Create a Spring Windsock on Thursday, April 26, at 4 PM.

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

Game Day! Bring your pals for some friendly competition playing games each Wednesday at 4 PM.

### **For YAs**

Bring your friends to the Shelby Branch for "Roundtable Chat" on Wednesday, April 4, at 5:30 PM.

The Shelby YA Food, Fun & Fiction Club will meet on Friday, April 27, at 5 PM, to discuss *Whirligig* by Paul Fleischman. Share your views of the novel over snacks.



### **Hit the Trail Wearing Our Nature T-Shirts**

What a deal! Buy a Lowell Public Library Nature Trail T-shirt, in sizes large and extra-large, for only \$5. The Friends of the Library fundraiser T-shirt can also be worn as a child's sleep shirt.

All proceeds are for library programs. The T-shirts are located across from the circulation desk.

### **Women's Club Blood Drive**

The GFWC Lowell Woman's Club will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive, Saturday, April 7, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to schedule your blood donation. Please bring ID!



## **YA's On The Go**

Main Library

**(Grades 6th through 12th)**

**Roundtable Chats** Have something to say? Say it here! We snack, we debate, we have a good time on Tuesday, April 3, and Tuesday, April 17, at 6 PM.

**Game Nights** Bring your friends, play cards, board games or Yu-Gi-Oh on Thursday, April 5, 12, 19 and 26, at 6 PM.

**Movies, Movies, Movies!** *Eragon* will be shown on Saturday, April 7, at 2:30 PM. On Saturday, April 14, bring your friends to *Pursuit of Happiness* at 1 PM.

Catch *Broken Bridges* on Saturday, April 21, at 1 PM. The movie showings include free snacks and soda.

### **Schneider Kids' Corner**

Kids' Movie Day- Wednesday, April 4, at 4 PM with popcorn and pop.

Make Easter Candy - Thursday, April 5, at 4 PM.

Kids' Crafts - Thursday, April 12, at 4 PM.

Board Games - Thursday, April 19, at 4 PM  
Have refreshments while you play.

Spring Craft Windsock - Tuesday, April 24, at 4 PM

### **For YAs at Schneider**

Showtime for YAs features the movie, "Pursuit of Happiness" on Monday April 2, 4 PM. Enjoy our snacks too!

The Schneider YA Food, Fun & Fiction Club will meet on Wednesday, April 25, at 4:30 PM, to discuss Paul Fleischman's novel *Whirligig*.

Time for "YA Chat" with your friends on Wednesday April 11, at 4:30 PM.



NWI POETRY SOCIETY

# POETRY SLAM

Sunday April 22  
3-6 p.m.

Co-sponsored by  
The Friends of the Library



Enter as a contestant for \$5, the total entry fees to be divided between the first five winning poets. Only original work will be accepted. The decision of the judges is final.

In coffeehouse style, poets and visitors can enjoy many refreshments that are sure to tempt the appetite.

For more information, call Tom Spencer at 696-3338.





## **Adult Programs**

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

Each Monday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30,  
at 9:30 AM. Bring your quilting projects.

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

Monday, April 9, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon  
Testing is offered on a first come/first  
served basis.

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

Monday, April 9, at 5:30 PM  
Share the humor of author Erma Bombeck  
with others. Read *All I Know About Animal  
Behavior I learned in Loehmann's Dressing  
Room*. Come to Book Discussion and talk  
about the book over refreshments.

### **Learn Tatting - Lowell**

Tuesday, April 10, at 6 PM  
Cherie Whybrew will teach you the  
technique of making handmade lace.  
Bring a small shuttle. The tatting class  
will be held in the Library Conference Room.

### **Weave a "Flower Wall" Basket - Lowell**

Wednesday, April 11, at 6 PM or  
Monday, April 30, at 6 PM  
Fee is \$24. Please bring a plastic bucket,  
scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins,  
towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop.

### **All Day Scrapbooking - Schneider**

Saturday, April 14, 10 AM to 10 PM.  
Bring your scrapbooking projects.

### **Card Games - Schneider**

Monday, April 16 & Monday April 30 at 2:00  
pm. Join other adults for some fast moving  
card games. Refreshments too! Bring  
your friends.

### **Adult Bingo - Shelby**

Monday, April 16, at 5 PM.  
Join this fast paced game and win a prize.

### **Dried Flower Wreath/Swag - Lowell**

Tuesday, April 17, at 6:30 PM  
Enhance your home with a beautiful dried  
flower craft. Make a 15" or 20" wreath  
using wide assortment of herbs and dried  
flowers: silver king, sweet Annie, mugwort,  
strawflowers, statice, amaranthus and cocks-  
comb. Fee is \$25 due upon registration. The  
wreath is on display at the circulation desk.

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

Tuesday, April 17, at 9:30 AM  
Recreate an acrylic painting "Bartlett 3"  
by artist Pat Mahns, on display at the  
circulation desk. Fee is \$13.

### **Self Defense Course - Lowell**

Monday, April 23, at 7 PM  
Officer Nathan Martin of the Lowell Police  
Department will give tips on how to protect  
yourself, including demonstrations of self-  
defense by an officer of the Schererville Police  
Department. The program is co-sponsored by  
the GFWC Lowell Women's Club.

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

Wednesday, April 18, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Stay healthy. Get your blood pressure and  
sugar (glucose) checked with technicians  
of the Clinical Management Services.

### **Senior Social - Lowell**

Thursday, April 19, at 11 AM  
Start out with bingo games. Then enjoy the  
sounds of the Lowell Middle School Choir as  
they perform under the direction of Ms. Donna  
Harker. Bring a brown bag lunch. Staff of the  
Lowell Parks Department and the library,  
co-sponsors of the program, will bake up  
some delicious desserts for the occasion.  
Drinks will also be provided.

### **NWI Poetry Society Poetry Slam- Lowell**

Sunday, April 22, 3 PM to 6 PM  
Enter the Poetry Slam as a contestant or  
come to listen to the poets

### **Card Games - Schneider**

Monday, April 30, at 2 PM &  
Join other adults for some fast moving  
card games. Refreshments too!

## **On Our Web!**

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

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

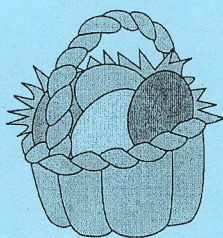
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### **Richard Schmal's**

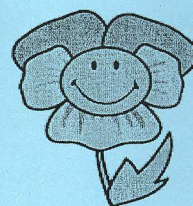
### **"Pioneer History" Column**

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





# Just for Kids!



## April Craft Corner

Flower magnets are fun to make and will brighten your room. Make a colorful floral decoration on Thursday, April 12. The program is held for children pre-school to 5th grade. Pre-register at the circulation desk for the 10 AM or 3 PM session. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult.

## Toddler Time Begins

Toddler Time, a program for children ages 2 to 3 years, features stories and activities with Children's Programmer Mrs. Mayhew. Toddler Time meets once a week for 4 weeks. Each session lasts approximately 45 minutes. Toddlers must be accompanied by adults. Space is limited to 15 children each session. Toddler Time will be held each Tuesday, at 10 AM, April 10th, 17th, 24th and May 1st. Toddler Time on Wednesdays at 10 AM will be held April 11th, 18th, 25th & May 2nd.



## Spring Book Walk

Come to the library on April 26, to "Take a Walk on the Book Walk." Children, ages pre-school to 5th grade, can win some great books to enjoy during those rainy spring days! Sign up for the 10 AM session or the 3 PM session. Pre-schoolers must be accompanied by an adult.



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