



Lowell Library Lines

April 2008



National Library Week April 13 - 19

World War II POW Exhibit Travels to the Heartland



Come to see the story of courage, endurance and love of country as the Lowell Public Library invites you to view *Behind Barbed Wire: Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany*.

TRACES, a non-profit educational organization is dedicated to researching and preserving the stories of the people of the American Midwest, Germany and Austria and their encounters during World War II. Presenting these stories to the public is part of the preservation effort.

There were over 50,000 American soldiers from the Midwest who became prisoners-of-war in Germany's camps. Through 350 photographs and documents, letters, maps, DVD and artifacts, TRACES brings their stories to life for the viewing public.

The Bus-eum, will arrive at the library for viewing of the exhibit on Saturday, April 12, from 1 PM to 4 PM.

The following are excerpts from TRACES news packet:

"Hardly anyone alive today is aware that the first U.S. troops sent to fight in WWII came from the upper Midwest, or that the region's 34th "Red Bull" Division served the longest uninterrupted duty in U.S. military history - about 600 days. Even fewer know that as some 1,800 mostly Midwest soldiers were captured in one night in North Africa in February, 1943, until the Battle of the Bulge in December, 1944 the most U.S. POWs in Nazi-German camps came, per capita, from the same region."

As the exhibit's first text explains, "There were three main waves of Midwest POWs.

- * Those Captured in North Africa in 1943.
- * Those pilots shot out of the sky during the air war over Europe.
- * Those soldiers captured at the Battle of the Bulge near the war's end.

"Each wave of Midwest POWs in Nazi Germany had its own experiences. All of the men who survived them, however, left a provocative legacy for those alive today - one involving the very nature of war itself: how does armed conflict between groups of people play out, face-to-face, when the guns are lowered: how 'should' humans treat each other and, ultimately, live together?"

The library invites veterans and their families, school students, teachers and the general public to view this thought provoking and inspiring exhibit.

The program has been made possible through a matching grant from the Indiana Humanities Council in cooperation with the National Endowment for the Humanities. In 2007, the Bus-eum traveled to over 400 Midwest communities where over 37,000 people viewed this history exhibit.

The library would like to thank TRACES for bringing this exhibit to Lowell. The Friends of the Lowell Public Library and the Adult and Young Adult Departments are sponsoring this event.



Lowell Adult Programs

April 2008

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 5, 9 AM - 1 PM. Sponsored by the GFWC Lowell Women's Club.

Library Quilters Meet

Each Monday, April 7, 14, 21, and 28, at 9 AM - 12:30 PM. Bring your quilting projects.

April Senior Social

Thursday, April 17, at 11:45 AM. Enjoy the sweet music of the Lowell Middle School Choir! Bring a brown bag lunch. Homemade desserts will be provided! The program is sponsored by the library and the Lowell Parks Department. Call 696-1570 to pre-register.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Test

Wednesday, April 16, 9 AM to 11 AM. Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management, provided on a first come, first served basis.

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, April 19, at 10 AM. Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society that meets at the library on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Tuesday Morning Page Turners

Tuesday, April 29, at 10 AM. Join our discussion of *The Red Tent* by Anita Diamant on Tuesday, April 29, at 10 AM. Pick up your copy today. Refreshments will be served.

Basket Weaving

Wednesday, April 23 or Tuesday, April 29, at 6 PM. Julie Duttlinger will teach participants how to weave the Tote Basket that is on display at the circulation desk. Fee is \$29.

Computer Classes

Learn word processing and how to navigate the internet. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays, and Word or Excel on alternate Fridays. All classes will be held at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-register at the circulation desk.

Garden Series Program

There is always something new to learn about selecting, growing and planting perennials. Join Master Gardener Dolly Foster at the Garden Series program on Monday, April 28, at 7 PM, to ask your questions related to perennials.

55 Alive Driver Refresher Course

Take the AARP Driver's Safety Course at the library on Friday, April 4 and Saturday, April 5, 10 AM - 2 PM. The two-day, 4-hour sessions of class instruction refine existing skills and develop safe, driving techniques. Participants may receive a discount on their auto insurance. Fee for the course is \$10, due upon registration.

At the Shelby Branch

Adult Book Discussion

Friday, April 11, at 11:00 AM. Meet with others to discuss *Magic Hour* by Kristin Hannah.

Blood Pressure Testing

Monday, April 14, 10:30 AM - 12 PM. First come/first served basis.

Adult Craft

Monday, April 21, at 5 PM. Bring your craft projects to work with others and share ideas.

National Chocolate Day

Thursday, April 24, All Day. Who doesn't love chocolate? Stop in today and enjoy a free candy bar!

Adult Bingo

Monday, April 28, at 5 PM. Play Bingo for novelty prizes.

At the Schneider Branch

Adult Scrapbooking

Saturday, April 12, 10 AM to 10 PM. Adults and YAs, bring your projects.

Call the Schneider Branch at 552-1000 for further program information.

Young Adult Programming - Lowell

Thursday, April 3, at 6 PM YA Game Night

Thursday, April 10, at 6 PM YA Game Night

Thursday, April 17, at 6 PM Watch the movie, *Enchanted*. Enjoy some popcorn and pop for 25¢.

Thursday, April 24 No Game Night

Saturday, April 26, at 1 PM Mother's Day Craft

Mother's Day Basket Giveaway begins April 1st and continues until Friday, May 9th, for the YA's (Grades 6-12) at the Lowell Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches. Each time you come into the library, fill out a heart with a word that describes your Mom, along with your name and phone number. One entry per visit. The drawing will be on Friday, May 9th, and we will contact the winner in time for the basket to be used for Mother's Day. Good luck to everyone. If you have any questions, contact Debbie at the library.

Branch Programs for Children / Young Adults

Schneider Kids

Game Day will be on Thursday, April 3, at 3:45 PM.

Make a craft flower in a pot on Tuesday, April 15, at 3:45 PM.

Watch a fun flick on Kids Movie Day on Tuesday, April 22, at 3:45 PM.

On Wednesday, April 30, at 4 PM, join Miss Sandy as you plant "mystery" seeds. Watch them grow to find out what you have planted!

Young Adult Programs

Watch the YA movie, *Enchanted*, on Wednesday, April 2, at 4 PM. Enjoy some popcorn and pop for 25¢.

On Wednesday, April 9, at 4 PM, play *Catch Phrase* with your friends.

Bunco will be held on Wednesday, April 16, at 4 PM.

YA Chat is held on Wednesday, April 23, at 5 PM. We will be making biscuit donuts.

The YA Food, Fun and Fiction Club will have their book discussion on Wednesday, April 30 at 5 PM.

Shelby Kids

Story Time with Miss Bethany is held each Monday, beginning March 31, through Monday, May 5, at 10:30 AM. This program is designed for children ages 4 and 5.

Play Bingo on Thursday, April 24, at 4 PM

Join Miss Sandy on Tuesday, April 29, at 4 PM. You will plant "mystery" seeds, but you will have to wait until they grow to see what you have planted!

Saturdays at noon, come and enjoy a fun flick with your friends! Snacks are provided.

Kid's Game Night is held each Wednesday from 4 - 5 PM.

Young Adult Programs

On Tuesday, April 8, at 4:45 PM, watch the YA movie, *Enchanted*. Enjoy some popcorn and pop for 25¢.

YA Chat will be held on Tuesday, April 22, at 5 PM.

Come to the YA Food, Fun and Fiction on Tuesday, April 29, at 5 PM.



JUST FOR KIDS



Story Time

Story Time is a program for 4 and 5 year olds . Each session last approximately 30-45 minutes. This free program is held each week at 10 AM. Parents must stay in the library during the program, however, not in the program room. Pre-register at the circulation desk for the Tuesday (April 1-May 6) or the Wednesday (April 2-May 7) session. Space is limited.

April Craft Corner

Come to the library on Thursday, April 10. You will make a chick jar that holds “chicken feed”! Preschoolers through 5th graders are welcome. Please pre-register for the 10 AM or the 3 PM session. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult.