

# Lowell Library Lines

April 2009

## **Indiana Libraries: What Happens Next?**

Indiana's Senate Bill 348 outlined a process where Indiana libraries would be consolidated into county-wide systems or mandated to form a library service planning committee in each county. Libraries who wished to opt out of the planning committee could have the question placed on the ballot by petition, allowing registered voters within a specific library district or a specific un-served area to determine the inclusion or exemption of their area from their community's local library service plan. However, all of the options in the bill are extremely costly for libraries to undertake with little or no proven benefit to the library districts who have no un-served or underserved areas.

Library directors have a tradition of working together to best meet the needs of their communities and with the new economic downturn it is expected that these efforts will be intensified. With local control your library is an autonomous, community oriented entity run by local volunteer Trustees with the best interest of the residents the library serves. Under local control, taxes collected for library support are only used for your library. Your library already shares services with other libraries to control costs.

SB 348, after undergoing changes and additional amendments, was passed by the State Senate, From there it made its way to the House Government and Regulatory Reform Committee. This bill then failed to exit out of the committee. As of March 11, Indiana libraries will continue to remain under local control.

However, your library and other libraries across the state opposed to SB 348 know that the threat exist that in the final days before the end of the short session of the legislature (April 29) portions of the initial library bill could still be integrated into another bill - and passed. That is why your library along with the other six libraries in Lake County remain vigilant and continue to speak out in support of "local control." And, we encourage our library supporters to do the same by continuing to contact state legislators that represent our district, requesting that they support local control in the legislature on this issue. Phone and address information for your state legislators can be found on our website at: <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/>

## **Calumet Beginnings Explored**

During National Library Week (April 12 – 19) explore the history of the Calumet Region with Dr. Kenneth J Schoon, author of *Calumet Beginnings: Ancient Shorelines and Settlements at the South End of Lake Michigan*. Co-sponsored by the Three Creeks Historical Association and the Lowell Public Library, the program will be held on Tuesday, April 14, at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served. Pre-register at 696-7704 for this free program.

Geographically, the Calumet Region encompasses an area of Illinois and Indiana that lies at the Southern end of Lake Michigan. Towns like Calumet City, Dolton and Burnham, well known neighborhoods as Pullman, Roseland, South Chicago, are part of the Calumet Region as well as areas from Gary and Hammond, to Crown Point and Lowell, Burns Harbor and the Indiana Dunes.

Schoon's stories are filled with details of the French exploration, fur trade, the last trading posts, pioneers and the stagecoach run between Valparaiso and LaPorte, and Fort Dearborn. Railroad buffs will enjoy the description and photographs of the beginning of the railroads in the Calumet Region. The start of the steel industry is another fascinating part of the Region's history. Wetlands and sanctuaries are included in some of the 161 historic photographs in Schoon's book, some of which have never been published.

Schoon is a professor of science education at Indiana University Northwest. Since January of 1999 he has served the School of Education as Associate Dean. In his book, Schoon, who has a bachelor degree in geology, combines his love of science with his passion for history. Join us for a look back at *Calumet Beginnings*.

## Lowell Adult Programs

### Free Computer Classes

Learn word processing and navigating the internet. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays and Word or Excel on Fridays. All classes are held at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-registration required.

### Library Quilters Meet

Monday, April 6, 13, 20, and 27, at 9 AM  
Bring your quilting projects.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, April 4, 9 AM - 1 PM  
Co-sponsored by the Lowell Library and the GFWC Lowell Women's Club. Call 1-800 - 455-3458

### H & R Block Series

Thursday, April 9, at 6:30 PM  
Robin Bowen will discuss the Stimulus Plan and how it will affect you.

### Library Knitters

Monday, April 13 and April 27, at 6:30 PM & Tuesday, April 28, at 10 AM.  
Learn to knit. Join the clubs. Pre-register at 696-7704. Supplies you will need are listed at the circulation desk.

### Adult Book Chat

Tuesday, April 14, at 1 PM  
Read *I'm a Stranger Here Myself* by Bill Bryson and join the discussion.

### BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test

Wednesday, April 15, 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services, on a first come, first served basis. A combined cholesterol test is \$5 (cash only please).

### Basket Weaving

Wednesday, April 15 and 22, at 6 PM  
Julie Duttlinger will teach you how to weave a Spring Bowl basket. Fee is \$27.00. Pre-register at the circulation desk.



*April Showers*

*Bring*

*May Flowers*

### Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library will meet on April 15, at 7 PM. New members are always welcome.

### Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, April 18, at 10 AM  
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society. Share your poems with others.

### Library Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, April 20, at 7 PM following an Executive meeting at 6:30 PM.

### Library Scrappers Meet

Monday, April 20, at 6:30 PM  
Scrappers meet on the third Monday of each month. Share your scrapping ideas and learn new techniques.

### "Tuesday Morning Page Turners"

Tuesday, April 21, at 10 AM  
Read *The Zookeeper's Wife* by Diane Ackerman. Refreshments will be served.

### Garden Series

Monday, April 27, at 7 PM  
Melissa Mravec of Allen Landscaping, will present a program about Spring Container Gardens. Learn about what plants do well in containers and how to care for them.

### Senior Social

Thursday, April 30, at 11:30 AM  
Listen to the sweet sounds of the Lowell Middle School choir. Bring a brown bag lunch. Delicious desserts will be provided. Co-sponsored by the Lowell Library and the Parks Department. Call the Parks Department at 696-1570 to pre-register.

## **Young Adult Programs**

- Thursday, April 2, at 6 PM      Make an Easter ornament, watch *Twilight*, and have a hotdog and pop for 25¢.
- Thursday, April 9, at 6 PM      Listen to Bedtime stories and make biscuit donuts.
- Thursday, April 16, at 6 PM      Game Night is held.
- Thursday, April 23, at 6 PM      Play Bunco.

### **Did you know?**

The average game player is 33 years old and has been playing games for 12 years. 38% of all game players are women. 25% of Americans over the age of 50 played video games, etc.

### **Shelby Adults**

**Monday, April 13 and 27 at 9 AM**  
Sewing project-Make a hand sewing caddy.  
Bring your own fabric Materials list is posted on the library door.

**Monday, April 13**  
Senior games

### **Shelby Young Adults**

**Tuesday, April 7 at 5 PM**  
Weather permitting, we will grill hotdogs and hide Easter eggs.

**Monday, April 13 and 27 at 4 PM**  
Sewing project-Make a hand sewing caddy. You must bring your own fabric. Materials list is posted on the library door.

**Tuesday, April 14, at 5 PM**  
Bedtime stories

**Tuesday, April 21, at 5 PM**  
Make mini-pizzas and talk about the summer reading program.

### **Shelby Kids**

**Every Monday at 10:30 AM**  
StoryTime is here. Call for date information.

**Every Wednesday at 4 PM**  
Game Night

**Every Saturday, 12 - 2 PM**  
Movie Day

**Monday, April 6, at 4 PM.**  
Paint an egg gourd for Easter

### **Schneider Adults**

**Monday, April 6, at 3 PM**  
Easter Egg painting for Adults

### **Schneider Young Adults**

**Wednesday, April 8 at 4 PM**  
Weather permitting, we will grill hotdogs and hide Easter eggs.

**Wednesday, April 15, at 4 PM**  
Bedtime stories

**Wednesday, April 22, at 4 PM**  
Make mini-pizzas and talk about the summer reading program.

### **Schneider Kids**

**Thursday, April 2, at 3:45 PM**  
Kids Easter Craft.

**Thursday, April 9, at 3 PM**  
Play Easter bingo with your friends.

**Monday, April 13 and 27, at 4 PM**  
Game Night is held for kids, ages 10 and up.

**Tuesday, April 21, at 3:45 PM**  
Make Earth Day pudding cups.

**Tuesday, April 28, at 4 PM**  
Make a *Bloomin' Button* craft with Miss Sandy for Mother's Day gift-giving.

**Thursday, April 30, at 3:45 PM**  
Play games with your friends on game day.

## **Non-Fiction Reading Picks**



- 170.44      *Uncommon* - Dungy, Tom
- 291.432     *Walking With God in a Fragile World* - Langford, James
- 331.702     *Top 100 Careers Without a Four-Year Degree* - Farr, Michael
- 332.64      *Wall Street* - Fraser, Steve
- 616.123     *Living with Coronary Heart Disease* - Granato, Jerome E.
- 617.582     *Knee Surgery* - O'Neill, Daniel
- 636.0832    *Animals Make Us Human* - Grandin, Temple
- 641.5081    *Sneaky Chef* - Lapine, Missy Chase
- 641.5951    *Quick & easy Chinese* - McDemott, Nancie
- 641.6373    *I Love Coffee!* - Zimmer, Susan
- 643.7        *The Homeowner's Guide to Managing a Renovation* - Solakian, Susan
- 650.1        *The Secret Code of Success* - St. John, Noah
- 745.594     *Country Cooking, Crafts & Decorating*
- 745.5941    *Encyclopedia of Greeting Cards* - Rothamel, Susan Pickering
- 746.434     *Beyond the Square Motifs* - Eckman, Edie
- 746.94      *Quick and Easy Window Treatments* - Easley, Madlyn
- 956.70443   *A Journal for Jordan* - Canedy, Dana
- 975.703     *Queen of the Confederacy* - Lewis, Elizabeth Wittenmyer

## **Biographies**

- B ASTAIR    *Fred Astaire* - Epstein, Joseph
- B KING      *Stephen King* - Rolls, Albert

## **New Books on CD**

- Plum Spooky* - Evanovich, Janet
- Three Weeks to Say Goodbye* - Box, C.J.
- Fire and Ice* - Garwood, Julie
- Grace* - Evans, Richard Paul

# What's New!

## **New Fiction Books:**

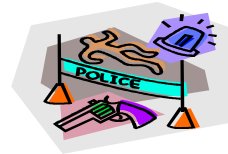
*Corsair* - Cussler, Clive  
*The Forgotten Legion* - Kane, Ben  
*Obedience* - Lavender, Will  
*Before the Dawn* - Aarsen, Carolyne  
*Paths of Glory* - Archer, Jeffrey  
*Don't Look Twice* - Gross, Andrew  
*Handle with Care* - Picoult, Jodi  
*Without Warning* - Birmingham, John  
*White Witch, Black Curse* - Harrison, Kim  
*One Day at a Time* - Steel, Danielle  
*We'll Always Have Paris* - Bradbury, Ray  
*Terminal Freeze* - Child, Lincoln  
*Shannon* - Delaney, Frank  
*Luke's Story* - Jenkins, Jerry B.

## **New DVD's:**

*North and South Book 1 : North and South*  
*North and South Book 2: Love and War*  
*North and South Book 3: Heaven and Hell*  
*Elvis Through the Years*  
*Madagascar 2: Escape to Africa*  
*High School Musical 3: Senior Year*  
*The Secret Life of Bees*  
*Twilight*                      *Swordfish*  
*Suspect*                      *Righteous Kill*  
*Ghost Town*                *Nights in Rodanthe*  
*Tropic Thunder*            *Changeling*  
*City of Ember*              *Space Buddies*  
*Igor*                              *The Chipettes*

## **Mystery:**

*Love Mercy* - Fowler, Earlene  
*The Big Dirt Nap* - Harris, Rosemary  
*Dead Silence* - White, Randy Wayne  
*Death of a Witch* - Beaton, M.C.  
*Cream Puff Murder* - Fluke, Joanne  
*Bright Futures* - Kaminsky, Stuart  
*Night and Day* - Parker, Robert S.  
*Aunt Dimity Slays the Dragon* - Atherton, N.  
*Hangman Blind* - Clark, Cassandra



## **Library Announces Amnesty for Food Week**

Amnesty for Food! During National Library Week (April 12-19) the library will forgive library fines for books, magazines and audio and visual materials provided that a can of food is donated for every \$5 owed or 2 cans of food for every \$10 owed. This does not include fees for lost materials.

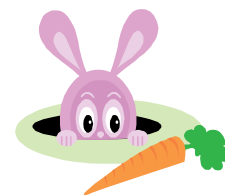
While some materials are simply lost, a great many are still in the hands of the patrons who checked them out. With the "no questions asked" amnesty for food period, you can remove the fear of paying large fines as obstacles to the return of long overdue materials and help others in need too.

## **How Many Years?**

What is the number of combined years of service of the library staff of the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches? The contest begins April 13 of National Library Week, April 12 - 19. Fill out an entry slip with your guess. You may win a prize! The winner will be announced on Monday, April 20, at 4 PM.



# *Just for Kids*



## **Story Time**

Story Time is a program for four and five year olds. Each session lasts approximately 30 - 45 minutes. Parents must stay in the library during the program, however, not in the program room. You must be pre-register at the circulation desk as space is limited. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 10 AM (March 31—May 5) and on Wednesdays at 10 AM (April 1—May 6).

## **April Craft Corner**

Join us on Thursday, April 9, when we will be making Bunny Chalkboards. The bunny's tummy is a mini-chalkboard and you can write special notes on it. A sample is on display in the Children's display case. Craft corner is for preschoolers through fifth graders. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at 10 AM and 3 PM. Please pre-register at the circulation desk.

## **Candywalk**

On Thursday, April 16, come to the library for a Candywalk! We will enjoy some wonderful children's music, get some exercise traveling around the number pattern. If you stand on a winning number you win some candy.

The Candywalk is for preschoolers through fifth graders. Pre-register at the circulation desk for either the 10 AM or the 3 PM session.