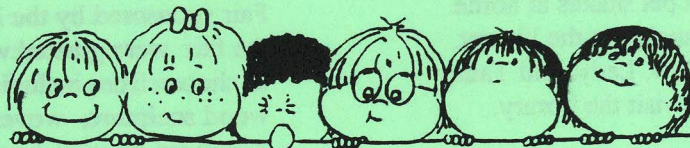


# Lowell Library Lines

## NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK (APRIL 13-19)



### "Kids Connect At the Library"

"Kids Connect at the Library" is this year's National Library theme. We are happy to say that more than 7,597 children attended programs designed specially for them last year and we expect more participants this year. Through programs such as Story Hour and Toddler Time we are introducing children to reading adventures. We hope this will help instill in them a life-long love of reading.

One of the best ways we found to attract children to the library is through animals. We have had all manner of wild creatures at our library. Snakes, tarantulas, bats, lizards, parrots, tortoises, and other types of animals brought children to the library and its branches by the hundreds for programs. After each program we spent weeks checking out books about animals. Magic shows, movies, crafts, and games are other types of programs the library and its branches have offered to attract children to the library. Our CD-Rom computers are always busy when school lets out. In the Children's Room *Sticky Bear Math*, *Mother Goose Rhymes to Color*, and *A Visit to Sesame Street Numbers* are some of the many Interactive CD-Rom programs available for young children to use at the library.

Young adults have access to CD-ROM programs in the Reference Section such as *Encarta Encyclopedia*, *Grolier's Encyclopedia*, *Newsbank*, and *Magazine Summaries*. The Young Adult Library Advisory Board plans programs such as baby-sitting classes, and craft workshops, and do volunteer work at the library.

We will continue to strive to have more "Kids Connect to the Library."



### "Bunny Tales"

You have heard of the "beanie babies" now come and meet the "bunny babies" at a special National Library Week Story Time Hour held at the library and its branches.

Jeanine, a Holland Lop rabbit and Tippy, a Mini Rex rabbit will enjoy visiting with children as Children's Programmer Miss Chris reads stories about rabbits to participants. Each child will also receive an autographed picture of Jeanine to color and a "bunny" treat to take home.

"Bunny Tales" will be presented at the Schneider Branch Library on Monday, April 14, at 3:00 PM. At the Shelby Branch Library "Bunny Tales" will be presented on that same date at 5:30 PM.

The Lowell Public Library will present "Bunny Tales" on Tuesday, April 15, at 3 PM.

### Snakes Slither Onto the Web

Did you know that Indiana is home to four large poisonous snakes: the Eastern Massasauga Rattlesnake, the Northern Copperhead, the Timber Rattlesnake and the Western Cottonmouth? From Connecticut to the Ohio-Michigan border Internet users have accessed the Snakes of Indiana web page created by Reference Librarian Darlene Rigg to learn more about the snakes that make their home in our state.

There are over 30 species of snakes in Indiana, and Darlene has listed each species according to size, with the poisonous snakes listed separately. She gives the reader information on each snake's name, its Latin name, its size, breeding facts, the habitat, its food chain, where in Indiana the snake can be found, and prominent characteristics.

The Indiana Department of Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife graciously provided pictures of all the snakes on the Web page.

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Darlene does not limit providing information on Indiana's snakes to the Internet. She and her children are amateur herpetologists and keep pet snakes at home. Each year she offers a program on snakes at the library. Her snakes Checkers, Buddy, Shadow, Lady, and Tauro are well known to the children who visit the library.

What kind of questions has Darlene received on her E-Mail from readers of the snake Web site? One person from Connecticut was having trouble with ring-necked snakes nesting in the foundation of his home. Another questioner wanted to know if the copperbelly watersnake frequented muskrat holes for hibernation.

Internet users can access the Indiana Snake Web site using <http://birch.palni.edu/~drigg/snakes.htm>. What are some of the myths surrounding snakes? Find out on Darlene's Web page. Or visit the library and talk to Darlene. She will be happy to steer you to some interesting books on the world of snakes.

## Outward Bound

A night ghost hunting in Chicago, a trip to the Museum of Science and Industry, a Windy City Christmastime Adventure, and the Flower Show at Navy Pier...where do we go next?

The Friends of the Library's comfort bus trips have become a popular draw for community residents. Friends would like to plan more travel adventures and are inviting library visitors to suggest places to visit. A "trip" suggestion box is located at the library's circulation desk.

## Give the Gift of Life

You can give the gift of life through a blood donation to the American Red Cross. A blood drive will be held at the library on April 24, from 3 PM to 7 PM. Call 1-800-589-7574 to schedule a time when you can make your donation. Walk-ins will be accepted.

## Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, April 21, at 7 PM.

## A Full House

Library visitors were checking out more than books at the library on March 22. The two meeting rooms were crowded with shoppers attending the 1997 Spring Craft Fair sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Visitors to the fair were greeted with a variety of hand-crafted items to choose from including wooden toys, wood reed baskets, wood sculpture, woven blankets and lace, Native American jewelry, hand sewn clothing, and country crafts.

In the library foyer the smells of freshly baked sweets drew buyers until the table was bare. Friends raised over \$490 on the event and are making plans for their next craft fair in 1998.

Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used to purchase needed items for the library.

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, April 16, at 7 PM. New members are welcome.

## Investor's Resource

Are you an investor or planning to become one? The library has added two investment publications to its reference collection: Value Line and Morning Star Mutual Funds.

Ask at the reference desk to view these two informative publications. A library card or driver's license is needed.

### Free Child Immunizations

#### Cedar Lake Clinic

Thursday, April 3, 12 Noon - 6 PM  
Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center

#### Lowell Public Library

Thursday, April 17, 9 AM - 3 PM  
Sponsored by the Lake County Health Department

#### Schneider Branch Library

Thursday, April 17, 12 Noon - 6 PM  
Sponsored by St. Anthony Medical Center



## HAPPININGS IN APRIL

### Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, April 7, 14, 21, 28  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

### Fit After Fifty - Lowell

Each Wednesday, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30  
Each Friday, April 4, 11, 18, 25  
9:15 AM - 10:15 AM

The Lowell Parks Department, in conjunction with the library, is offering physical fitness exercise programs twice weekly for persons fifty and older. There is a \$3 fee per session. Pre-register at the Parks Department, 696-1570.

## NEW PROGRAMMING

### Sexual Harassment\ Assault Prevention - Lowell

Tuesday, April 1, at 6 PM

The Lowell Police Department in conjunction with the Schererville Police Department will present a free seminar on crimes that affect women and how they can be prevented or addressed.

### Basket Classes with Julie Duttlinger

#### Weave a Gretchen Basket

Shelby - Tuesday, April 1, at 6 PM  
Thursday, April 3, at 9 AM  
Fee is \$25.

#### Create a Diamond Weave Basket

Lowell - Wednesday, April 9, at 6:30 PM  
Tuesday, April 15, at 8:30 AM  
Tuesday, April 22, at 6:30 PM  
Fee is \$23.

### Charitable Gaming Seminar - Lowell

Saturday, April 12, at 9 AM

Does your non-profit organization wish to conduct a charitable gaming activity (bingo, raffles, and festivals)?

You should know the Indiana laws, regulations and requirements before you plan your event. Darlene Bowen of the Charitable Gambling section of the Indiana Department of Revenue and Tom Dugan of the Excise Police Section of the Revenue Department will discuss steps you must take to be qualified to hold a charitable gambling event.

### Antique Timepieces - Lowell

Thursday, April 17, at 7 PM

Don Goldstein of the Prime Time Clock Shop in Lowell will present a fascinating look at antique timepieces, their history, maintenance, repair, and value. There will be a question/answer period and participants may bring their clocks.

### Creating a Scrapbook of Precious Memories - Lowell

Saturday, April 19, at 9 AM

Are your photos stuffed in shoe boxes or drawers? Learn how to protect your photos and make meaningful and creative photo albums from Sheryl Casey of Creative Memories. At the hands-on workshop you can have fun creating album pages that are enhanced with art or with other types of personal momentos. Fee is \$10.

## TAX ASSISTANCE

Trained volunteers will offer free tax assistance for elderly, handicapped, and low-income people by appointment only at the library and its branches. Sessions are 45 minutes in length. Appointments at the Lowell Public Library will be available each Monday from 4 PM to 7 PM and each Friday from 9:15 AM to 1 PM.

For assistance at the branch libraries call the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000.

### CPR (Adult\Child\Infant) Courses Offered - Lowell

Learn adult\child\infant CPR and foreign body airway management according to the American Heart Association standards and guidances.

A basic CPR course for first-time participants and persons seeking to renew their certification will be held at the library on Saturday, April 5, from 9 AM - 5 PM. Fee for first-timers is \$20. Fee for persons seeking to renew their certificate is \$16.

On Wednesday, April 30, at 6 PM, a Basic Life Support Course in CPR for Health Care Providers will be offered for persons seeking renewal only. Fee is \$16.

### Pre-Register for Programs by Calling:

**Lowell Public Library - 696-7704**

**Shelby Branch Library - 552-0809**

**Schneider Branch Library - 552-1000**

## Craft Corner

It's springtime at Craft Corner and there will be plenty of red, red robins bob, bob, bobbing along after pre-schoolers create their "robin" hats.

School age children will have fun making cat bookmarks.



### Lowell - Pre-school Craft -

Thurs., April 3 - 10 AM

### School Age Craft -

Thurs., April 3 - 3:30 PM

### Schneider - Both Crafts -

Thurs., April 10 - 3:30 PM

### Shelby - Pre-school Craft -

Thurs., April 17 - 3:30 PM

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## Red Cross Baby-sitting Course

Be the best baby-sitter you can be. Young adults ages 11 and older are invited to attend the American Red Cross Baby-Sitting Course at the Lowell Public Library and its Schneider Branch.

The course will be held at the Lowell Library on Saturday, April 5 and Saturday, April 12, from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. At the Schneider Branch the baby-sitting course will be held on Saturday, April 26 and Saturday, May 3, at that same time. Participants must attend both sessions to become certified. Fee for the course is \$4.

Bring a bag lunch to the first session. Pizza will be served at the final session..

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