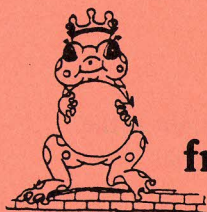


**Read!
Learn!
Connect!
@ the
Library**



Stories from the Castle

Princess Loreli (Laura Hartley) will present her "Stories from the Castle" at a special Story Time Hour at the Schneider and Shelby Branches. Using hand puppets and a miniature castle, Princess Loreli will tell stories from popular fairy tales.

She will be at the Schneider Branch on April 17 at 11 AM. On that same date she will perform for Shelby Branch Library patrons in the lower level of St. Theresa's Church in Shelby at 1 PM.

Field Museum Bus Trip

Take in another great learning experience. Visit the Field Museum with the Friends of the Library. Nearby are the Shedd Aquarium and the Adler Planetarium. The bus leaves the library at 9 AM on Saturday, April 17. Re-board the bus at 4 PM for the trip back to Lowell. Fee is \$15 (non-refundable) and includes a donation to the Friends.

National Library Week

April 11 - 17

Visit the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches during National Library Week. Enjoy the special programming that has been scheduled for your enjoyment and continuing education. Special children's story time programs, a bus trip to the Field Museum and "Y2K: There It Blows!" (a program for small businesses) are just some of the programs the library will offer during National Library Week.

And to help you find some great reads, the library has compiled a list of popular authors of romance, adventure, horror, sci-fiction, westerns, etc. The Reader's Advisory will be available at the library and its branches beginning April 11. Bookmarks will also be given to the Lowell Middle and Lowell Senior High Schools, compliments of the Friends of the Library.

Summer is coming and thoughts turn to outdoor barbecues, travel, camping and fishing trips, sports, gardening, landscaping, outdoor projects and physical fitness. During National Library Week the library will have table displays of books on these topics to help you plan your summer activities.

Great Web Sites For Parents & Children

Crayola Kids: You will find fun activities at this site.
www.bhglive.com/crayolakids/

Reading Rainbow: Based on the award-winning PBS children's television program.
<http://www.pbs.org/readingrainbow/index.html>

Children's Literature Page: Internet Resources related to books for children and young adults.
www.ucalgary.ca/~dkbrown/index.html

Yahooligans: The Web Site for Kids
<http://yahooligans.com>

Welcome to Goosebumps: It's a thrilling look at R. L. Stine's Goosebump book and the TV series.
<http://place.scholastic.com/goosebumps/>



HAPPENINGS IN APRIL

Adult Programs:

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: April 5, 12, 19, 26
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting project and questions.
and enjoy the fellowship of the Library Quilters.

Fit Forever- Lowell

Each Monday: April 5, 12, 19, 26
Each Wednesday: April 7, 14, 21, 28
Each Friday: April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning, strengthening, and flexibility exercises. Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department, the program is led by Physical Fitness Instructor Sonia McPhillips.

Fee is \$24 per month for three weekly sessions,
\$16 for 2 weekly sessions.

Basket Classes with Julie Duttlinger:

Weave a "Tisket-Tasket" Basket - Shelby

Tuesday, April 6, at 6:30 PM
Thursday, April 15, at 9 AM
Fee is \$22

Weave a Footstool - Lowell

Wednesday, April 14, at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, April 20, at 8:30 AM
Thursday, April 22, at 6:30 PM
Fee is \$30. The footstool is on exhibit at the library.

Note: Bring a bucket, towel, plastic bag, scissors, pencil, tape measure and clothes pins to Julie's basket classes.

CPR "Adult/ Child/Infant" Course - Lowell

Thursday, April 15, at 6 PM
Register for the life-saving CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) Course of the American Heart Association.

Fee is \$15 for the general public (Heartsaver) and \$20 for health care professionals seeking renewal (Healthcare Provider). Katherine Misiora, R.N., and Leon Misiora, E.M.T.-Paramedic, will teach the course.

Y2K "There it Blows" - Lowell

Wednesday, April 14, at 4 PM

The focus of this program presented by SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) is to increase the interest of small business operators in preparing themselves for the computer transition in the year 2000. Learn how the Y2K problem started; the good, bad and ugly of the transition; and what to do about it.

Among the topics to be discussed are the potential problems from the year change, disruptions of services, financial impact, world wide impact, prudent steps that should be taken at home, the need to communicate with all your service and supply providers, having a financial plan and community action.

Speakers for the program are Dick Nader of Score 310, Northwest, IN.; Computer Expert Dawn Wrobel of Compu-Train, Merrillville; and Richard Bland, Banking Specialist for Centier Bank of Valparaiso. A complete booklet on the Y2K subject will be provided as well as a free software disk which you can use on your own PC to determine if your equipment is compliant. The material is free, courtesy of Centier Bank.

Learn the Art of Calligraphy - Lowell

Two Mondays, April 19 & 26 at 7 PM.
The beautiful art of calligraphy will be taught at the library by artist, author and instructor, Rachel Yaselsky. Fee for the workshop is \$16.

"Lite Spring Menu" Cooking Course - Lowell

Saturday, April 24, at 11 AM
Cook with Chef Vicki (of Nellie Jayne's Cafe).
On the menu is Chicken with Lime Dressing, Cous Cous Salad and Mocha Sponge Roulade with Chocolate Mocha Topping. Fee is \$20. Dine on your creations.

Pre-register for programs:

Lowell 696-7704

Schneider 552-1000

Shelby 552-0809

Coming in May:



Library Quilters
Childhood Immunizations
Basket Weaving Classes
Living Trust Seminar
Fit Forever Exercise
Sessions

Creative Writing Club
Hearing Tests
Annual Tri-Creek
School Student Art
Exhibit

And More!

Thank You Tax Volunteers

Only a few more weeks are left before the April 15 deadline for tax filing.

The library is grateful to the AARP Tax-Aid Volunteers who have given so generously of their time and knowledge to help library patrons prepare their taxes.

Hats off to Jim Frey of Crown Point, Bob Champion of Crown Point, and Martha Gates of Lowell for their dedication and patience.

YA's Took the Challenge

The competition was fast and furious at the Young Adult Connect Four Competition held at the library on March 13.

At the competition, student Jake Cummins was at the top of his game, taking away first prize of a \$20 gift certificate. Angelo Pancini was runner-up.

Second prize winners received a free video from an area store and all participants received coupons they could redeem at an area fast food restaurant.

Board Meeting

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, April 19, at 7 PM.



Java Joe's Gets a Thumbs Up!

By popular demand Java Joe's will re-open. The CoffeeHouse, a fund raising musical event held at the library on March 7, was an over-whelming success and plans are underway to repeat the event.

The event got off to a great start as acoustic guitarist Josh Holmes took the lead, performing music that ranged from the old coffeehouse days of the 50's to the modern rock of the 90's, and the packed crowd of over 120 people loved it. Later in the program audience participation found a blues harmonica player in the crowd. Brett Sayers, a New Zealander, could rival the Chicago blues scene with his music. Josh accompanied him on his guitar making some truly original and exciting music at the CoffeeHouse. The "Josh Holmes Band" recently cut a CD, "At the End of the Tunnel" that can be checked out at the library. Josh also teaches guitar in Lowell.

Donna and Frank Watcher were the next performers to appear at Java Joe's. Donna is a storyteller in the best sense of the word. She recited fables that kept the audience spellbound, all the while her husband Frank played the haunting background music on his hand-made Spanish guitar. Not a sound could be heard from the audience as Donna spun her tales to the cadence of the music.

The Lowell Senior High School Show Choir "Devil Distinction" and the "Crazy Eights," under the direction of Lowell High School Choir Director Andy Anderson, added to the festivities, their vocal harmonies thrilling an audience.

The Friends thank all the musicians that donated their time and talents and Wilco Foods Inc., Costas Foods and Audrey's for their food donations. Special thanks to Cindy Klidas and the Klidas Family for their support.

Free Childhood Immunizations

Cedar Lake Clinic

Thursday, April 1

12 Noon to 6 PM

Lowell Public Library

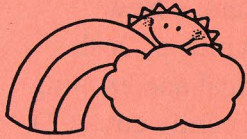
Thursday, April 15

"Glory" Beanie Baby Fundraiser

Do you collect Beanie Babies? Enter the Friends of the Library's Beanie Baby Drawing!

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and go on sale on Monday, April 5.

The drawing will be held on Friday, May 28. The winner will take home the retired Beanie Baby "Gloria."



Spring Time Fun at Craft Corner

At Miss Chris's Craft Corner children will have fun making decorations for the Spring season.

Lowell

Pre-school - Thursday, April 8, at 10 AM

School Age - Thursday, April 8, at 3:30 PM

Schneider

Both Crafts - Thursday, April 15, at 3:30 PM

Shelby

Pre-school - Thursday, April 22, at 3:30 PM

School age - Thursday, April 29, at 3:30 PM

Puddle Jumpin' Story Time

Saturday, April 17

2 PM

for children ages 3 - 5

Lowell Public Library

**Fun activities, stories,
and crafts**

**Sponsored by the YA's
(Young Adult Advisory Board)**

Pre-register at 696-7704



The YA's will also sponsor an American Red Cross baby-sitting course, to begin May 1, at the library.

Pre-register for programs: Lowell 696-7704 Shelby 552-0809 Schneider 552-1000

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