



Lowell Library Lines



MAY 2000



The Crystal Apple goes to...

Dennis Keithley, sixth-grade teacher at the Lowell Middle School, was one of several area teachers recently named as a recipient of the Golden Apple Award given by the Indiana State Teacher's Association.

State Sen. Sue Landske will present the Crystal Apple award to Keithley in Merrillville on May 3.

Congratulations to Mr. Keithley who is also a member of the library's Endowment Board and a founding sponsor of the library's Endowment Fund.

Announcing

The 20th Annual Student Art Exhibit

The Friends of the Library cordially invite you to view the creativity of students K-5 of the Tri-Creek area. Their artwork will grace the walls and shelves of the Children's Room from May 15-20.

The popular exhibit features a variety of art medium and reflects the imagination and talents of the students represented.

Friends will host a reception to honor the young artists on Wednesday, May 17, at 7 PM. Each artist will receive recognition for his/her work. Families of the students are invited to attend the festive occasion. Punch, coffee and cake will be served and a drawing for art materials will be held for all children attending the reception.

Award Winning Author to Lecture

Alicia Rasley, award winning author of Regency romances, will teach a one day course "Writing a Marketable Romance Novel or Women's Fiction," on Saturday, May 20, from 10 AM to 4 PM. The course is sponsored by the N.W. Indiana Writers in cooperation with the library. Pre-register by calling 696-7704. Rasley has taught writing eight years at two Indiana colleges and teaches writing at workshops around the country.

Rasley is currently working on a "mainstream women's fiction" with a strong female protagonist. Books by Ms. Rasley include *A Royal Escapade*, *A Midsummer's Delight*, *Poetic Justice*, *Lessons In Love*, *Gwen's Christmas Ghost*, and *The Reluctant Lady*.

For more about Alicia Rasley visit her Web site at: <<http://www.sff.net/people/alicia/index.htm>>. On her site she provides biographical information, the Top Ten Plotting Mistakes Writers Make, questions of the month and helpful writing booklets workshop tapes, etc., to buy.

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Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: May 1, 8, 15, 22
 9 AM - 12:30 PM
 Bring your quilting projects.

Fit Forever - Lowell

Each Monday: May 1, 8, 15, 22
 Each Wednesday: May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31
 Each Friday: May 5, 12, 19, 26
 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM
 Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning and strengthening exercises. Call the Lowell Parks Department at 696-1570 to register and for fee information.

Spring Plant Exchange

Schneider - Wednesday, May 3 at 7 PM
Lowell -Tuesday, May 9 at 7 PM
Shelby - May 16, at 6 PM
 Thin your perennials and exchange them for something new. You can bring seeds, seedlings bulbs or potted plants and share your love of gardening with others.

Book Discussion of *The Notebook* -Lowell

Thursday, May 4, at 7 PM or
 Friday, May 5, at 10 AM
 Nickolas Sparks's sentimental and romantic tale of a man named Noah, newly returned from the war to find the woman he loves betrothed to another. Will he win her back?

CPR Course Offered - Lowell

Thursday, May 4, at 6 PM
 An American Heart Association Adult/Child/Infant CPR (cardiopulmonary resuscitation) Course.
 The fee for health care providers seeking renewal of their CPR certification is \$25. The general public can take the Heart Saver Course for a fee of \$15. CPR instructors Katherine Misiore, R.N., and Leon Misiore, E.M.T.-P, will conduct the course.

Basket Weaving Workshops

Bring a bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and a plastic bag to Julie Duttlinger's basket weaving classes.

Shelby - Weave an Newspaper Basket

Thursday, May 4, at 9 AM
 Fee is \$28

Weave a Candy Basket

Tuesday, May 9, at 6 PM
 Fee is \$21

Lowell - Weave a Darning Basket

Tuesday, May 16, at 8:30 AM
 Tuesday, May 23, at 6:30 PM
 Wednesday, May 24, at 6:30 PM
 Fee is \$23.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, May 11, 9 AM - 10:30 AM
 Screening is offered as a service of HouseCalls.
Lowell - Tuesday, May 23, 1 PM - 4 PM
 Screening is conducted on a first come, first served basis by technicians of CareGivers Plus.

Living Trust Seminar - Lowell

Tuesday, May 9, at 2 PM or 6 PM
 Topics to be discussed at this free seminar include living trusts, federal estate taxes, state inheritance tax, probate cost and avoidance, choosing a health care representative, power of attorney, Medicare, Medicaid, and long term health care. Refreshments will be served.

Speakers are Alicia Gloyeske, Attorney at Law, Valparaiso; Bill Hamer, CLU, ChFC of Merrillville; and Paul Palmer, LUTCF, of Lowell.

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, May 11 & 25 at 7 PM.
 Join the Midwest Writers' Forum and share your writings with other members. Call Tom Spencer at 696-3338.

Award Winning Author to Lecture - Lowell

Saturday, May 20, 10 AM - 4 PM.
 Writing a Marketable Romance Novel or Women's Fiction" will be presented by Author Alicia Rasley.



Notes From the Friends

Get Your Ticket Now! Don't miss out on this Spring extravaganza of flowers and fauna. Invite your friends and spend the day at the Botanic Garden in Chicago. Your comfort bus trip to the Garden leaves the library at 9 AM on Sunday, June 11.

Your trip package includes the bus trip, Grand Tram Tour of the beautiful Garden's perimeter for an overview of the lovely grounds and natural surroundings. Lunch is provided, as well as discount coupons and a souvenir of your trip. Fee for the package trip is \$31. The trip is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. A trip information sheet is available at the circulation desk.

Good news! Soon library patrons will no longer have to fight the coin machine at the public copier to receive their change. Friends have purchased a new coin changer for public use. The copier is a fundraiser for the Friends. All proceeds are donated to the library for special needs

Join Us! The Friends will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 17, at 7 PM.

Free Childhood Immunizations

The Lake County Health Department will offer free childhood immunizations at the Lowell Public Library on Thursday, May 18, from 9 AM to 3 PM. The free service is offered by the Lake County Health Department.

Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, May 15, at 7 PM.

Children's Basket Weaving

Children of all ages can learn to weave a charming basket at the Shelby Branch Library on Thursday, May 11, at 3:30 PM.

For fee information and to pre-register call 552-0809.

Closings

The library will be closed on Sunday, May 14, in observance of Mother's Day. The library will resume regular hours on Monday, May 15.

The library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day and resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 30. Check out our video specials for these holidays!

Special Notice: The library will be closed on Sundays beginning May 28. The library is scheduled to resume Sunday hours in September.

Video Picks



Newly arrived videos include: *Notting Hill*, *Entrapment*, *True Crime*, *Message in a Bottle*, *The Other Sister*, *Playing By Heart* and *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace*.

HEARING SCREENING

The Indian Trail Grange #2361, in conjunction with the Lowell Public Library will offer free hearing screening for adults and children at the library on Saturday, June 3, from 9:00 AM to 12 Noon and 1:00 PM to 3:00 PM. The screening will be conducted by a technician of Beltone Hearing Aid Service, Merrillville.



YA Baby-sitting Course

Saturdays,

May 13 & 20

9 AM - 2 PM

This two-session Red Cross Baby-sitting Course for young adults, ages 11-15, will be held in the Program Room of the library. Participants must attend both sessions to receive Red Cross certification. Fee for the course is \$17. Class size is limited.

Participants can bring a bag lunch on May 13. A pizza lunch will be provided on May 20.



May Flowers Craft Corner

Miss Chris and Miss Heidi will help pre-schoolers and school age children create a Spring flower basket.

Craft Corner Hours are:

Lowell

Pre-school - Thursday, May 4, at 10 AM

School age - Thursday, May 4, at 3:30 PM

Schneider

Both Crafts - Thursday, May 11, at 3:30 PM

Shelby

Pre-school - Thursday, May 18, at 3:30 PM

School age - Thursday, May 25, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register for programs: Lowell 696-7704

Shelby 552-0809

Schneider 552-1000



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