

Lowell Library Lines

May 2001



2001: An Art Odyssey

What stirs the imagination of children in the year 2001? Find out at the 21st Annual Student Art Exhibit held in the Children's Room from May 21-26.

Hundreds of art pieces created by students grades K-5 of Oak Hill, Three Creeks, Lake Prairie and St. Edwards schools, will be on exhibit. The students use a variety of art forms to create their colorful work for the exhibit that is always a crowd pleaser.

Friends of the Library sponsor the art exhibit each year. They will host a reception to honor the young students on Thursday, May 24, at 7 PM. Family members are invited to attend. Cake, punch and coffee will be served and a drawing for art supplies will be held for all children attending the event.

Each child will be recognized for his/her accomplishment with a certificate to be given the evening of the reception. The Friends of the Library would like to thank art teachers Jill Sayers, Nancy Hedlund, Pat Larsen and Judy Weitbrock for their support of this event.

On the Fast Track!

Thanks to the generosity of the Lowell Lions Club and the Dean & Barbara White Family Foundation, Inc., the Shelby Branch Library will soon have the last phase of computer networking completed from Lowell to its Shelby Branch. This will provide faster computer service for the branch patrons.

By summer the branch library will switch from a dial-up connection to the Internet, to having a direct line.

Surviving the "Sinking of the Bismarck"

*A Presentation by Bismarck
Survivor Bruno Rzonca at the
library on Wednesday,
May 30, at 7 PM.*



As a young man Bruno Rzonca was assigned to the shipyard where the great battleship, the Bismarck, was being constructed. The ship was to become the most important and famous German ship of all time.

The Bismarck was launched on February 14, 1939. The mission of the Bismarck was to interrupt shipping between Halifax and the British Isles.

Rzonca and his shipmates were on board when the Bismarck sank the British Battleship HMS Hood.

Following the attack on the Hood British Prime Minister Winston Churchill gave the orders to "Sink the Bismarck."

After being spotted by a old Swordfish biplane, ships from the British Navy soon caught up with the Bismarck, pounding her with 700 rounds of ammunition.

Rzonca was one of 115 men out of a crew of 2,746 who survived the sinking of the Bismarck. Don't miss his harrowing tale May 30.

Meetings

Indian Trail Grange Hearing Screening Program

The Indian Trail Grange #2361, in conjunction with the Lowell Public Library, will offer free hearing screening for adults and children at the library Saturday, May 12, from 9 AM to 12 Noon and 1 PM to 3 PM.

The screening will be conducted on a first come, first served basis by Michael Nestlehut of Beltone Hearing Aid Service, Merrillville.

Big Headache Goes Away Thanks to Tax Volunteers

Preparing your taxes is no fun! The tax volunteers of the AARP made those filing headaches go away for many people who visited the library and the Shelby and Schneider Branches seeking tax assistance.

The library would like to thank Bill Allen, Howard "Smokey" Stover and Martha Gates for the many hours they gave to assist people with their tax filing. The library would also like to thank AARP for making this program possible.



Young Adult Babysitting Course

A two-session Red Cross Baby Sitting Course for young adults, ages 11 to 15, will be held in the Program Room of the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, May 12, and Saturday, May 19, from 9 AM to 2:30 PM.

Participants must attend both sessions to receive Red Cross certification. Fee for the course is \$18 due upon registration. Register now! Class size is limited. Pre-register by calling 696-7704.

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, May 16, at 7 PM.

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

Pre-school & School Age Gymnastics

The bars, balance beam, vault, tumbling, and pommel horse as well as hand-eye activities & stunts, calisthenics & stretching exercises are taught at Tumble Bears.

The gymnastic program is sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department in cooperation with the library. Call 696-1570 to register.

Red Cross Blood Drive

People in the Tri-Creek area are saving others' lives by donating to the American Red Cross. Be a blood donor.

The library will hold a blood drive on Thursday, May 31, from 2 PM to 7 PM. Call 1-800-GiveLife to register. Walk-ins will be accepted.

Free Childhood Immunizations

The Lake County Health Department will offer free childhood immunizations at the Lowell Public Library on Thursday, May 17, from 9 AM to 3 PM. The free service is offered by the Lake County Health Department. Please bring your child's immunization record.



Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

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

Basket Weaving - Shelby

Tuesday, May 8, at 6 PM
Thursday, May 31, at 9 AM
Join master weaver Julie Duttlinger to learn to weave a charming basket. Call 552-0809 for information.

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, May 10 & 24 at 7 PM.
Have you written a novel, poetry, short stories? Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum sponsored by the library and share your writings with other members.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, May 10, at 10:30 AM
Screening is offered as a service of HouseCalls.

Lowell - Tuesday, May 15, 1 PM - 4 PM
Screening is conducted by technicians of CareGivers Plus. Screening is conducted on a first come/first served basis.

Weave a "Double Decker" Basket - Lowell

Tuesday, May 15, at 8:30 AM
Thursday, May 17, at 6:30 PM
Tuesday, May 22, at 6:30 PM
Fee is \$25. The basket is on display.

Planning a Perennial Bed - Lowell

Monday, May 21, promptly at 7 PM
Master Gardener Georgia Keith will discuss what plants to look for to have a long blooming season, the need to choose the right plants for small spaces, seasonal plants, range of planting times, height of plants when planning a flower bed, maintenance of the perennial bed and related topics. There will be a slide presentation.

Financial Planning for Retirement - Lowell

Tuesday, May 22, at 7 PM
Joe Moorhead and Gloria Johnson of Primerica Financial Services will discuss financial concepts and investment principles that will give attendees a firm grasp of the retirement and investment planning process.

"The Art of Storytelling" - Lowell

Tuesday, May 29, at 7 PM
Cindy Horgash will hold a workshop for novice storytellers that will encourage participants to be better storytellers. The workshop includes an introduction to puppeteering. Cindy invites teachers, program directors, parents, grandparents, teens, home schoolers and Sunday school teachers to join in the fun of learning the art of storytelling.

Surviving the Bismarck Sinking - Lowell

Wednesday, May 30, at 7 PM
Hear the harrowing tale of the sinking of the Bismarck from one of only 115 survivors of the incident. Bruno Rzonca will tell the story of his experience on the famous battleship and the battle that led to its sinking.

Book Discussion

Enjoy the lively art of conversation at an informal gathering of people who love a good story. The book selection for May's Book Discussion is *Alice's Tulips* written by Sandra Dallas. Participants can join the evening group on Thursday, May 17, at 7 PM or the morning book discussion on Friday, May 18, at 10 AM. Pick up a copy at the circulation desk and register for "Book Discussion."

Upcoming: The Poetry Connection

(A six-week workshop)

Each Monday at 7 PM beginning June 4, Sharon Palmeri will provide instruction and discussion of several types of poetry, and exercises in "word play" resulting in the creation of poetry written by students. Fee is \$35.



Sunny Day Craft Corner

Pre-schoolers will enjoy making a comical face changing cup puppet at Craft Corner. School age children will make a suction cup butterfly.

Craft Corner hours are:

Lowell Thursday, May 3
Both crafts - 3:30 PM

Schneider - Thursday, May 10
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM

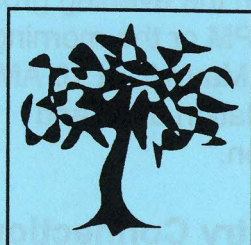
Shelby - Thursday, May 17
Both Crafts - 3:30 PM



"Closing"

The Library will be closed on Sunday, May 13, in observance of Mother's Day.

To pre-register for programs call: Lowell 696-7704 Shelby 552-0809 Schneider 552-1000



Lowell Library Lines
1505 E. Commercial
Lowell, IN 46356



"Bedtime" Storytime

Wednesday,

May 9, at 5 PM

Shelby Branch Library

Stories, Fingerplays, & Songs

Settle down on a soft comforter
for a good time at the library!

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