

May is Full of Promises

The grass has grown green, the flowers are blooming, the birds are chirping and all is being reborn in the library woods. Take time out to smell the flowers and enjoy the view on the library's five acre wooded site. Take a walk on the Nature Trail. Soon you will see a variety of butterflies, attracted by the many wildflowers that will display their beautiful colors. May also brings a wide choice of special programming you're sure to enjoy.

Saturday, May 1: The Raggedy Ann & Andy Festival of Fun begins at 9:30 AM. Special guest is Joni Gruelle Wanamaker, granddaughter of Johnny Gruelle, creator of Raggedy Ann. Throughout the day, children can enjoy the fun activities planned for them including face painting and the Bucket Toss.

Saturday, May 8: The fur traders are coming! Beginning at 12 Noon, Reenactors will demonstrate crafts from the era of the "Fur Traders" that canoed along the Kankakee River around the 1690's through the 1780's trading beads, silver, furs, cloth etc. Historical tales, games of the period for children to play, displays of "trade goods" such as the ones on display in the library exhibit case, and traditional clothing worn by the reenactors will provide an exciting afternoon for all. The program is co-sponsored by the Lake County Parks Department.

Saturday, May 15: The Northwest Poetry Society will host the ISFPC's Spring meeting. Enjoy performances by Poet Laureate Glenna Glee, Prof. Cornelius House of and Sherryl Bainbridge who will bring to you the Language of Flowers. Registration forms are available by contacting Kathy Spencer at or call 696-3338. Registration fee includes a catered lunch.

May 17 – 21: The Friends of the Library 26th Annual Student Art Exhibit will be held in the Children's Room. A reception to honor the young students will be held on Wednesday, May 19, at 7 PM.

June's Special Events

Saturday, June 5: The Friends of the Library will hold a rummage sale in the library's meeting rooms on Friday, June 7, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Community residents can help the Friends help the library by bringing donations of household items, garden and sports equipment, craft items, jewelry, games, toys, movies, CD's, cassettes, small appliances, etc. on Thursday, June 3 or Friday, June 4. **Please no clothing or large furniture.**

Monday, June 7: The "Get Hooked on a Good Book" Summer Reading Club Program and the YA Reading Program begin. The Friends of the Library will hold their annual Children's Paperback Booksale in the main room of the library for two weeks beginning June 7.

Saturday, June 12: The 1st program of the Kid's Nature Club will be held at the Lowell Public Library. At the Schneider Branch the club meets on Monday, June 14, at 10 AM. Shelby Kids Nature Club will meet on Wednesday, June 16, at 10 AM. The club, open to children 1st grade and older, will learn to identify and preserve leaves.

One Stroke Painting

Adults and young adults can paint a beautiful, flowered ceramic hot pad at Debbie Dunning's one stroke painting class on Saturday, May 1 at 10 AM. The fee for the class is \$5. Debbie will teach participants to paint fruit on Thursday, May 6, at 10 AM. The class will be repeated on Thursday, May 11, at 6 PM. Fee is \$10 due upon registration. A list of supplies is needed is at the circulation desk.

Babysitting Classes for YAs

Young Adults, 11 and older, (born before June 24, 1993) can register for the American Red Cross Babysitting Course on June 12 & 19 at the library. Participants must attend both classes to receive a certificate. Fee for the course is \$25 due on pre-registration. Bring a sack lunch and a beverage on the first Saturday.

CPR Course for YAs

The American Red Cross will offer a CPR Class for young adults, 12 years and older, on Monday, June 24, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Fee for the course is \$25 due upon pre-registration. Participants will receive a 1 year certification. Please bring proof of age, (birth certificate, etc.).

It's Free & Fun: Computer Classes

E-Mail your friends and relatives. Surf the web for antiques, buying a car, finding that perfect get-away. Beginning computer skills in surfing the Internet, Basic Microsoft Works, Excel, and Publisher are now being offered at the library. The classes are free. Call the library at 696-7704 for information on times and dates for the two-hour computer sessions.

Schneider Movies

Young people can watch a fun flick at the Schneider Branch Library on Wednesday, May 5, at 4 PM. The branch library will also show a movie on Tuesday, May 18, at 4 PM.

Art on Glass

Shelby resident artist Alan Piech is giving a new look to the Shelby Branch Library with the colorful and fanciful artwork he is creating on the windows of the branch library. His work is sure to bring a smile to all who visit the library and encourage young people to come inside!

Kid's Corner at Shelby Branch

Try your skills at a variety of board games with your friends each Thursday, at 4 PM at the Shelby Branch Library. Each Saturday, at 12 Noon children can enjoy an exciting feature movie. There's popcorn and soda too!

Band of Brothers

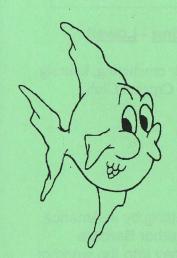
Follow the men of Easy
Company in the highly recommended series,
Band of Brothers, to be shown at the Shelby
Branch Library each Monday at 4 PM. From boot camp to the end of World War 11, the harrowing realism of this movie is riveting to view.

Food, Fun & Fiction Club

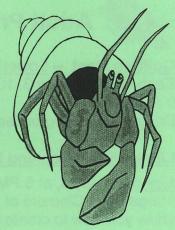
Members of the "Food, Fun & Fiction" Young Adult Book Club at the Shelby Branch Library can read and discuss *Kit's Wilderness* by David Almond on Wednesday, May 19, at 5 PM. Lowell club members will meet on Wednesday, May 26, at 4:30 PM to discuss the book. Pick up a copy at the circulation desk and register for Food, Fun & Fiction. Hungry? Enjoy snacks too!

For Those That Fear to Tread

Eye-popping special effects, chilling happenings that give you the shivers and Eddie Murphy to provide the laughs, *The Haunted Mansion* be a hit with YAs (young adults) at the Flick Feature of the Month at the library. Buy your 25 cent ticket for the movie showing on Saturday, May 22. The howling begins promptly at 12 noon. Grab your popcorn, candy and soda at our concession stand.



Just for Kids



Reading is Fun! Get Hooked on a Good Book!

Make your library the fun place to be during your summer vacation. When you join the Summer Reading Club for children ages preschool through 4th grade at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches, you can enjoy eight weeks of programs and reading adventures. Registration begins on Monday, June 7. Readers who will be 5th graders in the fall may choose between the children's Summer Reading Club and the Young Adult Reading Program.

Program Dates: June 7 through July 31

Children's SRC Highlights: Children who listen to books read to them and beginning readers (E or J++) will earn a "fish" for every 10 books read; children reading from chapter books (J Fiction or Nonfiction) earn a "fish" for every **chapter** they read! How many fish will you put in your pail?

Activities: Watch for the activities planned for the two different age groups.

Not to be missed! Special Programs include: the Kickoff Cookout, Great Pet Show, Book Walk, Bingo and the Grand Finale Carnival.



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Quilters Meet -- Lowell
Each Monday, May 3, 10, 17, 24
9 AM - 12:30 PM
Bring your quilting projects.

Library Scrapbooking Series - Lowell

Monday, May 3, at 6 PM
Margaret McClemore of Creative Memories will
show you how to create a scrapbooking recipe
book, and small albums with big receptions, a
perfect way to remember Mother's Day.
Monday, May 17, at 6 PM

Placing May flowers on borders: Vellum garden elegance without having a green thumb. Visit our book display to get inspired.

Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby Monday, May 10, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon. Offered by medical technicians

Basket Classes

With Master Basket Weaver Julie Duttlinger Shelby - Monday, May 10, at 6 PM

Weave a Picnic Basket. Fee is \$40

Lowell -

Wednesday, May 12, or Tuesday, May 25, at 6 PM Weave a Silverware Tote Fee is \$24

Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop of your choice.

ISFPC Spring Meeting - Lowell

Saturday, May 15, at 10 AM
Come to the Northwest Indiana Poetry
Society Spring Meeting. A catered lunch is
included in the registration fee of \$12. Contact
Kathy Spencer at 696-3338 or E-mail her at
<spencer1944@comcast.net> Enjoy a day of
poetry readings. Call 696-3338 for information.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell Wednesday, May 19, 9 AM to 11 AM Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening is offered by Clinical Management Services.

Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, May 17, at 6:30 PM.

Do you like to crochet? Bring your crocheting, knitting or quilting projects to the library's Crochet Club. Novices can learn from others.

Nickel and Dimed - Lowell

Coffee Klatch Book Discussion
Thursday, May 20, at 7 PM or
Friday, May 21, at 10 AM
Nickel and Dimed: On (Not) Getting by in America, chronicles the experiences of author Barbara
Ehrenreich as she takes a journey into the world of service work to experience what it is like to try to survive on low wages. Reserve your seat for Coffee Klatch.

Butterfly Gardens - Lowell

Monday, May 24, promptly at 7 PM. Botanist Naida Lehmann, Ph.D. will discuss creating a butterfly garden to attract different species of butterflies. The program is co-Sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service.

Library Board to Meet

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held on Monday, May 28, At 7 PM.

Tumble Bear

Tiny tots and school age children can get their exercise and learn gymnastic skills at the Lowell Public Library each Friday. Participants will begin to learn routines on the bars, balance beam, vault and pommel horse.

Children will also learn tumbling, hand-eye activities, stunts, calisthenics and stretching exercises. Call 865-9698 for information.

Shelby Little Kids' Movie

Young children can enjoy a movie at the Shelby Branch Library each Monday, at 10 AM. Bring your friends.

