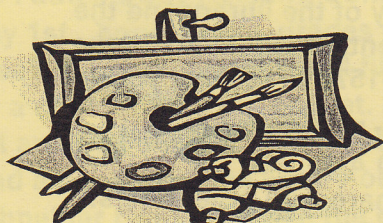




# Lowell Library Lines

May 2006



## **28th Annual Student Art Exhibit**

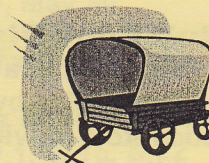
A gallery of masterpieces created by Tri-Creek area students will grace the Children's Room for the Friends of the Library's 28th Annual Student Art Exhibit May 15-19.

Students, grades K-5, from Lake Prairie, Oak Hill, Three Creeks and St. Edward's Elementary will submit over 400 works of art for the exhibit. "Art created from a child's perspective is fascinating to view, giving us a peek into their imaginations," said Library Director Barbara Berkey. "By hosting this exhibit each year at the library the Friends help nurture and encourage creativity and self-expression by providing an outlet for students to display their work."

During the week of the exhibit the Friends will hold a reception for the students and their family members. Students will be recognized for their efforts with a certificate of achievement. At the program on Wednesday, May 17, at 7 PM, Friends members will serve cake, punch and coffee.

## **On the Trail of Regional History**

Time travel through history as author Kenneth J. Schoon presents stories from his remarkable book *Calumet Beginnings: Ancient Shorelines and Settlements at the South End of Lake Michigan*. Sponsored by the library and the Three Creeks Historical Association, the program will be held on Wednesday, May 24, at 7 PM. Refreshments will be served.



At his program Schoon will explain the geology of the area that was shaped by the effects left by the glaciers of the Ice Age and how nature continues to shape the landscape of the Calumet region.

From there he will take the listener on a journey of the region before 1833, when the land teemed with plants and animals. At that time the waters were clean and clear; bears, wolves and panthers, elk and bison, roamed the land; and the bald eagle commanded the skies. This was a period of tomahawks and arrowheads that would be buried for decades, later to be unearthed as testament that the Pottawatomie, Sauk and other Indian tribes were part of the region's legends.

Schoon's stories are filled with details of the French exploration and the fur trade, the last trading posts, the pioneers, the stagecoach run between Valparaiso and LaPorte, and Fort Dearborn.

Railroad buffs will enjoy Schoon's description and photographs of the beginning of the railroads in the Calumet region. The start of the steel industry is another fascinating part of the region's history. Along the way you will hear of the founding of cities and towns from Gary to Lowell. Burns Harbor, the Dunes, wetlands and sanctuaries are included in some of the 161 historic photographs in Schoon's book, some of which have never been published. The Illinois portion of the Calumet region is also well represented in Schoon's book.

Schoon is a professor of science education at Indiana University Northwest. In his book Schoon, who has a bachelor degree in geology, combines his love of science with his passion for history. Join us for a look back at *Calumet Beginnings*. Pre-register at 696-7704.





## Adult Programs

### **Library Quilters Meet - Lowell**

Each Monday, May 1, 8, 15, 22

AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

### **Library Scrappers Meet - Lowell**

Monday, May 1 & 15, at 6 PM

Join. It's fun! Scrapbooking will be held the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month. Learn new techniques from others.

### **Greeting Cards - Schneider**

Thursday, May 4, at 6:30 PM

You can make 4 different greeting cards of your own with the help of a pre-packed kit. Please call 552-1000 to pre-register for this program.

### **Blood Pressure Testing - Shelby**

Monday, May 8, 10:30 AM - 12 Noon

Testing is offered on a first come/first served basis.

### **Adult Book Discussion - Shelby**

Monday, May 8, at 5:30 PM

*The Green Mile* by Stephen King was made into a movie starring Tom Hanks. Read the book, join the adult book discussion and then check out the movie.

### **Card Games - Schneider**

Tuesday, May 9, at 3 PM &

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### **Learn Tatting - Lowell**

Tuesday, May 9, at 6 PM

Looking to learn a new craft? Join the Library Tatters! Cherie Whybrew will teach you the technique of making handmade lace. Bring a small shuttle.

### **Adult Craft Night - Shelby**

Monday, May 15, at 5 PM

Bring your craft projects to work on with others.

### **Blood Pressure/Sugar Test -**

**Lowell** Wednesday, May 17, 9 to 11 AM

Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening is offered by technicians of the Clinical Management Services.

### **Senior Jazz Happening - Lowell**

Thursday, May 18, at 11 AM

The Lowell Senior High School Jazz Ensemble, under the direction of Andrew Killion, will perform for seniors in the library's meeting room. Bring a brown bag lunch. Ice cream sundaes, desserts and drinks are courtesy of the library and the Lowell Parks Department, co-sponsors of the event. Please call 686-1570 to reserve your seat.

### **NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell**

Saturday, May 20, at 10 AM

Bring your poetry to share with other poets. Enjoy learning the art of poetry writing.

### **"Home Town Pride" in Acrylics -**

**Lowell** Wednesday, May 24, at 9:30 AM

Recreate "Home Town Pride," an acrylic painting by artist Pat Mahns, currently on display at the circulation desk. Fee is \$13.

### **Weave Baskets - Lowell**

Wednesday, May 24, at 6 PM or

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Weave a "German Apple Basket."

Please bring a plastic bucket, scissors, pencil, tape measure, clothespins, towel and plastic bag to the basket workshop. Fee is \$30.

### **Calumet Beginnings Author - Lowell**

Wednesday, May 24, at 7 PM

*Calumet Beginnings: Ancient Shorelines and Settlements at the South End of Lake Michigan* will be presented by author Kenneth J. Schoon.

### **Catcher in the Rye Discussion - Lowell**

Wednesday, May 31, at 6:30 PM

J. D. Salinger's *Catcher in the Rye* is a novel steeped in controversy. This coming of age story, read by generation after generation, is viewed as one of America's literary treasures. Join a lively discussion at Book Group. Refreshments will be served.

## Garden Series 2006



"Pesticide Update for Homeowners" will be presented on Monday, May 22, at 7 PM. Stan Sims, Purdue University Lake County Extension Director, will discuss ridding your garden of pests. Enjoy a plant trade too! Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending this program.



## Happenings For YAs

(Grades 6th through 12th)

### YA "Father's Day" Reading Contest

For All He Does For You...Read for Him. Enter the Father's Day Reading Contest beginning May 1st. Yong adults, grades 6 through 12, can check out library books and fill out entry slips for a contest for a gift basket. Enter by filling out an entry slip each time you check out and read a book from the library or its Shelby and Schneider Branches. See the contest flyer for details.

### Mother's Day Project

Paint a Daisy Rug on Saturday, May 13 at 9 AM. All supplies are included. Fee is \$12 due upon registration. Deadline for sign-ups and/or refunds is Tuesday, May 6.

**Food, Fun & Fiction Club** for YAs, grades 6 through 12 will be held on Wednesday, May 31, at 4:30 PM. Read *Criss Cross* by Lynne Rae Perkins

**Game Night** It's your choice! Chess and board games are here. We have Chinese Checkers, Scrabble and card games. Come to the library each Thursday at 6 PM and challenge your friends. Bring your Yu-Gi-Oh cards. You won't play hungry. Have snacks on us!

**YA Summer Reading Contest** On Tuesday June 6, Summer Reading Program participants can join us for hot dogs and pop from 11 AM - 2 PM or until the food runs out.

This date marks the kick-off the library's two-month long Summer Reading Program for young adults **"Life is Full of Clues: Discover One by Reading."** Prize drawings will be held each week with the Grand Prize drawing held at the end of the program.

**YAs interested in becoming Summer Reading Volunteers** Pick up forms at the circulation desk. Forms will need to state what days you can/cannot work and have your parent's signature. Forms are to be turned in by Friday, May 19. Volunteer Orientation Day is Monday, June 5 at 3 PM. At that time volunteers will receive their schedules for their volunteer slots.

## Memorial Day Closings

The library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed on Monday, May 29, in observance of Memorial Day. The libraries will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 30.

## Schneider Kids' Corner

Board games for kids will be played on Tuesday, May 9, at 3 PM.

Kids will make a Mother's Day card and a refrigerator magnet on Thursday, May 11, at 4 PM.



## Video Special

Check out six movies on Thursday, May 25, and return them on Tuesday, May 30.

## Shelby Branch Programs

**Story Time** Kids can enjoy stories and activities each Monday, May 1, 8, 15, & 22 from 10:30 AM to 11 AM.

**Knick Knack Basket** Kids will have fun weaving this basket for Mother's Day on Thursday, May 11, at 5 PM. Fee is \$6.

**Kids Craft** On Thursday, May 18, at 4 PM, kids can make a Grapevine wreath.

**YA Book Discussion** YAs will meet on Tuesday, May 30, at 5 PM for a discussion of the novel *Criss Cross* by Lynne Rae Perkins. Have some snacks too!

### Saturday Movies

Each Saturday at 12 Noon kids of all ages are invited to enjoy a fun flick with friends.

**Game Night** Parents are invited to join their children at Game Night, each Thursday at 4 PM.

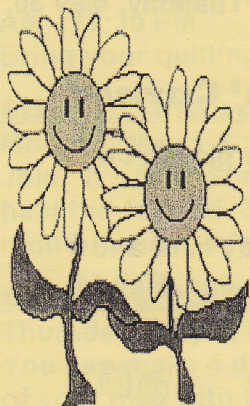
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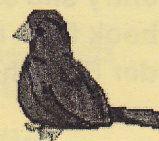
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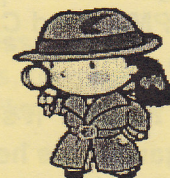
# Just for Kids!



## May Craft Corner

Decorate a grapevine wreath for spring or for Mother's Day at the Lowell Public Library. On Thursday, May 11, pre-schoolers will meet at 10 AM. On that same date, elementary school children will meet at 3:30 PM.

## Mark Your Calendar!



For a good time join the "Solve the Mysteries by Reading" Summer Reading Club Program at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches! We're gearing up to meet the crowd of young readers for some lively entertainment, activities, reading and lots more during the two-month long program. The first day to register for Summer Reading Club is Tuesday, June 6. On that date enjoy our Kick-off Cookout with hotdogs and pop from 11 AM to 2 PM! See you there!



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