

# Lowell Library Lines

May 2009

## **Children's Creative Art on Exhibit**

Art fires children's imaginations. Through art children learn to express themselves, communicate visually and problem solve while having an outlet for their emotions.

Children will have the opportunity to exhibit their artwork at the 31st Annual Student Art Exhibit during the week of May 11 at the library. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library, the work submitted features the art of elementary school students grades K through 5 grade of Three Creeks, Oak Hill, Lake Prairie and St. Edwards Elementary Schools.

On Tuesday, May 12, Friends members will host a reception to recognize the work of the students. Family members of the students are invited to come and enjoy punch and cake with the young artists after viewing the artwork in the Children's Room.

At the reception all children attending can participate in a drawing for art supplies. Each student exhibiting will receive a certificate of recognition of accomplishment.

We invite the public to visit the library between May 11 to May 15 to view the unique and original art of the young students of the Tri-Creek community.

## **In Memory**

For many years Lowell resident Kathy Spencer served her community as a member of several organizations. As a volunteer member of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees, one year as its President, Kathy was a dedicated library supporter.

Kathy and her husband Tom, long time members of the Friends of the Library, volunteered their time and talents for fundraisers and programs and hosted many social gatherings at their home for Friends members and members of other organizations Kathy served on in the community.

Kathy passed away on April 1st. We join her family and friends in celebrating her life as we mourn her passing. We will truly miss her lively spirit, generosity and fellowship.

## **On the Home Stretch**

It's nail-biting time for Indiana libraries opposed to the proposed consolidation of Indiana libraries into county-wide systems or of being mandated to form county library planning committees. Passed by the Indiana Senate, the library reconstruction bill was then tacked on with four other reform proposals in the House that failed to exit out of committee.

But there have been concerns in the library community that the library reconstruction proposal might be inserted into another bill in a last minute ditch effort by legislators to see it passed. As of this printing the legislative has called a special session. We are awaiting the results and remain hopeful that your home library will remain independent.

We thank all the supporters for their letters, phone calls and e-mails in support of their library. Your voices were heard downstate and hopefully we will persevere.

## **Lowell Adult Programs**

### **Free Computer Classes**

Learn word processing and navigating the internet. Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays and Word or Excel on Fridays. All classes are held at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-registration required.

### **Library Quilters Meet**

Monday, May 4, 11 and 18, at 9 AM  
Bring your quilting projects.

### **Senior Social**

Thursday, May 7, at 11:30 AM  
Enjoy the smooth sound of the talented Lowell High School Jazz Band. Bring a brown bag lunch and we'll provide ice cream. The program is co-sponsored by the library and the Lowell Parks Department. Call 696-1570 to pre-register.

### **Library Knitters**

Monday, May 11, at 6:30 PM  
Learn to knit. Join the club. Pre-register at 696-7704. Supplies you will need are listed at the circulation desk.

### **Adult Book Chat**

Tuesday, May 12, at 1 PM  
Read *Snow Flower and the Secret Fan* by Lisa See, and join a lively discussion. Enjoy refreshments. Pre-register at the library.

### **Poetry Group Meets**

Saturday, May 16, at 10 AM  
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society. Share your poems with others. Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month.

### **Library Scrappers Meet**

Monday, May 18, at 6:30 PM  
Scrappers meet on the third Monday of each month. Share your scrapping ideas and learn new techniques. Pre-register for this free program.

### **Help for Landscaping Your Garden**

Monday, May 18, at 7 PM  
Melissa Mravec, of Allen Landscaping, will discuss landscaping, planning and creating beautiful walkways, the use of shrubs, trees and flowers in your design, and their care and maintenance. Pre-register at the library.

### **Basket Weaving**

Tuesday, May 19 and Wednesday, May 27, at 6 PM  
Julie Duttlinger will teach you how to weave a bird house basket. Fee is \$23. Pre-register at the circulation desk.

### **BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test**

Wednesday, May 20, at 9 AM to 11 AM  
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services on a first come, first served basis. A combined cholesterol test is \$5 (cash only please).

### **Family Vacation: Scenic**

#### **Photo Memories**

Wednesday, May 27, at 7 PM  
Photographer Linda Steinberg will introduce you to new possibilities for taking wonderful family vacation photographs using digital or film cameras. Pre-register at the library.

### **Library Board to Meet**

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, May 18, at 7 PM following an executive meeting at 6:30 PM.

### **Wireless Access**

One of the popular features at the library is the Wi-Fi access. Bring your wireless-enabled laptop and relax while you surf the World Wide Web or e-mail. The library also has 13 public internet access computers for library patrons to use. Wireless access is also available at the Shelby and Schneider Branches.

## Young Adult Programs

- Thursday, May 7, 6:00-7:00 PM - Game Night .  
Saturday, May 9, 9:00-4:00 PM - Pamper your Mom with a free mini-manicure.  
Thursday, May 14, 6:00-7:00 PM - Game Night.  
Thursday, May 21, 6:00-7:00 PM - Game Night.  
Thursday, May 28, 4:00-5:00 PM - Read *Would You* by Martha Jocelyn. Have pizza and breadsticks at the discussion.  
Thursday, May 28, 6:00-7:00 PM - Game Night.

Starting May 1, bring in a picture of your Mom. Make sure you only bring a copy and that it is not a rare or valuable picture as it will be displayed in the Young Adult area of the library.

**Did you know that** the first ever product released by Sony was a rice cooker, or that a six-digit number can be found on the Scorpion tanks in *Halo*, which refers to the birth date of the game's art director, Marcus R. Lehto?



### Shelby Kids

**Wednesdays at 4 PM**  
Game Night.

**Saturdays at 12 PM**  
Movie Day every Saturday!

### **WE HAVE A WINNER!**

Lowell resident Kim Campbell was the winner of our recent contest during National Library Week.

Participants who entered the contest were asked to guess the total number of years combined that the current staff has worked at the library. Her guess of 243 years was the closest. The actual answer is 266 years! Kim won a \$10.00 gift certificate from Alco. Congratulations Kim!

### **Recycle!**

Please bring your books, paperbacks, books-on-tape, videos, DVD's, CD's, audio cassettes and magazines, in good condition, to the library...we'll take them!

We will recycle them for use in the library collection or to be placed in the Friends of the Library's ongoing booksale.

### Schneider Adults

**Saturday, May 9, 10 AM - PM**  
Adult Scrapbooking, come and go as you please.

### Schneider Kids

**Monday, 4, 11, and 18, at 4 PM**  
Game Night is held for kids, ages 10 and up.

**Thursday, May 7, at 3:45 PM**  
Make a Mother's Day card.

**Thursday, May 14, at 3:45 PM**  
Kids craft and memory game.

**Thursday, May 21, at 3:45 PM**  
Play bingo for novelty prizes.

**Thursday, May 26, at 3:45 PM**  
Kids movie night.

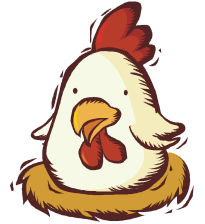
### **Library Closings**

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

The libraries will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 26.



# *Just for Kids*



## **Story Time**

Story Time is a program for four and five year olds. Each session lasts approximately 30 - 45 minutes. Parents must stay in the library during the program, however, not in the program room. You must be pre-register at the circulation desk as space is limited. Sessions are held on Tuesdays at 10 AM (March 31 - May 5) and on Wednesdays at 10 AM (April 1 - May 6).

## **May Craft Corner**

Join us on Thursday, May 14, to celebrate National Dance Like a Chicken Day! We will be making squawking, dancing chickens! The chicken will squawk and dance with a little help from you. A sample is on display in the Children's display case. Craft Corner is for children preschool through the fifth grade. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at 10:00 AM or 3:00 PM. Please pre-register at the circulation desk.

## Non-Fiction Reading Picks



- 152.46      *One Less Thing to Worry About* - Ross, Jerilyn  
282.77311      *Parish the Thought* - Ruane, John Bernard  
306.7      *Act Like a Lady, Think Like a Man* - Harvey, Steve  
323.092      *King's Dream* - Sundquist, Eric J.  
324.973      *A Long Time Coming* - Thomas, Evan  
332.024      *The Difference* - Chatzky, Jean Sherman  
362.7      *Child Care Today* - Leach, Penelope  
363.738      *Early Spring* - Seidl, Amy  
598.097      *Birds of North America*  
599.8      *The Primate Family Tree* - Redmond, Ian  
613.2      *Eat This, Not That! Supermarket Survival Guide* - Zinzchenko, David.  
613.25      *Master Your Metabolism* - Michaels, Jillian  
617.582      *Eat This, Not That! Thousands of Simple Food Swaps* - Zinzchenko, David  
640      *Show Me How* - Fagerstrom, Derek  
641.5784      *Bobby Flay's Grill It!* - Flay, Bobby  
641.5973      *Pit Stop in a Southern Kitchen* - Earnhardt, Martha  
712.6      *Home Outside* - Messervy, Julie Moir  
745.5      *Martha Stewart's Encyclopedia of Crafts* - Stewart, Martha  
747.98      *P. Allen Smith's Bringing the Garden Indoors* - Smith, P. Allen  
973.5      *American Lion* - Meacham, Jon

## Biographies

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## New Books on CD

- Blood Sins* - Hooper, Kay      *A Walk in the Woods* - Bryson, Bill  
*Mounting Fears* - Woods, Stuart      *Multiple Blessings* - Gosselin, Jon & Kate, and  
*The Road* - McCarthy, Cormac      Carson, Beth  
*Wedding Belles* - Smith, Haywood      *The Innocent Man* - Grisham, John

# What's New!

## **New Fiction Books:**

*The Alexander Cipher* - Adams, Will  
*Devil's Garden* - Atkins, Ace  
*First Family* - Baldacci, David  
*Borderline* - Barr, Nevada  
*Bone Crossed* - Briggs, Patricia  
*Just Take My Heart* - Clark, Mary Higgins  
*Prayers for Sale* - Dallas, Sandra  
*Fatally Flaky* - Davidson, Diane Mott  
*Lavendar Morning* - Deveraux, Jude  
*Still Life* - Fielding, Joy  
*In the Dark* - Freeman, Brian  
*Dare to Die* - Hart, Carolyn  
*The Forgotten Garden* - Morton, Kate  
*Perfect Poison* - Quick, Amanda

## **Mystery:**

*Thanks for the Memories* - Ahern, Cecelia  
*Wormwood* - Albert, Susan Wittig  
*Madison Avenue Shoot* - Bain, Donald  
*Long Lost* - Coben, Harlan  
*The Trail of the Wild Rose* - Eglin, Anthony  
*A Reliable Wife* - Goolrick, Robert  
*Living Witness* - Haddam, Jane  
*Bone Song* - Meaney, John  
*Mother's Day Murder* - Meier, Leslie  
*Miss Julia Delivers the Goods* - Ross, Ann B.  
*Look Again* - Scottoline, Lisa

## **New Music CDs:**

*Startin' Fires* - Blake Shelton  
*Circus* - Britney Spears  
*Closer* - Josh Groban  
*Prospekts* - Coldplay

## **New DVD's:**

*The Express: The Ernie Davis Story*  
*The Great Polar Bear Adventure*  
*Alvin & the Chipmunks: Daytona Jones*  
*Crusade: A March Through Time*  
*Sisterhood of the Traveling Pants 2*  
*The Librarian: Curse of the Judas Chalice*  
*Star Wars: The Clone Wars*  
*Ace Ventura Pet Detective Jr.*  
*Burn After Reading*  
*The Tale of Despereaux*  
*The Women*  
*Kiss me Kate*  
*Miracle at St. Anna*

*The Clique*  
*Appaloosa*  
*Bolt*  
*Quarantine*  
*Frozen River*  
*Body of Lies*  
*Quantum of Solace*  
*CATS the Movie*  
*The Visitor*  
*The Family that Preys*  
*Final Destination*  
*West Side Story*  
*Speed Racer*