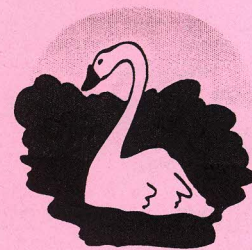


Lowell Library Lines

JULY 2004



The Fishing is Great!

"Stocking the Pond" is a full time job for staff of the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. Catching the "big ones" at the libraries are members of the "Get Hooked On a Great Book" Summer Reading Club Program. Each time a reading club member reads ten books from easy readers or picture books he or she receives a fish to put on a line to hang in the library. The youngest club members, who are read to by a parent or grandparent, also earn fish for every ten books. Members who read J fiction or non-fiction books from the children's collection receive a fish for every chapter read.

The colorful fish hanging in the libraries reflect the growing number of books or chapters read by the over 400 members of this year's reading program. "Club members love to choose the books they want to read from the thousands of selections available in the children's collection. And, it is a special moment for young club members when they are old enough to print their names and receive their own library cards," stated Library Director Francine Shreffler.

Being a club member means you get to enjoy a variety of awesome programs that make summer vacation at the library a fun time. So far this summer club members have participated in a Kick-Off Cookout, pet shows, and craft programs. According to Children's Librarian Barbara Berkey, children can still sign up as Summer Readers and take part in upcoming programs such as the Bookwalk, Bingo, Movie Day, Game Day and the Grand Finale Carnival.

Kidz In Tune!

Early childhood music specialist Kathy Birk is the creator of Kidz in Tune. She will present three programs for 3-5 year olds at the Lowell Public Library on July 7, 14, and 21.

Each day's program will feature a different theme such as Rhythm and Rhyme, and will provide learning opportunities through the use of songs, movement activities, rhythm instruments and children's literature.

Although the July 7 program is almost full, pre-registrations are being accepted now for the July 14 program.

Pre-registrations for the July 21 program will be accepted starting July 12. Class sizes are limited and parents are encouraged to attend.

Mrs. Birk taught for twenty-five years at an elementary school in Merrillville. She currently serves as adjunct professor at Purdue Calumet.

55 Alive Driver Refresher Course

AARP Driver's Safety Course will be held at the library on Tuesday, July 27 & Wednesday, July 28 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The course is the nation's first and largest classroom driver improvement program designed especially for motorists aged 55 and older. The course provides eight hours of classroom instruction that refine existing skills and develop safe, defensive driving techniques.

Class size is limited. Advance registration and prepayment fee of \$10 required upon registration.

Included in the course are a refresher of motor vehicle laws, driving techniques, and changes taking place on the road.

By successfully completing the course, participants may receive a discount on their auto insurance. Check with your insurance company company.

Thanks Again, SBC

Computer classes at the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches are free.

With a \$16,328 SBC Excelerator Grant awarded to the library in October of 2003, a mobile computer lab was established, allowing the library the capability to instruct patrons in beginning computer skills.

The mobile lab contains a combination printer/copier/scanner to provide computer users the ability to become skilled in the use of this equipment and be able to access the results of their efforts. Six laptop computers and a PowerPoint projector were purchased for computer training.

To schedule a class call the library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809, or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000



Adult Programs

Quilters Meet -- Lowell

Each Monday, July 12, 19, 26

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

Library Scrapbooking Series - Lowell

Monday, July 12, at 6 PM

Using pierced paper techniques, you can pop your snapshots right up. You'll create and take home works for cards and decorations including a 3-dimensional decoration that is spectacular. Have a cup of coffee on us at this free program.

Monday, July 26, at 6 PM

Picnic pattern paper weaving will bring out the sparkle for your 4th of July gathering. "Ants & lady bugs" will grace your page of pictures, but hopefully not your picnic.

Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby

Monday, July, 12, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon.

Offered by medical technicians.

Fast & Easy Dinner - Lowell

Tuesday, July 13, at 10 AM

The busier-than-ever lifestyles of families require meals in a flash. Even those who may be able to spend more time preparing meals choose not to, if quicker ways exist.

Explore quick fixes for a healthy lifestyle and fast meal preparation to meet the needs of on-the-go people. The program is presented by Corrine Powell of the Lake County Cooperative Extension Service.

Contract With An Angel - Lowell

Coffee Klatch Book Discussion

Thursday, July 15, at 7 PM or

Friday, July 16, at 10 AM

Enjoy reading *Contract With An Angel*, written by Andrew Greeley, a Catholic priest well known for his popular mysteries and novels. Come to Coffee Klatch and enjoy discussing this novel of adventure, suspense, romance and mystery over coffee and dessert.

Contract With An Angel tells the story of millionaire Raymond Neenan, a deplorable fellow who, in his rise to the top, abused his wife, alienated his children and was hated by his business associates and others he destroyed. A visit by his guardian angel lets Neenan know that his time on earth is short lived and he needs to redeem himself if he is to save his immortal soul. Can Neenan make amends in time?

Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell

Thursday, July 15 at 9:30 AM

or Tuesday, July 20, at 6 PM

Artist Pat Mahns will teach

participants to paint a picture of blue robins lying in a nest of flower petals. The painting is on display at the circulation desk. Fee for the course is \$12.



Northwest Indiana Poetry Society - Lowell

Saturday, July 17, at 10 AM

Bring your poetry to share with others. Come and enjoy learning the art of poetry writing.

Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, July 19, at 6:30 PM.

Do you like to crochet? Bring your crocheting, knitting or quilting projects to the Crochet group.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, July 21, 9 AM to 11 AM

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

55 Alive Driver Refresher Course - Lowell

Tuesday, July 27, & Wednesday, July 28 at 10 AM.

Update your driving skills and lower your insurance rates. Many insurance companies lower rates for drivers who have taken the 55 Alive Course. This is an eight-hour course held in two four hour sessions. Fee for the course is \$10.

Gardening Series - Lowell

Monday, September 27, at 7 PM

The Gardening Series will resume in September. The topic of the 1st program for the fall series will be "Trees."

Coming in August! Reading Contest for Adults

Enter our weekly adult reading contest beginning Monday, August 2! Adults 18 years and older can fill out a drawing slip for prizes each time they check out books.


A drawing for a small prize will be held each week and a Grand Prize Drawing will be held on Saturday, September 4. Check out our displays of new books and books of special interest.

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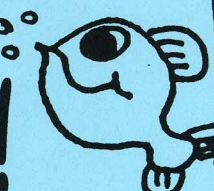
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Get Hooked on a Great Book!!



Summer Reading Program 2004

Events for Lowell Public Library

- Monday, July 5-** LIBRARY CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE HOLIDAY
- Wednesday, July 7-** Kidz In Tune Music Class for 3-5 year olds PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED
10:30 AM or 11:30 AM
- Monday, July 12-** Book Walk for all summer Reading Ages-Join in and win a book!
10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
- Wednesday, July 14-** Kidz In Tune Music Class for 3-5 year olds PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED
10:30 AM
- Saturday, July 17-** Nature Club Meeting-All about rocks and minerals!
1:00 PM
- Monday, July 19-** Movie Day for School-Age Children (first grade and above)
10:30 AM
- Wednesday, July 21-** Kidz In Tune Music Class for 3-5 year olds PREREGISTRATION REQUIRED
10:30 AM
- Monday, July 26-** Bingo at the library-Special treats for everyone!
10:30 AM or 1:30 PM
- Tuesday, July 27-** Nature Club Meeting-Night Nature Walk!
Meet at dusk
- Saturday, July 31-** Last Day to enter books on your Summer Reading record booklet!!

Events for Schneider Branch Library

- Tuesday, July 6-** Craft Day!
10:00 AM
- Tuesday, July 13-** Book Walk-Join in and win a book!
10:00 AM
- Monday, July 19-** Nature Club Meeting-Join Annie Ibarra to learn all about Wild Animal Rescue!
10:00 AM
- Tuesday, July 27-** Bingo at the library-Special treats for everyone!
10:00 AM
- Saturday, July 31-** Last day to enter books on your Summer Reading record booklet!!

Events for Shelby Branch Library

- Thursday, July 8-** Craft Day!
10:00 AM
- Thursday, July 15-** Book Walk-Join in and win a book!
10:00 AM
- Wednesday, July 21-** Nature Club Meeting!
10:00 AM
- Thursday, July 29-** Bingo at the library-Special treats for everyone!
10:00 AM
- Saturday, July 31-** Last day to enter books on your Summer Reading record booklet!!



Over the \$1000 Mark!

The Children's Paperback Booksale sponsored by the Friends of the Library raised over \$1000 for children and young adult books and programming. Lowell Tri-Kappa members helped the Friends by manning the booksale booth in the main room of the library for the two weeks of the sale.

Our thanks to all the volunteers who helped make this project a success.

YA Sign Language Classes

Free beginning sign language classes will be held for YAs, grades 5 -12, from 3 PM to 5 PM. Kelli Manigrasso of Hammond will teach the classes, held on Thursday, July 8, Tuesday, July 13, Thursday, July 15 and Tuesday, July 20.

YOGA For YA's Only!

(grades 5th -12)



Enjoy a free Yoga class presented by *Fitness Edge* instructors on Thursday, July 22, at 11 AM. Learn the basic yoga postures.

YAs Can Enjoy:

- Chess Club will be held every Thursday from 6-7:30 P.M. The club will not meet on July 1st and July 22nd.
- Feature Flicks of the Month: Don't miss the new *Peter Pan* on Thursday, July 1, at 5:30 PM. *Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen* will be shown on Thursday, July 22, at 6 PM. Only 25 cents buys you popcorn, soda and candy at our concession stand.
- Food, Fun & Fiction Club meets: Call for more information on this month's book selection and time as well as club dates.
- YA's (Grades 5-12) are invited to join the YA Library Advisory Board. Voice your opinion on library programming.

One-Stroke Painting



- Debbie Dunning will teach one-stroke painting classes to adult and young adult participants. Fees are due upon pre-registration and are non-refundable.
- **Thursday, July 1:** Salute to America! Create a "Patriotic Tin" at the One Stroke Painting Class. Fee \$6.00.
- **Tuesday, July 20.** Summer Essentials Painting Class. 10 AM - 1 PM. Fee is \$5.50

Donation Days!

Members of the YALAB, (Young Adult Library Advisory Board) grades 5th -12th, are holding a rummage sale fundraiser on Thursday, August 12 to Saturday, August 14.

You can help these enterprising young adults raise funds for special Young Adult programming at the library and its branches! Donations of used items in good condition will be taken at the library from **Monday, July 26, to Thursday, August 12.** Children and adult clothes, toys, games, small household goods, small appliances, sports equipment, CD's, cassettes, books, videos, DVDs, tools, yard equipment, jewelry, etc. will be accepted.

If you ring the doorbell at the staff entrance during working hours, someone will help you with your donations. Please, no furniture or large appliances. Your support is greatly appreciated!

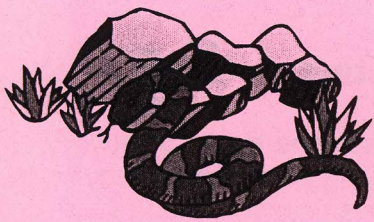
Shelby Movie Corner

Each Monday at 10 AM children can enjoy an exciting feature movie at the Shelby Branch Library. It's free. There's plenty of popcorn and soda too. Adults can enjoy Movie Hour at the branch library on Monday nights at 5 PM.

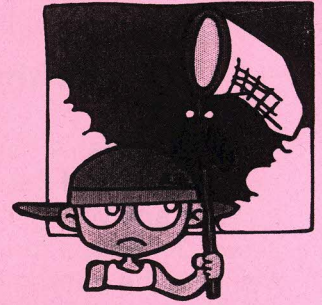


Holiday Closings

The library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed on Monday, July 5 in observance of Independence Day. The libraries will resume regular hours on Tuesday, July 6.



Just for Kids



What Does a Deer, a Rock and Insects Have in Common?

The answer to the question is that the deer, the rock and the insects will all be featured in upcoming Kids' Nature Club programs for members, grades 1st through 12th. Join now and share the adventure!

Animal Rehabilitator Annie Iberra will visit the Schneider Branch on Monday, July 12, at 10:30 AM to talk to club members about animals that she has rescued and rehabilitated. Some of her wildlife animal friends will accompany her including a baby deer, a raccoon and a crow.

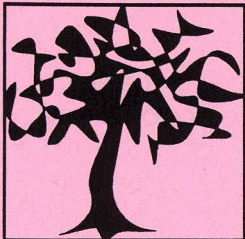
Become a Rock Hound

There's more to rocks than meets the eye! Just ask Helen and Stanley Murzyn, members of the Calumet Gem & Mineral Society. Club members are invited to bring their own rocks and minerals to "All About Rocks and Minerals" a fascinating and fun look at what lies on and below the surface of the earth. The program will be held on Saturday, July 17, at 1 PM. At the Shelby Branch Library on Monday, July 19th, at 10 AM, club members will learn about fossils and then make their own "fossil" to take home. On Wednesday, July 21, at 10 AM, the young explorers will go on a scavenger adventure looking for rocks and fossils.

Things that Move in the Night!!!



Back by popular demand is the Night Nature Walk at the Lowell Library on Tuesday, July 27. We'll meet at dusk. It's a bug hunt like no other so be sure to grab your flashlights and your bug spray and wear long pants. Then it's off we'll go to see what crawls and flies in the library woods at night!



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