



Lowell Library Lines

July 2005

New Library Director Already at Home

Barbara Zink Berkey will be stepping into a new but familiar role as she takes the helm as the new director of the Lowell Public Library.

Berkey comes well equipped for her new position, having served the library for 24 years in positions of Assistant Director, Children's Librarian, Reference Librarian, Literacy Coordinator, Cataloger, Local History/Genealogy Librarian, and most recently, Interim Director.

"I am looking forward to this phase of my library career. Keeping up with the pace of ever-changing technology is the challenge of libraries today and I want to see our library stay on equal footing. We're very proud of the local historical data on our website that continues to draw questions from all over the country and beyond. Since genealogy has always been of special interest to me, enhancing our genealogy capabilities with other on-line resources is one of my goals."

"Offering excellent service to our patrons is of prime importance. We have a multi-talented staff at the main library and its Schneider and Shelby branches, caring individuals interested in serving the public. They have to think fast on their feet and work well together as a team."

For Berkey, children are one of her main priorities. "My greatest joy has been helping to 'turn children onto reading.' I find that I am serving the children of parents whom I served when they were children. Seeing the love of reading passed on to another generation is very rewarding. One of my most enjoyable conversations recently was with a young boy who was researching how early roller skates evolved into the roller blades of today. Young readers have such diverse interests and it is fun to help them explore the library."

For the new director, library science was a calling. Berkey has been a library user since early childhood. When she graduated from Highland High School she worked as a summer school librarian. With her career goal firmly fixed, Berkey next earned her Bachelor of Arts degree at Purdue University before heading to Brigham Young University where she received her Master of Library Science while cataloging historic manuscripts and photographs.

"As a long time resident of Lowell, I have been a volunteer through Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H and the local schools. I know the people of the community and am eager to serve as their library director."



Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, July 11, 18, 25
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects and learn from other quilters.

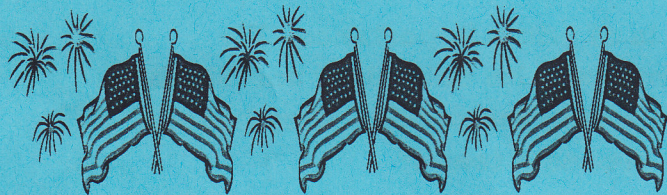
One Stroke Painting Class - Lowell

Thursday, July 7, 11 AM

At this class for adults and young adults Debbie Dunning will teach participants to paint the picture "Wave of Pride," on display at the circulation desk. Fee is \$10 due upon registration.

Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby

Monday, July 11, 10:30 AM to 12 Noon.
Take care of your health. Screening is offered by medical technicians on a first come/first served basis.



Adult Book Discussion - Shelby

Monday, July 11, at 5:30 PM
Find a cool and comfortable spot and dive into the Stuart Woods' bestseller *Orchid Blues*. Then participate in a lively discussion of the book at the Shelby library. Refreshments are served.

NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell

Saturday, July 16, at 10 AM
Bring your poetry to share with others.
Enjoy learning the art of poetry writing.

Enjoy Crochet - Lowell

Monday, July 18, at 6:30 PM
Bring your crochet projects to the library and learn or work with other crocheters. Knitters and quilters are invited too.

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Blood Pressure/Sugar Test - Lowell

Wednesday, July 20, 9 AM to 11 AM
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening is offered by technicians of the Clinical Management Services.

Adult Craft Night - Shelby

Monday, June 25, at 5 PM
Bring your craft projects and enjoy an evening working with other crafters.

Donation Needed!

The library will be accepting donations for the YA (Young Adult) Rummage Sale beginning July 11. The sale will be held Thursday, August 11-13.

Congratulations Friends!

Friends of the Library recently held their annual Children's Paperback Booksale. And helping them by manning the two-week long sale was the Lowell Tri Kappa Organization.

Proceeds from the sale, over \$800, will be used for the Summer Reading Club and the YA Reading Contest and new books for the library.

"John Wayne" Film Festival



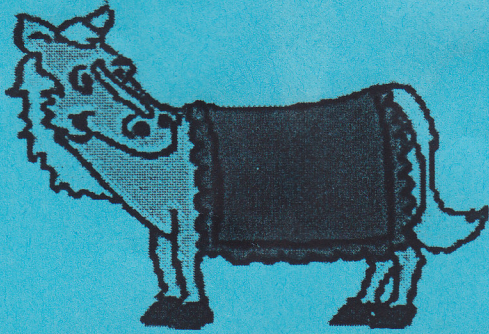
John Wayne movie fans can revisit their cowboy hero in a 4-week series of his movies each Friday at 10 AM.

Hondo: July 8 *The Searchers*: July 15

Red River: July 22 *True Grit*: July 29

4th of July Closings

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed on Monday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day.



More Adventures

"Reading on the Range"

Young cowboys and cowgirls, round up your friends for more exciting times as a "Reading on the Range" club member. Activities at the Lowell Library include:

Craft Day: Wednesday, July 6, at 10:30 AM for all ages.

Bookwalk: Monday, July 11, at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Pre-School Stories and Crafts: Wednesday, July 13, at 10:30 AM.

Game Day: Monday, July 18, at 10:30 AM for school age children.

Pre-school Stories and Crafts: Wednesday, July 20, at 10:30 AM.

Bingo: Monday July 25, at 10:30 AM and 1:30 PM.

Last Day to count for Summer Reading: Saturday, July 30.

Round - Up: Friday, August 5, at 10:30 AM. Time to celebrate all your reading achievements. Come play games, win prizes and enjoy refreshments.

Branch Summer Reading Activities:

Book Walk: Tuesday, July 12. Shelby Branch: 10 AM. Schneider Branch: 11:30 AM.

Bingo: Tuesday, July 26. Shelby Branch: 10 AM. Schneider Branch: 11:30 AM.

Reading Round-Up: Tuesday, August 2. Shelby Branch: 10:30 AM.

Thursday, August 4. Schneider Branch: 10:30 AM.

Young Adult Summer Reading Contest

There is still time to enter the YA Reading Contest! For every library book that you read, you can fill out a slip and enter the weekly drawing. The contest ends July 30, with the announcement of a "Grand Prize" winner. Contest rules are located at the desk.

Young Adult July Summer Reading Activity List

Young Adult Sign Language Course: Tuesday, July 5, 12, 19, 26, 3 - 5 PM.

One Stroke Painting Classes: Thursday, July 7, 11 AM or Saturday, July 16, 9 AM.

The project is the painting "Waves of Pride" on display at the desk.

Young Adult Game Night or Chess Club: Thursday, July 7 & 21, 6 PM - 7:30 PM.

YU-GI-OH Club: Thursday, July 14, 6 - 7:30 PM.

Young Adult Bingo: Thursday, July 28, 6 PM - 7:30 PM.

Shelby Branch Kids' Programs!

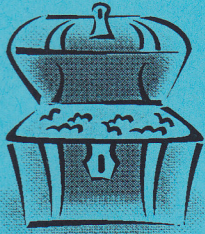
Little House on the Prairie: Each Wednesday at 10:30 AM.

Movie Day: Each Saturday, at 12 Noon. Game Day: Thursday, July 9, at 3 PM.

Tie-Dyed T-Shirts: Thursday, July 14, at 10:30 AM. Bring a white T-Shirt.

Make a Stepping Stone: Thursday, July 21, at 10:30 AM.





Kids' Nature Club

Turning Trash Into Treasures!

The Enviromobile is coming to town! Dressed in reds, yellows, blues and a multitude of other bright colors, this environmental classroom on wheels will be used to teach members of the Kids' Nature Club how to turn "Trash Into Treasures." Using scrap items, club members will make nifty crafts.

The Enviromobile will visit the Lowell Public Library on Wednesday, July 13, at 11 AM and the Schneider Branch on Wednesday, July 20, at 10:30 AM. On that same date the Enviromobile will pull into the Shelby Branch at 12 Noon for more fun activities. Call the library at 696-7704, the Shelby Branch at 552-0809 or the Schneider Branch at 552-1000 to pre-register for the Kids' Nature Club. The Enviromobile is a project of the Lake County Solid Waste Management District.

Bug hunters unite! Head for the Lowell Public Library on Wednesday, July 27, at 8 PM for the "Night Nature Walk." Bring your flashlights and mosquito repellent! Parents must join in the exciting adventure too! Under the stars, club members and family will hunt for insects along the Nature Trail.



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