



# Lowell Library Lines

August 2003



## Board Member Retires

William J. Mitchell, a resident of West Creek Township, is retiring from the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees after serving many terms that first began in 1977.

During his terms Mr. Mitchell took part in and the planning and dedication of the present library and the Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Mr. Mitchell's wife Lois, family members, Library Director Francine Shreffler, present and past board members and other invited guests will honor Mr. Mitchell for his years of volunteer service after the regular board meeting that begins on Monday, August 25, at 7 PM.

Although he is retiring, staff members expect to see a lot of Mr. Mitchell, an avid library user.

## Carnivals Celebrate Readers

"Grand Finale Carnivals" will bring to a spectacular close the Summer Reading Club Program, "Dr. Bookenstein's Monster Marathon." The two-month long program began June 9 at the Lowell Library and its Schneider and Shelby Branches. Norma Kamminga's miniature donkeys will visit Lowell during the carnival. And at the library and branches, club members will take to the outdoors to play Bozo Buckets, walk on the Candy Walk, play the fishing game, win prizes, take the Limbo challenge and have their faces painted. "Chick a Dee," the Clown will be on hand to entertain the club members and candy, Kool-Aid and popcorn will add to the festivities. St. Edwards Elementary School has donated the candy for the event.

The fun begins at the Schneider Branch Library on Tuesday, July 29, at 10:30 AM. At the main library, carnival fun will be held on Wednesday, July 30, at 10:30 AM. Shelby Branch club members will enjoy their carnival on Thursday, July 31, at 10:30 AM.

The "Monster Mash, Summer Bash" Reading Program for young adults, grades 5-12, also comes to a close with a "Grand Drawing" for prizes donated by local businesses, on Saturday, August 2. There are lots of entries for the drawing, letting us know that many young adults chose to read for fun during the summer!

## Back to School Rummage Sale

Don't miss the *Back to School* Rummage Sale at the Library. There's lots of bargains to be found at this popular, annual sale that is held by the members of the YALAB (Young Adult Library Advisory Board). Looking for clothes, infant, child, young adult and adult? The library is the place to be on Friday, August 15, and Saturday, August 16.

From 9 AM to 4 PM shoppers can look for clothes, toys, books, games, videos, cassettes, DVDs, and CDs in the library's Program Room. Proceeds from the sale will be used for materials selected by the young adults.

The community can help these young people in their efforts. Donations of the above items will be taken from now to August 14 at the library.





## August 2003 Adult Programs

### Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, August 4, 11, 18, 25  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

### Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby-Thursday, August 14, 9 AM -10:30 AM  
Offered by Technicians of Shelby Fire Dept.

### Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, August 18, at 6:30 PM

Join and learn techniques of crocheting or work with other participants on your projects. Enjoy the evening and make new friends.

### On Behalf of Innocents - Lowell

Tuesday, August 19, at 7 PM

Presented by author Caress Garten.

There are approximately 5 million victims of dog bites each year in the USA. Garten, author of *On Behalf of Innocents*, is one of them. Her attack in an Indianapolis park by two vicious dogs is vividly described in her book.

After her recovery, Garten, a dog lover herself, set about to see the law in Indiana changed to make owners of vicious dogs responsible for the injuries their dogs cause to humans.

At this program Garten gives a first person account of the workings of the Indiana Statehouse where, with the help of State Senator Sue Landske, the "dangerous dog law" was passed. Senator Landske was first author of the law that was carried to both houses before being signed by then governor, Evan Bayh.

Garten will also bring to light the underground practice of dog fighting in Indiana and her efforts to have a stronger law passed to put an end to the illegal sport.

### Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, August 20, 9 AM to 11 AM

Blood Pressure and Sugar (Glucose) screenings will be offered by Clinical Management Services.

### Caring For Your Lawn - Lowell

Monday, August 25, promptly at 7 PM.

Among the topics Stan Sims, County Extension Director, will discuss are: seeding and sodding a lawn, winterizing, weed problems, lawn maintenance, and grubs and other insect pests. Master Gardeners can achieve advanced training hours by attending programs in this series. The program is co-sponsored by the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service and the Friends of the Library.

## Share Your Poetry

The newly formed local chapter of the Indiana Federated Poetry Clubs will meet at the library on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 AM. Share your poetry writings with others. Next Meeting: Saturday, August 16.

## Library Board Meets

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, August 25, at 7 PM.

## Friends Hold Picnic



One of the garden spots of the town of Lowell is the Spencer House. Under its shade trees Friends of the Library will hold their annual picnic on Sunday, August 24, at 1 PM. New members to the Friends are always welcome. Contact Nell Fabish at the library at 696-7704 for more information.

Friends will have their next regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 PM.

## Red Cross Blood Drive

A Blood Drive will be held at the library on Saturday, August 2, from 10 AM to 3 PM. You can make a difference by being a blood donor.

Schedule an appointment by calling 1-800-448-3543. Walk-ins will be accepted.





## YA Fiction Club Fun!!!

*When Zackary Beaver Came to Town*, by Kimberly Willis, has been selected for discussion by the members of the YA Food, Fun and Fiction Club. At the Shelby Branch Library members will meet on Wednesday, August 20, at 5 PM for a lively talk and fun food to share. Copies of the book are at the circulation desk.

Lowell club members will meet on Wednesday, August 27, at 4:30 PM to have their discussion on a book to be selected at their meeting on July 30.

If you would like to be a member of the Food, Fun & Fiction Club contact the library at 696-7704 or the Shelby Branch at 552-0809.

## One-Stroke Painting for YA's

Back by popular demand, Debbie Dunning will teach another one-stroke painting class for young adults, grades 4-12. Parents and grandparents are invited to participate.

On display at the circulation desk are the "luminaries" participants will make on Thursday, August 14, at 10 AM. Fee for the course is \$3.50, due upon registration.

For more information contact the library at 696-7704.

## Chess Challenge, Anyone?

The Chess Club, a club for high school students who like to play chess, is looking for new members. Held every Thursday at 6 PM at the Lowell Public Library, refreshments are served and chess lessons are given for beginners.

Invite your friends to participate in this challenging board game. Call the library at 696-7704 to join the club.

## Help for Stutterers

From kings to comedians, some of the most famous people stuttered. Included in the list are King Charles I, Sir Issac Newton, King George VI, Clara Barton, Winston Churchill, Theodore Roosevelt, Ty Cobb, George Burns, James Earl Jones, Greg Louganis, Jimmy Stewart and Bruce Willis.

In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Waldo Bartz, the following videotapes and book on stuttering were donated to the library by Leon "Jigger" Sirois of Williamsburg Virginia, brother of Mrs. Bartz, Shelby Branch Library Head:

*Stuttering: Straight Talk for Teachers*  
*Stuttering and the Pre-school Child*  
*Stuttering and Your Child*  
*Do You Stutter: Straight Talk for Teens*  
*Therapy in Action: The School-Age Child Who Stutters*  
*If You Stutter: Advice for Adults*  
*Self Therapy for the Stutterer - Book*  
*La Tartamudez y su Nino: Una Guia Para la Familia*



## Night Nature Walk

As darkness descended and tiny creatures began to stir, the beams of flashlights carried by young explorers on a "bug" hunt suddenly invaded the nature trail of the Lowell Public Library.

On July 15 over 80 participants, members of the Kids' Nature Club and their parents and grandparents, met at the library just before dark to learn about the creatures of the night at the Night Nature Walk. Leading their way was a "top-notch" guide. Stan Sims, County Extension Director, Agriculture & Natural Resources Educator and Community Development Coordinator is not only knowledgeable about the insect world, he can also captivate young minds with his descriptions of the lives of the insects that inhabit the nature trail. When the walk was over the children had learned about the life cycle of mosquitoes, how fireflies communicate and the identification of several insects they had captured on the trail.

The explorers had listened to the sounds of the night creatures and, as Sims told them they had proven that "nature doesn't sleep at night."





# Kids' Nature Club



**Get the latest Buzz**

**Tuesday, August 19**

**3:30 PM**

Meet Beekeepers Bob Engle and Edward Rice! They are the people in your neighborhood who happens to have bees. They will introduce you to the fascinating world of bees and how honey is made. Get your sweet tooth ready to take the "Honey Taste Test" too!

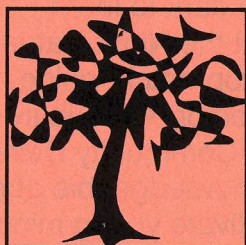
Not all bees live in a hive making honey. How many kinds of bees have you seen or do you know about? What types of homes do different bees make? What helpful things do bees do besides making honey? What harmful things do they do? Mission Impossible! Come with answers to these questions. But...."don't get stung."



Following the bee program, the young explorers of the Kids' Nature Club will take to the nature trail using the library's Creature Peepers to catch and examine insects they find on the trail. Club members can enter a drawing for insect Beanie Babies at the program. Register now for the fun!

**<<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>>**

To register for programs call: Lowell 696-7704 Shelby 552-0809 Schneider 552-1000



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