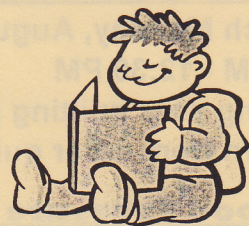


# Lowell Library Lines

## August 2005

### For the Love of Reading

It is not necessary for toddlers to be able to read to love books. And reading isn't just for students with school assignments. The proof lies within the over 500 children from pre-schoolers to 4th graders who became "Reading on the Range" Summer Reading Club members during the two-month long program at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches.



To set the western mood for the "Reading on the Range" Program and the YA (Young Adult) Reading Contest, a "Chuck Wagon" cookout at the entrance to the libraries greeted all who came to register for the programs. Hot dogs on the grill and soda from the ice wagon was served to over 500 eager readers and their parents and guardians.

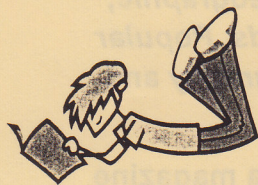
"The western theme seemed to capture the imagination of children of all ages," stated Library Director Barbara Zink Berkey, who directed the children's program. The scenes on the walls of the children's room — cowboy and cowgirls, bucking horses, covered wagon, buffalo and other prairie animals delighted the young readers, many who chose to read some of their books in the room surrounded by these images. "We haven't finished the tally of how many books were read during the program, but many children read over 100 books and others read hundreds of chapters."

Throughout the duration of the reading program, children brought their pets to the Great Pet Show, enjoyed Game Day, created crafts, viewed popular movies, took a walk on the Book Walk to win a book for their home libraries and played Library Bingo. Now they are set to enjoy the final activity of the program, "Round-Up" Day, that includes, games, prizes and refreshments.

"I was both interim director and children's librarian when the children's summer program began," Berkey stated. Now I have a new role as library director while seeing the rest of the children's summer program to its end. I would say it's been an exciting summer for me too! What a pleasure I've had working with such enthusiastic young readers. I applaud the efforts of the parents who encouraged their children to read by bringing them to the library."

On the pre-teen and teen front the YA Reading Contest experienced a strong showing from YAs who read everything from Harry Potter books to *A Series of Unfortunate Events*. One of the most popular non-fiction books; *A Boy Called IT* continues to captivate young adults. Time honored and modern classics were on many a teen's list for reading adventures.

For each book read, YA Contest participants could fill out an entry slip for weekly drawings. Winners could pick their own prizes from several offerings. Grand Prize winner names will be drawn on Friday, August 5.



One of the most positive and rewarding aspects of the Summer Reading Club Program has been the work of the YA volunteers who donate their time to help keep the program running smoothly. Manning the children's desk, they help young readers find and record in their booklets latest titles of the books they have completed. We thank them for all their efforts on behalf of the library.

Now the YAs are gearing up for their annual rummage sale this month that will take place in the library's Program Room. Donations are needed and can be dropped off at the staff entrance during business hours. A staff member will help you unload your donations.





## **Adult Programs**

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

Each Monday, August 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects and learn from other quilters.

### **Blood Pressure Screening - Shelby**

Monday, August 8, 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, August 8, at 5:30 PM

Beat the heat. Join the book discussion at the Shelby Branch.

Pick up a copy of *The Lake House* by James Patterson at the circulation desk. It's a fast read! Then share your views of the book with others. Refreshments will be served.

### **Enjoy Crochet - Lowell**

Monday, August 15, at 6:30 PM

Bring your crochet projects to the library and learn or work with other crocheters. Knitters and quilters are invited too.

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

Wednesday, August 17, 9 AM to 11 AM

Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening is offered by technicians of the Clinical Management Services. Screening is offered on a first come, first served basis.

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

Saturday, August 20, at 10 AM

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

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

Monday, August 22, at 5 PM

Bring your craft projects and enjoy an evening working with other crafters.

## **2005 Garden Series**

Peggy Sellers, Purdue's Master Gardener State Coordinator, believes in presenting a lively presentation even though the subject may be a serious one. She is known for injecting personal anecdotes to add humor to her talks.

Come and enjoy as Sellers takes you for a trip into the plant world on Monday, August 22, at 7 PM. Sellers will help you learn to "diagnose" what might ail or attack your plants, trees, or shrubs. The program is especially timely, as the Midwest is suffering through a serious draught that is taking its toll on the flora in the area.

## **Friends and Family Bring Remembrance**

Several magazine subscriptions have been donated to the library in memory or honor of a loved one by family members or friends. Each magazine issue bears the name of the remembered individual on the front cover, and a plaque inside also bears the individual's name and the name of the donor.

Businesses and organizations have also donated subscriptions to the library. Each donated magazine issue bears a plaque with the name of the organization or business.

Among the subscriptions given are *Better Homes and Gardens*, *Horticulture*, *Midwest Living*, *National Geographic*, *National Geographic for Kids*, *Popular Mechanics*, *Popular Photography* and *Wild West*.

If you would like to donate a magazine subscription from the library's wish list a sheet of titles is available at the circulation desk or you can call and ask for Loretta at 696-7704.



# ***Summer Reading Club Round-Up***



## **LAST DAY TO ENTER BOOKS TO COUNT FOR SUMMER READING**

**Saturday, July 30**

Saddle up and head for the “prairie” where cowboys and cowgirls can celebrate their reading achievements at the “Reading on the Range Round-Up.” Test your skills playing several games. Work up an appetite for some cool refreshments.

Members will take home a prize and a booklet of their reading efforts throughout the 2-month long reading program.

**Shelby Branch Library Round-Up Day:**

**Tuesday, August 2, 10:30 AM**

**Schneider Branch Library Round-Up Day:**

**Thursday, August 4, 10:30 AM**

**Lowell Public Library Round-Up Day:**

**Friday, August 5, 10:30 AM**





# IT'S AWESOME



## YA Rummage Sale

Dates: Thursday, August 11, 9 AM - 8 PM

Friday, August 12, 9 AM - 5 PM

Saturday, August 13, 9 AM - 5 PM

Bring Your Shopping Bags! For three days, members of the YALAB (Young Adult Library Advisory Board) will be in the library's Program Room to help you with your purchases as you shop for bargains. There are plenty of children's clothes for sale as well as toys, clothes, books, household items games, sports equipment, pictures, knickknacks, holiday decorations, videos, cassettes, DVDs, and CDs.

Donations for the sale are appreciated and can be dropped off any time during library hours at the staff entrance of the library. Staff members will be happy to help you unload. Please, no large appliances or furniture.

Members of the Young Adult Library Advisory Board are holding the sale to benefit Young Adult Programming at the library throughout the year and to enhance the library's YA book, music and movie collections.

## Other YA Activities

Chess Club: Meets every Thursday, at 6 PM.

YA Book Discussion: Wednesday, August 31, at 4:30 PM

Yu-Gi-Oh dates to be announced.







## "Escape Into A Good Book" Contest

The kids have had their fun over the last two months of the "Reading on the Range" Summer Reading Club Program and the Young Adult Reading Contest. Now it's time for the adults to have a little fun by entering the "Escape Into a Good Book" Adult Reading Contest.

The contest begins on Monday, August 1, at the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches. Each time a patron reads a book checked out from the library or its branches he/she can fill out a slip to be in the contest drawing. Winning slips will be drawn each Monday, August 8, 15, 22 and 29. The more you read, the more chances you have to win a gift-wrapped box with a treasure inside.

### Garden Picnic

Under a canopy of shade trees in a beautiful floral garden, the Friends of the Library will have enjoy their annual picnic.

The picnic will be hosted by Tom and Kathy Spencer at the Inn Town Bed & Breakfast on Sunday, August 14, at 1 PM. New members are welcome. Members of the NWI Poetry Society will join Friends for the social.

### Shelby Happenings

Kids Crafts: Thursday, August 4, at 10 AM

Ice Cream Party: Tuesday, August 9, at 12 Noon  
(For Summer Reading Club members with 100 books read)

Saturday Movies: Saturdays, at Noon for kids of all ages.

YA Book Discussion: Tuesday, August 23, at 5 PM. Check out *Bud, Not Billy* by Christopher Paul Curtis, a story of a boy who runs away from a foster home to seek a legendary jazz player who he imagines to be his father.

### Schneider Kids' Craft Day



Kids of all ages can make a fun craft at the Schneider Branch Library on Tuesday, August 23, at 4 PM.

## Look What We've Added!

#### New DVD:

*Phantom of the Opera*  
*The Pacifier*  
*Million Dollar Baby*  
*Meet the Fockers*  
*Tulsa: The Outlaw*  
*Beyond the Sea*  
*Aviator*  
*I-Robot*  
*Troy*  
*Shall We Dance?*  
*A Series of Unfortunate Events*  
*Borderline*  
*Magic of Ordinary Days*

#### New VHS:

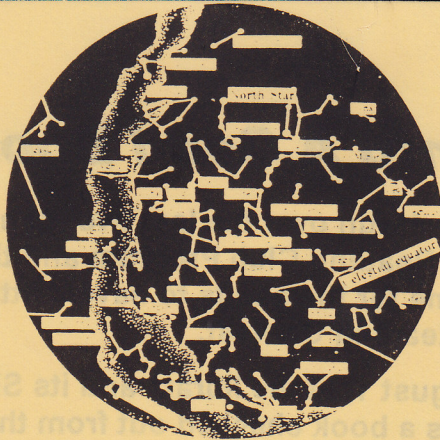
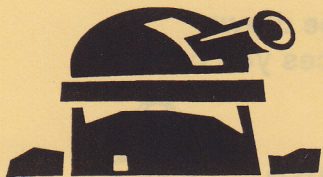
*National Treasure*  
*Joe Somebody*  
*Keeping the Promise*  
*Exit Wounds*  
*Blackwater Lightship*  
*Blind Spot*  
*Breathing Lessons*  
*Ice Princess*  
*Open Water*  
*Walking Across Egypt*  
*Virginia's Run*  
*Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow*

### Veterans to Sponsor Blood Drive

Helping to give the gift of life, members of the American Legion Post #101 will be on hand to assist blood donors at the American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, August 6, from 9 AM to 2 PM.

Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to schedule your blood donation. Please bring ID! Walk-ins will be accepted.





# Kids' Nature Club

## Earth to Sky: We're Watching!

**"Getting to Know the Night Sky" is the theme for the August meeting of the Kids' Nature Club at Lowell and its Shelby and Schneider branches.**

Imagine a library room transformed into a planetarium! Kids' Nature Club members of the library and its Schneider Branch will "visit the night sky" through the use of a globe that creates the impression of a full 360-degree planetarium. View the stars and learn about the constellations from your guide, Terry Miller.

Club members at the Shelby Branch will use a solar oven to create delicious "out of this world" edibles. Club members at each library will also create their own constellations in a can.

**Dates for the Kids' Nature Club are:**

**Shelby Branch: Tuesday, August 9, at 10:30 AM. Pre-register at 552-0809.**

**Lowell Public Library: Tuesday, August 9, at 7 PM. Pre-register at 696-7704.**

**Schneider Branch: Thursday, August 11, at 10:30 AM. Pre-register at 552-1000.**



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