

Lowell Library Lines

August 2008



Reptile Adventures at the Library

Did you ever touch an alligator or a large snake? Kids of the “Going Green: Every Little Bit Helps” Summer Reading Club and their families and friends are invited to enter the world of reptiles at Dave DiNaso’s Traveling World of Reptiles program at the Lowell Public Library on Tuesday, August 5, at 11 AM. DiNasso will be bringing 10-12 reptiles and amphibians, - an alligator, snakes, turtles, etc. — from around the world for Summer Reading Club members to see and touch. Reptile books will be on display and available at checkout.

Dave began his interest in the reptile world at the age of eight and now over 100 reptile specimens make their home at his house. Dave is a reptile breeder on a mission to educate people on the importance of reptiles and amphibians to the environment and how people can help protect them.

Each year, Dave makes hundreds of personal appearances at schools, libraries, public events and private parties. The reptile program offers humor, education of the natural world and plenty of audience participation, under sunny skies, as the program will be held outdoors on the library grounds.

Picnicking Under the Oaks

Amidst the great oak trees, enhanced by flower and herb beds, the Annual Picnic of the Friends of the Library will take place on Sunday, August 3, from 1 PM to 5 PM. The picnic will be hosted by Friends members Tom and Kathy Spencer at their Inn Town Bed and Breakfast at 1651 E. Commercial Ave.

New members are welcome. If you would like to join the Friends, contact Nell Fabish or Becky Ashe at the library at 696-7704. Dues are \$5 a year.



Donate Your Dustcatchers

Don't let those unwanted items in your home gather dust. We want them! The YA (Young Adult Department) of the Lowell Public Library is busy collecting new and used items for the Annual YA Rummage Sale to be held in the Program Room of the Library on Thursday, August 7, 9 AM to 8 PM, Friday, August 8, from 9 AM to 5 PM and Saturday, August 9, from 9 AM to 4 PM.

More items are needed! Keep those boxes coming! The library will take your unwanted household goods, tools, pet items, decorative pieces, DVD's, VHS tapes, cassettes, books, books-on-tape, children and adult clothes, tools, toys, games, exercise equipment, garden equipment, small furniture, etc. Bring them in clean condition and in working order to the library's staff entrance. Ring the doorbell and someone will help you with your donations.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to fund YA programming for 2009 to purchase books and CDs for the Young Adult collection. Last year the rummage sale raised over \$1,200 for the library.

Lowell Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet

Each Monday, August 4, 11, 18, 25.
9 AM - 12:30 PM. Bring your quilting projects.

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, August 16, at 10 AM.
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society that meets on the 3rd Saturday of each month. For more information call Tom Spencer at 696-3888.

BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test

Wednesday, August 20, 9 AM to 11 AM.
Free blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management, provided on a first come, first served basis. Also available is a combined cholesterol test for \$5.00 (currency only please).

Free Computer Classes

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

Library Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, August 18, at 7 PM.

Blood Drive

An American Red Cross Blood Drive, co-sponsored by GFWC Lowell Women's Club and the library, will be held on Saturday, August 2, from 9 AM to 1 PM.

If you can be a blood donor, schedule an appointment by calling 1-800- GIVE LIFE (448-3543.) Walk-ins will be accepted.

To give blood you must be healthy, and at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, not have donated blood in the last 56 days or donated double red cells in the last 112 days. There is no upper age limit. Please bring ID!

At the Shelby Branch

Book Talk

Check out one of Stephen King's best, *The Langoliers*. Enjoy this horror story and discuss it with others on Friday, August 8, at 11 AM.

Adult Craft

Monday, August 18, at 5 PM.
Bring your craft projects to work with others and share ideas.

National Potato Day

Tuesday, August 19, All day!
Come on in and have some potato chips!

Adult Bingo

Monday, August 25, at 5 PM.
Play bingo for novelty prizes.



At the Schneider Branch

Adult Scrapbooking

Saturday, August 9, at 10 AM.
Join us for our monthly crop and share your layouts and newest techniques with others.

Fall/Winter Branch Hours

Shelby Branch

Monday	9 AM-12 PM and 3PM-7 PM
Tues-Thurs.	3 PM-7 PM
Closed Friday	
Saturday	9 AM-2 PM

Schneider Branch

Monday	2 PM- 7 PM
Tues-Wed.	3 PM- 6 PM
Thursday	3 PM- 7 PM
Closed Friday	
Saturday	10 AM-12 PM



What's New At the Library

Check Out New Fiction Books

All Through the Night - Davis T. Bunn
Say Goodbye - Lisa Gardner
Silent Thunder - Iris Johansen
Winter Turns to Spring - Catherine Palmer
Rules of Deception - Christopher Reich
A Sister's Hope - Wanda Brunstetter
Now and Always - Lori Copeland
The Last Time I was Me - Cathy Lamb
The Last Patriot - Brad Thor
The Deceived - Brett Battles
TailSpin - Catherine Coulter
No Choice But Seduction - Johanna Lindsey

Mystery

Another Man's Moccasins - Craig Johnson
Killer View - Ridley Pearson
Cockatiels at Seven - Donna Andrews
Swan Peak - James Lee Burke
Palace Council - Stephen L. Carter
Hit and Run - Lawrence Block
Where Memories Lie - Deborah Crombie
Don't Tell a Soul - David Rosenfelt
Body of Evidence - Cornwell, Patricia
A Royal Pain - Rhys Bowen
Chasing Darkness - Robert Crais

Newly Added DVDs

Welcome Home, Roscoe Jenkins
Mad Money
Fool's Gold
Over Her Dead Body
Miracle of the White Stallion
One Missed Call
The Final Season
Rails & Ties
Fiddler on the Roof



CDs Added. Have You Heard?

Raising Sand - Robert Plant
5th Gear - Brad Paisley
The Road to Here - The Road to Here
Everything is Fine - Josh Turner
Love Songs - Trisha Yearwood
Trace Adkins: Greatest Hits
How Great Thou Art - Gospel Favorites
Alan Jackson: Greatest Hits Vol II
Julianne Hough - Julianne Hough
Veggie Tales: Greatest Hits
Alvin and the Chipmunks: Original Soundtrack
Long Road Out of Eden - Eagles
Donny Osmond: From Donny ...With Love

Did you like that last book you checked out? We want to hear from you. Thumbs Up or Thumbs Down? Would you recommend it to others? Write your opinion on a yellow card, located on the table at the circulation desk. Fill out the front and back of the card and it will be posted with others. Each month the cards will be entered into a drawing for a free gift certificate.

Non-Fiction Reading Picks



- 781.66 *The Beatles Complete Scores*
- 305.235 *Me, MySpace, and I* - Larry D. Rosen
- 973.931 *Never Again* - John D. Ashcroft
- 647.95772 *Café Indiana* - Joanne Ratez Stuttgen
- 362.196 *My Maggie* - Richard King
- 303.49 *The Post American World* - Fareed Zakaria
- 155.91 *Snoop* - Sam Gosling
- 973.931 *The Prosecution of George W. Bush for Murder* - Vincent Bugliosi
- 959.704 *Tiger Force* - Michael Sallah
- 289.3092 *Stolen Innocence* - Elissa Wall
- 331.3092 *While American Aged* - Roger Lowenstein
- 355.0023 *Career Opportunities in the Armed Forces* - C.J. Henderson
- 636.9885 *Nim Chimpsky* - Elizabeth Hess
- 641.555 *Ultimate Bisquick Cookbook*
- 745.5068 *Crafting a Business* - Kathie Fitzgerald,
- 664 *Tomorrow's Table* - Pamela C. Ronald
- 745.5 *1001 Full-size Patterns, Projects & Ideas* - Susan M. Banker
- 745.594 *Christmas*
- B *Maya Angelou* - Marcia Gillespie

Have You Read?

The Post-American World by Fareed Zakaria, author and editor of *Newsweek International*, offers the reader Zakaria's prospective of the changes that are taking place in the new Global Age. In his book Zakaria reflects on America's position in the past and the challenges it faces in the future, coming from the new growth and prosperity taking place in China, India, Russia, Africa, Russia, etc. His views on the global power shift taking place and America's position in this international landscape will hold the attention of readers interested in world politics.

Fiction readers should try *The Story of Edgar Sawtelle* by David Wroblewski. More than a story of a boy and his dogs, this book has a unusual twist. The boy, Edgar, is mute, living on a Wisconsin farm where his father raises a "fictional" breed of dogs, the Sawtelle. An uncle's arrival to the farm has ominous consequences as the boy's father is murdered, and Edgar is forced to flee into the woods with three of the dogs. Readers will take pleasure in the beauty of the books' language while being captivated by the story of the boy's struggle to survive his hostile environment, the bonds of loyalty he finds within the nature of the unusual Sawtelle dogs and the retribution he seeks. Readers will find comparisons to Shakespearean characters in this suggested read.

Young Adult Programming - Lowell

August 2008

Thursday, August 7, at 9 AM. Rummage Sale. (No Game Night).

Thursday, August 14, at 6 PM. Game Night.

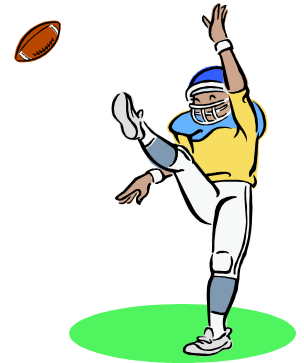
Thursday, August 21, at 6 PM. New Game Night (Wii, PS2, Xbox).

Thursday, August 28, at 6 PM. Bunco.

Madden Tournament Results

Undefeated last year at the library's Madden Tournament for young adults, Middle School teacher and cross-country coach Joshua Blink recently defended his title, once again challenging several young players to the fast paced video game.

Fortifying themselves at the library's "snack bar" between "time out" the YAs put up a good fight but met their match with the seasoned player. Blink looks forward to the 3rd Annual Madden Tournament. He's not worried about being dethroned. It's more about fun and good sportsmanship.



Schneider Kids

Saturday, August 2, at 11 AM.

Saturday Morning Movie.

Monday, August 4, at 11 AM. Game Day.

Wednesday, August 6, at 1 PM.

Bookwalk and Pinata

Monday, August 11, 18, and 25, at 4 PM.

Join us playing games with the new "10 and Over Club" each Monday night at 4 PM.

Thursday, August 14, at 3:45 PM.

Play bingo for fun prizes!

Saturday, August 16, at 10:30 AM.

Saturday Morning Movie.

Tuesday, August 19, at 3:45 PM.

Children's Craft Day.

Saturday, August 30, at 10:30 AM.

Saturday Morning Movie.

Checkout our Website

[Http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us](http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us)

Lowell History on the Web

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/history.htm>

Richard Schmal's

"Pioneer History" Column

<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/ltschmal.htm>

Shelby Kids

Wednesday, August 6, at 10:30 AM.

Nature Club Bookwalk and Pinata.

Thursday, August 7, at 11:30 AM.

Water Games and Lunch. Bring a sack lunch and have fun with water games.

Wednesday, August 13, 20, 27. 4 PM

Kids Game Night.

Saturdays at 12 PM. Kids' movie.

Book Bargains

Community residents who have recycled their hardcover and paperback books, magazines, videos, DVDs, CDs, and puzzles to the Friends of the Library's Ongoing Booksale have given thousands of hours of reading, listening and recreational pleasure to others from these donations.

The booksale is a project of the Friends of the Library to help fund programming at the library and its branches.

New Magazines

Check out our magazine selections, located across from the circulation desk and at our Shelby and Schneider Branches. Recently added at the main library are *Hairdo Ideas* and *Real Simple*.



Kids' Nature Club

Take a musical walk round and round and win a book for your home library. Strike the pinata! If it breaks, collect the treats.

Schneider Branch

Wednesday, August 6, at 1 PM. Bookwalk and Pinata.

Shelby Branch

Wednesday, August 6, at 10:30 AM. Bookwalk and Pinata.



Newsletter Mailings

Due to the increasing cost of mailing the Library Lines newsletter to area businesses, public entities and organizations, the Friends of the Library now limits its mailing of the newsletter to Friends members. The newsletter is available at the library, and on the library's website at <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/>.

The Friends will also be happy to send the newsletter via E-mail upon request.