

Lowell Library Lines

August 2009

Reptiles to Take Center Stage



How many children does it take to hold a 13 1/2ft. python? Come to the fascinating reptile show at the Lowell Public Library on Tuesday, August 4, at 11 AM and do the counting. At Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles show, meet Chiquita, a Burmese python that weighs over 115 pounds and is sure to thrill the crowd. Touch her! She loves being part of the show that includes Webster, the tarantula; Norris, the Nile crocodile; Kilo, a huge African bullfrog; Campbell, the snapping turtle and many of the other friends of Dave's in the reptile and amphibian world.

Part educational, Dave's program is loaded with laughs and inter-active moments with his audience. The event is open to both children and adults, and is the Grand Finale of the "Travel the Open Book Road" Summer Reading Club Program.

World War II Remembered at Library Program

Military service veterans, history buffs, students and the general public are invited to hear the stories of Nathan Long, a WWII reenactor and history researcher. He will share stories about the men he portrays at the Lowell Public Library on Wednesday, August 12, at 7 PM.

A reenactor for eight years, Long's interest in this period in our nation's history has given him unique experiences. He was interviewed for the documentary "Hero Ships" on the History Channel. One of the landing ship tanks (IST-325) is now in Evansville. These ships landed troops in Africa, Normandy, and Italy. When the U505 submarine was restored at the Museum of Science and Industry, Long was an extra in the movie that was made to show to visitors to the sub. In uniform and bringing original gear he has collected, Long will share a wealth of knowledge that will be of interest to young and old. The program is free and co-sponsored by the Three Creeks Historical Association and the library.

Young Adult Rummage Sale is Coming

Donations Needed

You can help the library better serve the teens and pre-teens in the Tri-Creek community. The YA Department of the Lowell Public Library is asking community residents for donations of unwanted household items to help raise money for young adult programming at the library. The rummage sale will be held Thursday, August 6 through Saturday, August 8. Donations will be taken from Monday, July 31, to Wednesday, August 5. Staff will be happy to help you unload your donations at the staff entrance to the library, at the east end of the library drive.

Toys, games, exercise equipment, outdoor materials, tools, decorative pieces, DVD's, VHS tapes, cassettes, books, books-on-tape, etc., are appreciated. Small items of furniture or appliances can be accepted, but no large items of this kind can be taken.

Lowell Adult Programs

Free Computer Classes

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

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, August 1, 9 AM - 1 PM.
Co-sponsored by the Lowell Public Library and the GFWC Lowell Women's Club. Please call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE to schedule your blood donation appointment.

Library Quilters Meet

Monday, August 3, 10, 17, and 24, at 9 AM.
Bring your quilting projects.

Library Knitters

Monday, August 10 and 24, at 6:30 PM.
Learn to knit. Join the club. Pre-register at 696-7704. Supplies you will need are listed at the circulation desk.

Three Creeks Historical Association

Wednesday, August 12, at 7 PM.
Meet Nathan Long, a 24-year-old WWII reenactor, collector, and researcher. He will be in uniform and bring some of his WWII memorabilia collection to show.

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, August 15, at 10 AM.
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society. Share your poems with others. Meets the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Library Scrappers Meet

Monday, August 17, at 6:30 PM.
Scrappers meet on the third Monday of each month. Share your scrapping ideas and learn new techniques. Pre-register for this free program.

BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test

Wednesday, August 19, at 9 AM to 11 AM.
Blood pressure and sugar (glucose) screening are offered by Clinical Management Services on a first come, first served basis. A combined cholesterol test is \$5 (cash only please).

Crime Prevention

Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 PM.
Learn how to keep yourself from being a victim of crime. Join Officer Martin of the Lowell Police Department for a presentation on C.P.T.E.D. (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) and Crime Prevention Through Situational Awareness.

Garden Series

Monday, August 24, at 7 PM.
Learn all about composting from Master Gardener Larry Anderson. He will be taking your questions and sharing some hints to make gardening easier.



Library Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, August 17, at 7 PM, following an Executive meeting at 6:30 PM.

Wireless Access

One of the popular features at the library is the Wi-Fi access. Bring your wireless-enabled laptop and relax while you surf the World Wide Web or e-mail. The library also has 13 public internet access computers for library patrons to use. Wireless access is also available at the Shelby and Schneider Branches.

Young Adults- Lowell



Thursday, August 13, at 4 PM - 5 PM.
Read *Generation Dead* by Daniel Waters.
Join in the discussion with other teens.
Pizza and breadsticks will be served.

Thursday game nights will resume in September
with Playstation 2, Wii, and Xbox 360.

Did you know that sixty-nine percent of American heads of households play computer and video games? Or that the average game player is 33 years old and has been playing games for 12 years? Or that the average age of the most frequent game buyer is 40 years?

Shelby Adults

Monday, August 24, at 3:30 PM.
Seniors play bingo for novelty prizes.

Shelby Kids

August 1- 31
Coloring Contest with weekly prizes.

Wednesday, August 12, 10:30 AM to 12 PM.
Watermelon Fun Day with games, contests, and watermelon eating too!

Saturday, August 15, 10:30 AM to 12 PM.
Wii Bowling Tournament.

Wednesdays at 4 PM.
Game Night.

Saturdays at 12 PM.
Movie Day every Saturday!

Schneider Adults

Saturday, August 8, 10 AM - 10 PM.
Adult Scrapbooking, come and go as you please.

Schneider Kids

Monday, August 3, 10, and 24, at 4 PM.
Game Night is held for kids, ages 10 and up.

Thursday, August 13, at 11 AM.
Kids cooking.

Thursday, August 20, at 3:30 PM.
Kids Movie Night.

Thursday, August 27, at 3:30 PM.
Kids play bingo for fun prizes.

Recycle!

Please bring your books, paperbacks, books-on-tape, videos, DVD's, CD's, audio cassettes and magazines, in good condition, to the library... we'll take them!

We will recycle them for use in the library collection or to be placed in the Friends of the Library's ongoing booksale.





Just for Kids



Back to School Bingo

Come to the library on Thursday, August 20, to play Back to School Bingo for fun prizes! Preschoolers through fifth graders are invited to attend. Pre-register for either the 10 AM or the 3 PM session. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult

Fun Facts about Reptiles

There are more than 8,000 species of reptiles on the planet, and they live on every continent except Antarctica (where it is too cold).

Reptiles are among the longest-lived species on the planet. For example, large tortoises such as the Aldabra Tortoise can live for more than 150 years. Alligators can live nearly 70 years. Ball pythons, a popular type of pet snake, can live up to 40 years. (Consider that before getting one as a pet.)

Contrary to popular belief, chameleons do not change their color to blend in with different backgrounds. Chameleons are naturally camouflaged with their surroundings (most are predominantly green to match their treetop environment). The fact is that chameleons change their color in limited ways, usually by brightening or darkening their skin. But these color changes are related to temperature regulation and emotional changes. A frightened or angry chameleon, for example, will become extremely bright in color.

Non-Fiction Reading Picks



- 248.86 *Get Out of That Pit* - Moore, Beth
- 305.4095 *The Girl from Ames* - Zaslow, Jeffrey
- 346.078 *The New Bankruptcy* - Elias, Stephen
- 364.15 *The Unbreakable Child* - Richardson, Kim Michelle
- 364.1523 *Vanished at Sea* - Dirmann, Tina
- 373.7888 *Columbine* - Cullen, David
- 557.27 *The Vanishing Face of Gaia* - Lovelock, James
- 613.2 *The End of Overeating* - Kessler, David A.
- 613.25 *Diet Myths That Keep Us Fat* - Synderman, Nancy L.
- 613.25 *Master Your Metabolism* - Michaels, Jillian
- 615.851 *Psychic Healing* - Browne, Sylvia
- 616.99 *Life over Cancer* - Block, Keith
- 634 *Landscaping with Fruit* - Reich, Lee
- 635 *3 Step Vegetable Gardening* - Mercer, Steve
- 635.9 *50 High-Impact, Low-Care Garden Plants* - DiSabato-Aust, Tracy
- 640 *Made from Scratch* - Woginrich, Jenn
- 641641.5635 *Weight Watchers New Complete Cookbook*
- 642.71 *Best of the Pillsbury Bake-Off Cookbook*
- 643.3 *Norma Vally's Kitchen Fix-Ups* - Norma Vally
- 646.46 *Pretty Little Purses & Pouches*
- 650.1 *Rules of Thumb* - Webber, Alan M.
- 658.022 *Loops: The Seven Keys to Small Business Success* - Chanet, Mike
- 745.593 *Outstanding Mini Albums* - Acs, Jessica
- 745.926 *Bouquet Chic* - Kapur, Kimberly Aurora
- 796.357 *George* - Golenbock, Peter
- 796.72 *The Great American Gamble* - Menzer, Joe
- 814.6 *Pretty in Plaid* - Lancaster, Jen
- 910.4092 *My Favorite Place on Earth* - Dunn, Jerry Camarillo
- 973.3 *Glenn Beck's Common Sense* - Beck, Glenn

What's New!

New Fiction Books:

Shadow of Betrayal - Battles, Brett
Orange Mint and Honey - Brice, Carleen
Dying for Mercy - Clark, Mary J. Behrends
Abandon - Crouch, Blake
Love Walked In - De Los Santos, Marisa
The Bride Will Keep Her Name - Goldstein
Seen the Glory - Hough, John Jr.
Burn - Howard, Linda
Trust No One - Hurwitz, Gregg Andrew
Storm Cycle - Johansen, Iris
Midnight Sons - Macomber, Debbie
Defector - Silva, Daniel
Undone - Slaughter, Karin
Summer House - Thayer, Nancy

Mystery:

Royal Flush - Bowen, Rhys
Rain Gods - Burke, James Lee
Fire and Ice - Jance, J.A.
Plague of Secrets - Lescroart, John T.
Swimsuit - Patterson, James
Get Real - Westlake, Donald

Biographies:

B GILBER *Prairie Tale* - Gilbert, Melissa
B DILLIN *Dillinger's Wild Ride* - Gorn, Elliot
B ARMSTR *Lance* - Wilcockson, John
B BLAGOJ *Pay to Play* - Brackett, Elizabeth

DVDs

Benny and Joon
Breathing Lessons
Dark City
The Forgotten
The International
Jersey Girl
Knowing
New In Town
An Officer and a Gentleman
Other Side of Heaven
Outsiders
Passengers
Pink Panther 2
Princess Mononoke
Singing in the Rain
Species
Species II.
Taken
Taking Chances
Valkyrie

Children's Titles

An Avonlea Christmas Movie
The Backyardigans: Into The Deep
Bob the Builder on Site: Skyscrapers
Bob the Builder on Site: Houses & Playgrounds
Color of Magic
Coraline
Dr. Doolittle: Million Dollar Mutts
Fox and the Hound
Hook
Lilo and Stitch
Mickey and the Beanstalk
Mickey's Big Splash
Nightmare Before Christmas
Scooby-Doo: Monster Matinee
Shark Tales
SpongeBob -The Big One
Treasure Planet
We're Back! A Dinosaur's Story