

Lowell Library Lines

SEPTEMBER 2001

Good News Travels Fast

Grand Opening of Nature Trail

Lake County's only library nature trail will officially open on Saturday, September 29, at 10 AM. Guided tours, open to the public, will be available. The trail and outdoor classrooms will be open year round to small groups and individuals who have an interest in learning about trees, wildflowers, landscaping, and the environment in general.

Maps and information will be available for those who wish to do a self-guided tour. Plans are in place to affix permanent plaques throughout the trail to identify trees and to recognize individuals, families and businesses who have donated the trees. The trail will provide a unique opportunity for residents to increase their knowledge of outdoor life during any month of the year.

Our thanks to Stan Sims of the Purdue Cooperative Extension Service for his guidance, to the many Master Gardener volunteers who helped prune and mulch the trail, and to the Lowell Street Department for providing the mulch.

If you would like to donate a tree for the library or in memory of a loved one or friend contact Library Director Francine Shreffler.



The Junior Master Garden Program

Adults interested in starting a Junior Master Gardener group in Lake County are invited to attend a two-hour workshop at the Lowell Public Library on Tuesday evening, September 11, from 7-9 PM.

At the free workshop the Junior Master Gardener program will be explained and hands-on activities will be conducted by Stan Sims, Extension Educator for the Purdue University Cooperative Extension Service. Please call the Extension Office for reservations by Friday, September 7.

Lowell Arbors T-Shirts Go On Sale

Just in time for the Grand opening of the Nature Trail, the Friends of the Library will offer Library Arbors Nature Trail T-shirts for sale (sizes L & XL)

The attractive shirts will be available beginning Monday, September 17. The shirts are 100% cotton and priced at \$12. Proceeds from the sale will be donated to the Friends to benefit the library.

Just As Promised: The Gates Computers Are Here

For two months we have written about them. Now it's time for you to try out the new Gates computers that are installed in the Young Adult, Children's and Reference sections of the library.

Staff members, experimenting with the computers, had lots of fun creating a pond, mapping their vacations, reading interactive children's books and playing all the games.

Five of the six new computers will have Internet Access, adding to the eight original internet stations.



Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: September 10, 17, 24
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Mid-West Writers' Forum - Lowell

Thursdays, September 13 & 27 at 7 PM.
Join the Mid-West Writers' Forum, sponsored by the library, and share your writings with other members.

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby - Thursday, September 13
9:30 - 10:30 AM

Lowell - Tuesday, September 18
1 PM - 4 PM

Tree Selection - Lowell

Monday, September 24, promptly at 7 PM
This quality program in the Gardening Series will emphasize tree selection. The topics to be discussed will be tree selection and establishment. Dr. George Ware, from Morton Arboretum, will be the speaker. Information will include the selection of trees to grow in relation to growing conditions as well as caring for trees after they have become established.

Children's Gymnastics

Routines on the bars, balance beam, vault, and pommel horse are taught at the library each Friday afternoon. Join Tumble Bears and learn tumbling, hand-eye activities, stunts, calisthenics and stretching exercises. Call 865-9698 for information or to register your child.

Free Childhood Immunizations

The Lake County Health Deptt. will offer free childhood immunizations at the library on Thursday, September 16, from 9 AM to 3 PM on a first come, first served basis. Please bring your child's immunization record.

Book Discussion

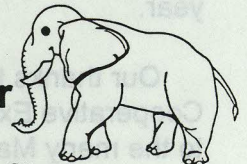
A good thriller, one that you can't put down, is a treasure. Lee Child's novels are no exception.

Read *Running Blind* and join an informal book discussion group at the library to talk about this novel on Thursday evening, September 20, at 7 PM or Friday morning, September 21, at 10 AM. Pick up a copy of *Running Blind* at the circulation desk and register for "Book Discussion."

Labor Day Closings

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches will be closed Monday, September 3, in observance of Labor Day. The libraries will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 4. Check out six videos on Thursday, August 30, and return them Tuesday, September 4.

Circus Spectacular



Don't miss the Kelly-Miller Circus on the grounds of the American Legion in Lowell, to be held on Thursday, September 6, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM. The circus, sponsored by the Lowell Labor Day Organization, features elephants, sword balancing, flying trapeze artists, clowns, canine capers, and lots more. Tickets are available at local stores.

The 82nd Lowell Labor Day Parade will be held on September 3, beginning at 9 AM on Commercial Ave. The Lowell Parade is the oldest, continuous Labor Day parade in the state of Indiana. Grand Marshall for the parade will be Commissioner Gerry Scheub.

The Lowell Labor Day Organization will also hold two days of fun, food, and band music on Mill Street, Sunday, September 2, and Monday, September 3.



Club Members Went "Wild" For Reading Program

Most children never see a wild bird of prey up close that is not in a cage. Members of the "Be an Animal Summer Reading Program" were captivated by the kestrel, a raptor brought to the library by the Indianapolis Zoo. Club members also learned about the Red-Footed Tortoise and the Blue-Tongued Skink.

The west may have cowboys and Texas long-horn cattle but Indiana has Cowboy and Trick Roper Paul E. Anderson who put on the ropiest show this side of the Pecos.

The "Bee" from Country Buffet came to the Summer Reading Club Grand Finale Carnival, praising the club members for using their library. And did they ever! Over 600 club members of the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches read over 30,000 books.

Congratulations Summer Readers!!!

Back to School Sale Packs Them In

Good marketing skills, an attractive setting, well organized layout, effective teamwork.... sound like a corporate management plan? Actually all these management tools were used by the YA (Young Adult) Library Advisory Board for their Back-to-School "Kid's Stuff" sale held in July at the library.

The YAs did not disappoint the bargain hunters visiting the sale. There was plenty for shoppers to choose from. Community residents anxious to help the young volunteers with the library fundraiser, donated many items to the cause. "The 'Kid Stuff' sale was a huge success," stated YA Librarian Maureen Birkett. "The fundraiser brought in \$428 to be used to purchase materials for the library's collection. These items will be selected by the YA Advisory Board members.

YA'S Head for the Shelves

The library's YA (Young Adult) Summer Reading Contest may be over but it hasn't dampened the reading practices of its participants. Books are still being checked out by young adults who want to enjoy recreational reading before turning to their educational pursuits for the school year.

The reading contest began on June 15 to encourage young adults to read for fun during their summer vacation. When the contest ended on July 31, over 150 participants had entered from the library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches and 1,500 books had been read.

Jim Hathaway of Lowell was the Grand Prizewinner of the contest taking home a gift certificate of \$100 from Circuit City. Other prizewinners from the Lowell Library were Jenna Berkey, Reid Thacker, Kylie Johnson, Vicki Hathaway, Stephanie Blankenship, Olivia Mucha, Crystal Edson, Ashley Petterle, Libby Zellon, Derek Gaul and Erik Rasmussen.

Winners of the Shelby Branch were Stacy Peterson, Sam Gullett, Jennifer Myers, Daisy Cooper, Allyssa Reed and Josh Robertson. The Schneider branch prizes were awarded to Brice Burge and Jessica Ward.

Congratulations to all the young adults for their reading efforts.



BABY SITTING COURSE

Young adults, ages 11-15, can register for the Red Cross Baby-sitting Course to be held at the library on two Saturdays, September 15 & 22 from 9 AM to 2:30 PM. Participants must attend both sessions to receive Red Cross Certification. Fee for the course is \$20 due upon registration. Register now. Class size is limited. Bring lunch to the first session. A pizza lunch will be provided at the final



A Magic Happening with Jelly Bean

Wednesday,
September 5

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM

Children of all ages will have a delightful time interacting with Jelly Bean the Clown as she performs her magic and comedy show.

No need to register. Come and bring your friends to this special event.

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



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Story Time Adventures

Children, ages 3 to 5 years old, can spend an hour each week with Miss Heidi as she introduces them to picture books and easy readers at Story Time. They will also enjoy learning a finger-play game and a song together.

Shelby - Each Monday at 9:30 AM
September 17th - October 22

Schneider - Each Monday, at 4 PM
September 17- October 22

Lowell - Each Tuesday at 10 AM & 1:30 PM
September 18 - October 23
Each Wednesday at 10 AM

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