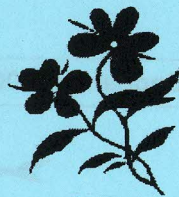




Lowell Library Lines



September 2003

Monsters Rock!!!

The "Monster" theme of this year's Summer Reading Club Program at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches captured the imagination of the 521 children who signed up for the two-month-long reading program, "Dr. Bookenstein's Monster Marathon." When the results were tallied, the number of books read by the club members, grades kindergarten thru 4th grade, totaled 25,931. Throughout the program, club members kept records of their reading accomplishments, writing the title of each book read in reading program booklets. Many will take their booklets to school to show their teachers how they spent their summer.

The program activities the children enjoyed during the summer included: creating "monster masks," enjoying puppet shows, playing Library Bingo, and bringing their pets to the "Great Pet Show." *Christopher and Company* delighted the audience with feats of illusion as did magician Larry Wirtz's *Bag-o-Tricks* magic show. Storyteller Grant Fitch chilled and thrilled the young members with his tale of *The Monster Under My Bed*. At the Grand Finale Carnival, Chick a Dee the clown joined club members in the fun of playing Bozo Buckets, the BookWalk, the Ring Toss and the Duck Game. After having their faces painted, and getting their "tattoos," it was time for popcorn and kool-aid!

"Club members checked out 20 books at a time during the program," said Heidi Itczak, Children's Programmer. "It was great seeing the moms and dads checking out children's books to read to the club members who were too young to read but wanted to be in the reading program. It was a fun summer trying to keep up with the needs of the enthusiastic young readers."



The Amish Cook

Meet Kevin Williams, originator of the "Amish Cook" column that is syndicated nationwide, and co-author of *The Amish Cook: Recollections and Recipes from an Old Order Amish Family*. Having spent a great deal of time among the Amish, Williams will discuss their culture, history and cooking, at the library on Tuesday, September 23, at 7 PM.

"I have a deep insight and appreciation for the Amish and am always glad to speak about this sometimes mysterious culture."

YA's Give a "Thumbs Up" to the Community

"Thrilled" is the right word to describe the members of the YA Library Advisory Board when they tallied up the proceeds from their three-day "Back to School" rummage sale held at the library in late August. The board, comprised of young adults, grades 5 through 12, raised over \$1000 at the sale, thanks to the wonderful generosity of area residents who donated hundreds of items to the YA's for the sale.

And, the generosity didn't stop there! "There were no prices on items at the sale," stated YA Programmer Debbie Blink. "Instead signs at the sale asked shoppers to make a donation to the Young Adult Programs and materials at the library. Community residents opened their hearts and their wallets to help the YA's make this year's sale the most successful ever." What a nice way to end the summer!!

Senior's

"Sweet Treat"

Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, September 30

1 PM



Play Library Bingo

Prizes & Surprises

Co-sponsored by the library,
the Lowell Parks Department &
Rest Haven Christian Services



Jaws Revisited

"Sharks" have found a home at the library! Jay Berkey, a sophomore at Lowell Senior High School, has an interest in aquatic science. His enthusiasm has lead to using his knowledge to create an aquatic habitat for the enjoyment and enlightenment of visitors to the library.

Bala Sharks, Red Swordtail and Guppies can be found swimming among the driftwood, and beautiful plants in their new home located between the circulation and reference area. The project was made possible through donations from the Friends of the Library, Polly Roberts and Lance Sebastian. Jay will maintain the habitat and plans to add other species in the future. Nice job, Jay!

Stepping Stone Art

Debbie Dunning will teach participants to design a beautiful garden art piece on a stepping stone canvas on Thursday, September 11, at 9 AM. A sample piece is on display at the circulation desk. The class is open to adults and young adults. Fee for the course is \$10 due upon registration. For more information contact the library at 696-7704.

YA Flick "Lizzie McGuire"

It's Showtime at the library for YA's, grades 4th - 12th. Our matinee has the best prices in town! On Saturday, September 13, at 12 Noon, 25 cents buys you a ticket to the flick, a PB & J sandwich, pop and popcorn. The fee is payable upon registration.

The movie's main character, Lizzie McGuire, is off on a school trip to Rome which turns out to be an unexpected adventure as Lizzie is discovered to be a virtual twin of an Italian rock star. Lizzie meets Paolo who convinces her to impersonate Isabella at a awards show, and the fun begins.

Explorers on Leaf Expedition

Explorers of the library's Kids' Nature Club will take to the nature trail on Saturday, September 20, at 10 AM to learn how to recognize leaves by their shape and color. They will also collect and learn about acorns. Terry Miller will then teach club members how to mount insects for a collection. To join the Kid's Nature Club contact the library at 696-7704.

Butterflies Are Free



Check out the hungry caterpillars at the reference desk. They are eating ferociously for the job ahead. Soon they will become beautiful Monarch butterflies to be set free on the library grounds. Butterflies go through four stages. An adult butterfly lays an egg, then the egg hatches into a caterpillar or larva. The caterpillar forms the chrysalis or pupa that matures into a butterfly.

High School Chess Club Meets

The high school Chess Club meets every Thursday at the library at 6 PM. Come and enjoy a refreshment on us while playing this challenging games. Bring your friends. Chess lessons are given for beginners. Call the library at 696-7704 to join the club.

YA, Food, Fun & Fiction

Members of the Shelby Branch Library's Food, Fun, Fiction Club, grades 4th - 12th, will meet on Wednesday, September 17, at 5 PM for a lively, honest discussion of *Ruby Holler* by Sharon Creech. This novel of mystery, adventure, and humor centers on Dallas and Florida, two orphans of the Boxtown Creek Home for Children who are sent to live in Ruby Holler as temporary companions to an odd, old couple. Bring your appetite! Call 552-0809 to pre-register.

Lowell club members will meet at the library on Wednesday, September 24, at 4:30 PM, their book selection to be announced. If you would like to be a member of the Lowell Food, Fun & Fiction Club contact the library at 696-7704.

Town of Lowell Labor Day Festival

August 31, September 1, 2003


Labor Day Weekend

Schedule of Events

Lowell American Legion Post 101 Grounds

108 1/2 E. Commercial Avenue - Lowell, IN

Sunday, August 31

- 1 PM - 8 PM Food, Entertainment, Kiddie Carnival, Bingo, Beer Garden
Craft Vendors, Games, 50/50 Raffle, Dunk Tank
- 12 Noon Sign-up Horseshoe Tournament
Starts at 1 PM - Sponsored by Loyal Order of Moose
- 1 PM 50th Annual Kiddie Parade - Sponsored by Lowell American Legion & Auxiliary
Registration 12:00 - 12:30 PM at Old Town Square Judging 12:30 - 1 PM
- 1 PM - 5 PM D.J. & Kareoke
- 3 PM "Little People" Show
- 4:30 PM "The Magic" Magician Show
- 6 PM - 10 PM Live Band - "Mr. Funnyman" 
- 8 PM - Dusk Spectacular Fireworks Show
Located behind Oak Hill Elementary School, 425 S. Nichols St.
Bring blankets/lawn chairs—\$2 parking donation
Patriotic Entertainment prior to show by local talent

Monday, September 1

- 10 AM - 6 PM Food, Entertainment, Kiddie Carnival, Bingo, Beer Garden,
Craft Vendors, Games, 50/50 Raffle, Dunk Tank
- 10 AM 84th Annual Lowell Labor Day Parade
Begins at Smith Ford and runs west to the American Legion Grounds
- 1 PM - 5 PM "Showdown" Band
- 5 PM 50/50 Raffle Drawing



Adult Programs September 2003

Quilters Meet - Lowell

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

Blood Pressure Screening

Shelby-Thursday, September 11,
9 AM -10:30 AM

Offered by Technicians of Shelby Fire Dept.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Screening - Lowell

Wednesday, September 16, 9 AM to 11 AM

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

Basket Classes

Lowell -

Thursday, September 18, at 6 PM

Wednesday, September 24, at 6 PM

Create a Newspaper Basket. Fee is \$28

Shelby

Tuesday, September 9, at 6 PM

Thursday, September 18, at 9 AM

Call 552-0809 for basket information

Crocheting/Needlepoint/Quilting - Lowell

Monday, September 22, 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.

Plant Propagation - Lowell

Monday, September 22, promptly at 7 P M
Brian McKay of the Lake County Parks Dept.
will present "Plant Propagation." Bring your
questions on propagating your own plants.

The program is co-sponsored by the Purdue
Cooperative Extension Service. Master
Gardeners can achieve advanced training by
attending any of the programs in the library's
garden series.

The Amish Cook - Lowell

Tuesday, September 23, at 7 PM

Editor and author Kevin Williams will give his
insight into Amish culture, history and cooking.

Coffee Klatch - Lowell

Thursday, September 25, at 7 PM

Or Friday, August 26, at 10 AM.

The Good Women of China by Xinran will be the
topic of an insightful book discussion. Pick up a
copy of this remarkable book at the circulation desk
and join the discussion group. Refreshments are
served.

Forum for Aspiring Poets

The Northwest Indiana Poetry Society meets
on the 3rd Saturday of each month at 10 AM.

Tom Spencer, founder of the organization invites
you to "take the opportunity to create your own
poetry and have an audience of interest to listen to
it." Established in May 2003, the Society seeks to
advance the craft of poetry in the local communities.
Next meeting: Saturday, September 20.

Join the Friends

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular
meeting on Wednesday, September 17, at 7 PM.
New members are welcome. Contact Nell Fabish
at the library at 696-7704

Gymnastics

At the Tumble Bears Program children will
learn routines on the bars, balance beam, vault,
and pommel horse. Classes are held each Friday.
Participants learn tumbling, hand-eye activities,
stunts, calisthenics and stretching exercises. Call
865-9698 for information or to register your child.



Holiday Closings

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and
Schneider Branches will be closed on Monday,
September 1 in observance of the Labor Day
holiday. The libraries will resume regular hours
on Tuesday, September 2.

Video Special

We invite you to check out six movies, DVD
or VHS, on Thursday, August 28 and return them
on Tuesday, September 2. Have a happy holiday.

Just for Kids



Monday Morning Movie

for toddlers & preschoolers

September 8 at 10 AM

"Arthur's Lost Library Book"

Songs
&
Snacks

Bring
a
pillow



Craft Corner

Pre-school and school age children are invited to have fun with Miss Melissa as she shows them how to make their very own bookmarks.

Children can choose to make an Animal Bookmark or a Fancy Knot Bookmark.

Lowell- Monday, September 8,
3:30 PM

Shelby- Thursday, September 18,
3:30 PM

Schneider- Thursday, September 25,
3:30 PM

Story Time Adventures

Miss Melissa will introduce children to picture books and easy readers. At Story Time children will also enjoy learning a finger-play game and a song to sing together. Story Time is designed to start children, ages 3 to 5 years, on the path of life-long reading.

Shelby - Each Monday at 9:30 AM
September 15 - October 20

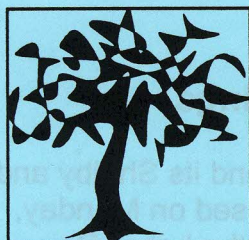


Schneider - Each Monday at 4 PM
September 15 - October 20

Lowell - Each Tuesday at 10 AM & 1:30 PM
September 16 - October 21
Each Wednesday at 10 AM
September 17 - October 22

Look for us on the web! <<http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>>

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



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