

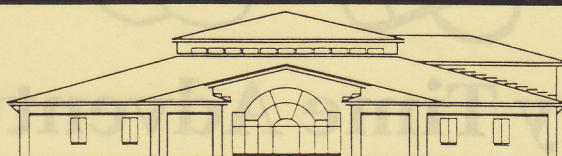
Lowell Library Lines A B C



September 2005



Treat Yourself to a Library Card!



LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Register your child for a library card today!

During the month of September, "Library Card Sign-up Month," children who can print their first and last names can receive library cards and enter a drawing for a free book. Parents who register for their own library cards can also enter their children in the drawing. Using their own library card makes children feel very special and is one way to encourage children to read. Mastering the skill of reading is crucial if children are going to achieve success in school and in their future endeavors.

All the wonders of the world can be found in the Children's Room. Easy readers, picture books and board books are designed for beginning readers. The flannel board is a fun activity that children can use to channel their imaginations to "make up" their own stories. The Children's Room provides a setting that is cozy for parents who often come to read stories to their children. This not only makes a child's visit to the library an adventure to share with parents but also, as many experts agree, provides one of the best ways for parents to inspire their children to learn to read.

Elementary school children will find hundreds of wonderful stories to read in the juvenile fiction area. Children, naturally curious and eager to learn, can scout out a large variety of colorfully illustrated non-fiction books to peak their interest and help them with their homework. A variety of children's magazines are also available. Pre-schoolers and elementary students can find games to play and stories to listen to at their fingertips using the computer in the Children's Room. In the main room of the library parents can browse through a selection of 600 children's movies available for checkout. Children who like to use the computer at home will also find a collection of CD-ROM entertainment in the library.

Reading enriches a child's life. We urge parents to visit the library or its Shelby and Schneider Branches and register their children who are eligible for a library card.

Adults: Do you have a library card? Ask for a tour of the library and find out what the library has to offer you. You may be surprised at the many different types of recreational and informational materials the library available for checkout.



♡ Story Time Adventures ♡

Children, ages 4 to 5, will enjoy listening to the wonderful stories that Mrs. Mayhew will read to them at Story Time. Don't miss the fun; space is limited!

Dates and Times

**Shelby: Mondays, September 19th-October 24th
at 10AM**

Pre-register at 552-0809

**Lowell: Tuesdays, September 20th-October 25th
at 10am & 1:30PM**

**Wednesdays, September 21st-October 26th
at 10AM**

Pre-register at 696-7704

**Toddler Time for 2-3 year olds
will begin in November**



September 2005

Labor Day

September 5

Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday, September 12, 19, 26

9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting projects.

Adult Book Discussion - Shelby

Monday, September 12, at 5:30 PM

Join the book discussion at the Shelby Branch.

Get your copy of Anne Tyler's *Patchwork Planet* at the Shelby circulation desk. Share your views at the discussion.

NWI Poetry Society Meets - Lowell

Saturday, September 17, at 10 AM

Bring your poetry to share with others.

Enjoy learning the art of poetry writing.

Enjoy Crochet - Lowell

Monday, September 19, at 6:30 PM

Bring your crochet projects to the library and learn or work with other crocheters.

Acrylic Painting Class - Lowell

Tuesday, September 20, at 9:30 AM

Learn to paint *Guardians of the Meadow*, on display at the circulation desk. Fee for the program is \$13.

Hannah's Basket - Lowell

Tuesday, September 20, at 6 PM or

Wednesday, September 28, at 6 PM

Weave Hannah's Round Table Basket with Master Weaver Julie Duttlinger. Fee is \$25.

Credit Cards, Interest, Debt Reduction - Lowell

Tuesday, September 20, at 7 PM

Judith Samson of Consumer Credit Counseling of Northwest Indiana will discuss avoiding the credit card trap, credit relief, your credit report, budgeting, interest traps, consolidation of debts student loans, refinancing and the new changes in bankruptcy laws.

Blood Pressure/Sugar Test - Lowell

Wednesday, September 21, 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.

Wheels, Buying a Car - Lowell

Wednesday, September 28, at 6:30 PM

Buying a car for the first time? Looking at new or used models? Need to know about financing and payments? How about insurance coverage? Do you want to get the most performance from the car you buy? Good gas mileage, and what about inexpensive upkeep?

Representatives from Ivy Tech Automotive Division, State Farm Insurance and a local car dealership will discuss what your need to know when buying a car. Come with your questions.

Garden Series 2005

Gardeners looking for "Fall Interest" will enjoy a presentation by Wayne Gruber of Gardens of the Prairie at the library on Monday, September 19, at 7 PM. Learn how to choose plants to give your garden vibrant color and texture for the coming season.

White Elephant Bingo/ Ice Cream Social



The fun begins with Bingo games for seniors attending the first Senior Social of the fall season at the Lowell Public Library on Thursday, September 15, at 11 AM. Staff of the Lowell Parks Department and the library, co-sponsors of the program, will dish up some great ice cream sundaes complete with all the toppings, after the games. Space is limited. Call the Parks Department at 696-1570.

Women's Club Blood Drive

The GFWC Woman's Club will sponsor an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Saturday, October 6, from 9 AM to 1 PM. Call 1-800-GIVE-LIFE (448-3543) to schedule your blood donation. Please bring ID! Walk-ins will be accepted.



YAs Score at Rummage Sale

Young Adult volunteers of the Lowell Public Library have plenty to crow about after counting the proceeds from the annual August "Back to School Sale."

Over \$1400 was raised to benefit YA (young adult) programming at the library to buy special materials for the YA collection. Donations of items for the sale came from library patrons.

There was no shortage of bargains at the sale. Besides the usual rummage sale fare—clothes, toys, games, videos, household goods and knickknacks, shoppers could also find end tables, upholstered chairs, tents, large bird cages, bikes and enough items to completely decorate their homes for the holidays.

The prices were great. Shoppers were asked to donate what they thought were fair rummage sale prices for their purchases, and fair they were as the final total for the sales was tallied. "It's rewarding to see young adults spend part of their summer vacation in such a positive way," said Young Adult Programmer Debbie Blink who coordinated the sale. "Our library patrons have such a good time at the sale," Blink said. "It's such a pleasure to chat with them as they shop, and I am looking forward to seeing these friendly faces at next year's sale."

Shelby Branch Happenings

Blood Pressure Screening

Monday, September 12

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 Craft Night

Monday, September 19, at 5 PM

Bring your craft projects.

Saturday Movies

12 Noon for kids of all ages.

Enjoy a fun flick with your friends.

YA Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 20, at 5 PM.

Check with the Shelby Branch for the book title. Copies will be available at the circulation desk the first week in September.

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

Lowell History on the Web

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

One Stroke Painting Classes

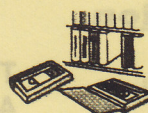
Decorate your room with a one-stroke project each month. YAs and adults will enjoy recreating "Harvest Evening" on Saturday, September 17, at 9 AM.

View the painting at the circulation desk. Fee for the workshop is \$12 due upon registration.

Game Night for YAs

YAs, put your game skills to the test. Invite your friends to Game Night each Thursday evening at 6:30 PM in the library's Program Room. Play chess, Yu-Gi-Oh, Chinese Checkers, Scrabble and card games. Pre-register by calling the library.

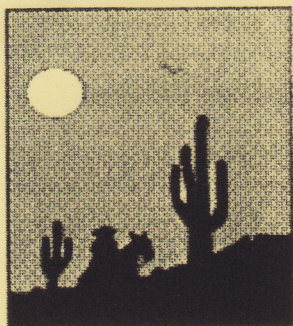
YA Book Discussion is held on the last Wednesday of each month at 4:30 PM. Call for details.



For Kids of All Ages at the Schneider Branch

Now Showing: Movie Day for kids will be held on Thursday, September 8, at 4 PM.

On Tuesday, September 20, at 4 PM, kids of all ages will make a "Fall" hanging craft.



End of the Trail for Summer Reading Club

All too short, but a great time! "Reading on the Range" Summer Reading Club members at the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches stacked up a whopping number of books read while enjoying a plentiful array of engaging activities during the two-month long reading program that began June 13.

Over 500 children registered as Reading Club members, 440 at the main Lowell Library, 55 at the Shelby Branch and 18 at the Schneider Branch. When the final tally came in for Lowell readers, the older club members had read 14,307 chapters while the younger members read or listened to over 675 books. At the Shelby Branch 2,260 chapters were read by older club members while 1,405 books were read by the younger members. Schneider Branch figures tallied up to 1,570 chapters read and 777 books read. Studies have shown that children who read throughout the summer are better prepared for the fall school season. Through its summer reading program the library provides entertaining and recreational reading materials as well as activities that encourage children to use the library and enhance their reading skills.

This year's "Reading on the Range" program and the YA Reading Contest began with a "chuck wagon" special with library staff serving hotdogs and soda to children and their families who visited the library for the first day of Summer Reading Club registration. During the summer children took part in the Great Pet Show, bringing their pets to parade around the library grounds. Club members won books at the Book Walk, played Library Bingo, made "cowboy" crafts and listened to stories. There was no shortage of imagination as Reading Club members rustled up fiction and non-fiction books at a pace that kept staff on the run.

At the "trail's end" the young cowpokes enjoyed the "Reading Round-Up." The grounds of the library were filled with excited children celebrating their reading accomplishments as they played. Club members sported the cowboy hats they were awarded and took home their booklets, a record of their reading efforts during the program. Staff had as much fun as the children and are already gearing up to make plans for the 2006 Summer Reading Program.

The library would like to thank the Friends of the Library for its funding of library programs and the YA volunteers who did such a stupendous job helping with the Summer Reading Program.

YA Reading Contest

Some of the most popular programming at the library is geared toward young adults. And the YA Summer Reading Contest is no exception. Began June 13 at the library and its Shelby and Schneider branch libraries, 132 YA contest participants completed over 970 books before the contest ended on July 30. Weekly drawings were held for prizes. Among the Grand Prizes was a bike, tickets to the Shedd Aquarium, cash prizes, and coupons for free haircuts.

When not reading, YAs beat the heat in the cool of the library attending the "Cook-out, sign language classes, a babysitting course, book discussions, painting classes, game nights and bingo games. Many of the YAs who entered the contest also volunteered to man the YA rummage sale.

Kids' Nature Club



"Bugging Out" at the Library

Beetles, ants, flies, mosquitoes, grasshoppers, crickets, moths, butterflies, all kind of insects are in the trees, grass, ponds, and other hidden places around you.

Catch them! Freeze them! Then, learn how to pin your bugs to start your own collection! Kids' Nature Club members will meet at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, September 10, at 10:30 AM. Terry Miller will instruct members in the pinning of insects that members have collected. Start preparing for



your bug collection by going on a bug hunt. Seal your insect finds in a plastic bag and place your bugs in your freezer. The library will also have some frozen specimens on hand for members to

use at the program.

Did you know that there may be as many as 10 million different kinds of insects in the world, or that a cockroach can live for nine days without its head?



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