



Lowell Library Lines

September 2008

“Going Green” Readers Win the Gold

Maybe they didn't participate in the Olympics, but the “Going Green” Summer Reading Club members of the Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider Branches earned our “gold medal” praise for dedicating part of their summer to learn more about their environment and how they can take part in protecting it.

During the two-month long Summer Reading Club Program, over 600 children read thousands of library books. Lining the walls of the children's section of the libraries were paper trees, each one signifying that a young reader had read ten books/ chapters, each leaf on the tree reflecting ten more books/chapters read. Needless to say, no barren trees.

During the summer program children enjoyed making paper lilies, rain sticks, edible bird nests, an edible landfill, deviled “owl” eggs, sun catchers, bookworms and Koi Fish. as well as other fun activities. They played Environmental Bingo and took a bookwalk to win books for their home libraries. A visit with a team from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management provided a fun and educational experience for the children as they learned the many reasons that recycling is important.

The Kids' Nature Club of the Shelby and Schneider Branches took a Night Nature Walk to discover all the creatures, bugs, raccoons, deer and other creatures that roam the night. Creating bug collections was another highlight of the Nature Clubs' summer activities.

Mini-carnivals were held at the libraries during the last days of the Summer Reading Club Program that ended with a Grand Finale Reptile Program at the Lowell Library. Dave, of Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles, thrilled children with his “family” consisting of a python, monitor lizard, tortoise, snapping turtle, iguana, African frog, and other representatives of the reptile and amphibian world. But the showstopper had to be Axl the Alligator who was very good natured throughout the program. At the program, DiNaso educated the children on the important role reptiles and amphibians play in nature and how they must help to protect them.

Now it's back to school for these Summer Club readers, but they carry a fresh new look about the nature around them and memories of all the stories they read this summer.

With Needle, Thread & Fabric, Beauty is Created

Each Monday, a group of dedicated quilters meet in the Program Room of the library to create beautiful quilts, wall hangings and other decorative quilting projects.

This year, the Library Quilters created a charming, traditional pieced quilt for the Holiday Quilt Drawing, to be held in the main room of the library on Saturday, November 29, at 4 PM. The quilt was crafted and donated to the library to benefit programming at the library for the year 2009. The queen size quilt, measuring 76”by 94” , will be on display in the exhibit case in the foyer of the library September 8 through September 30. The Library Quilters will also display other samples of their needlework in the exhibit.

The Library Quilters, began by Schneider resident Mary K. Bruce in 1989 and sponsored by the library, meet each week to work on their quilting projects and to learn different quilting techniques while helping beginning quilters.

Lowell Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet

Each Monday, September 8, 15, 22 & 29
9 AM - 12:30 PM. Bring your projects.

Library Scrappers

Monday, September, 15, at 6:30 PM.
Join the Library Scrappers who meet the
3rd Monday of every month! Share layout
ideas and learn new techniques.

BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test

Wednesday, September 17, 9 AM to 11 AM.
Free blood pressure and sugar (glucose)
screenings 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).

Basket Weaving Class

Wednesday, September 17, and Tuesday,
September 23, at 6 PM. Weave a cute table-
top "Bread and Muffin" basket with Master
Basket Weaver Julie Duttlinger. Fee is \$21.

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, September, 20, at 10 AM.
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest
Indiana Poetry Society that meets on
the 3rd Saturday of each month. Call
Tom Spencer at 696-3888 for information.

Garden Series - Tree Planting

Monday, September 22, at 7 PM.
Nikki Witkowski, Agricultural Educator
of Purdue Extension Office, will present
"Planting Trees." She will discuss selection
for shade, beautification, as a sight and
sound barrier, wildlife habitat, etc. When
and where to plant, and tree care will be
included.

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 30, at 10 AM.
Here is a twist for our regular book
discussion! Come and join in a discussion
via conference call with Stephen Bly,
author of *Memories of a Dirt Road Town*.
Pick up a copy at the circulation desk.

H & R Block Question Answered

Tuesday, September 30, at 7 PM.
A representative from H & R Block will
discuss Earned Income Credit and answer
your basic tax questions.

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.

At the Shelby Branch

Book Talk

Check out Nicholas Sparks' book,
The Guardian. Enjoy this story and
discuss it with others on Friday,
September 12, at 11 AM.

Blood Pressure Check

Monday, September 15, at 10:30 AM.
Free blood pressure testing is offered on
a first come, first served basis.

Adult Craft

Monday, September 22, at 5 PM.
Bring your craft projects to work
with others and share ideas.

Adult Bingo

Monday, September 29, at 5 PM.
Play bingo for novelty prizes.

At the Schneider Branch

Adult Scrapbooking

Saturday, September 13, at 10 AM.
Join us for our monthly crop and share your
layouts and newest techniques with others.

Watch for:

- Blood Drive, October 2, from 9 AM to 1 PM.
- Medicare Prescription Drug Program, October 9,
at 7 PM.
- A Visit With the Ghost Trackers, October 28, at
7 PM.



What's New At the Library

Check Out New Fiction Books

Smoke Screen– Sandra Brown
The Assassin - Stephen Coonts
Made in the U.S.A. - Billie Letts
Off Season - Anne River Siddons
The Shack - William Young
Foreign Body - Robin Cook
Looking Up - Rebecca Gregson
Goodbye and Amen - Beth Richardson Gutcheon
The Truth Game - Janet Tanner
It Only Takes a Moment - Mary Jane Clark
Riven - Jerry B. Jenkins
Fractured - Karin Slaughter
Into the Fire - Suzanne Brockman
Stand the Storm - Breena Clarke
The Silver Bear – Derek Haas
Last Kiss - Luann Rice
Moscow Rules - Daniel Silva
The Story of Edgar Sawtelle - David Wroblewski
The Dangerous Days of Daniel X - James Patterson

Mystery

Lies Down with the Devil - Linda Barnes
Mercedes Coffin - Faye Kellerman
Cold Case - Kate Wilhelm
Closer Still - Jo Bannister
Drifter's Wheel - Phillip DePoy
Legally Dead - Edna Buchanan

Newly Added DVDs

<i>A Silent Love</i>	<i>The Clearing</i>
<i>Midnight Express</i>	<i>Untraceable</i>
<i>Away from her</i>	<i>21</i>
<i>10,000 B.C.</i>	<i>The Pledge</i>
<i>The Other Boleyn Girl</i>	<i>Mr. Brooks</i>
<i>How She Move</i>	<i>Dirty Harry</i>
<i>Dead Man's Bounty</i>	<i>The Enforcer</i>
<i>Doctor Zhivago</i>	<i>Magnum Force</i>
<i>The Mist</i>	<i>Sudden Impact</i>
<i>Prairie Fever</i>	<i>The Dead Pool</i>
<i>College Road Trip</i>	<i>The Bucket List</i>
<i>My Mom's New Boyfriend</i>	<i>Cloverfield</i>
<i>The Best of Times</i>	<i>Penelope</i>
<i>Dr. Doolittle, Tail to the Chief</i>	
<i>Hannah Montana and Miley Cyrus: Best of Both Worlds Concert</i>	
<i>Hunchback of Notre Dame II.</i>	
<i>Minutemen</i>	
<i>The Little Mermaid</i>	
<i>The Reef</i>	

Books on CD

Sail - James Patterson
Fearless Fourteen - Janet Evanovich
The Host - Stephanie Meyer
Twenty Wishes - Debbie Macomber
On Tall Pine Lake - Dorothy Garlock

Non-Fiction Reading Picks

- 248.866 *Mistaken Identity* - Van Ryn/Cerak family
- 306.8743 *The Mom's Book* - Alison Maloney
- 328.73092 *The Obama Nation* - Jerome R. Corsi
- 631.875 *The Complete Compost* - Barbara Pleasant
- B Bert *Losing It* - Valerie Bertinelli
- 307.76 *America's Top Rated Cities 2008 (volume 1-4)*
- 636.089 *Vet Confidential* - Louise Murray
- 641.5635 *Weight Watchers Annual Recipes for Success*
- 643.7 *How Your House Works* - Charles Wing
- 698 *The Complete Guide to Decorating With Ceramic Tile* - Jerri Farris
- 745.5941 *100 Great Ways to Make Cards* - Shirley Toogood
- 821.9108 *100 Essential Modern Poems by Women*
- 155.935 *The Unthinkable* - Amanda Ripley
- 346.078 *Chapter 13 Bankruptcy* - Stephen Elias
- 394.9 *Among the Cannibals* - Paul Raffaele



Have You Read?

Everybody's talking! Global warming remains a hot topic on the national and worldwide front. What are the causes, what are the solutions? Is there too much hype or is the planet in serious danger? Among the books at the library that address this issue are: *Fixing Climate* by Wallace S. Broecker, *The Hot Topic* by Gabrielle Walker, *Censoring Science* by Mark Bowen, *An Inconvenient Truth* by Al Gore (also on DVD) and *Is Global Warming A Threat?*

And try this thought provoking read, *Caught in the Middle: America's Heartland in the Age of Globalism*, by Chicago Tribune reporter Richard Longworth. Countries such as India and China are now positioned to be counted with America as the leaders in the global economy and Longworth believes that the Midwest region is feeling the brunt of the economical and political changes that are taking place. From Ohio through Iowa, Middle America is coping with outsourcing, abandoned towns, immigration issues, closing factories, loss of family farms, etc. What are the reasons that some towns and cities in the Midwest are thriving, prospering, and growing while others, are on the brink of failure? Longworth offers up his opinions for solving the economic and political plights of the Midwest region in this new global era.

Library Board Meeting

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will have their regular meeting on Monday, September 15, at 7 PM.

Friends of the Library Meet

After enjoying a 2-month summer hiatus, the Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 17, at 7 PM. New members are welcome.

Young Adult Programming - Lowell

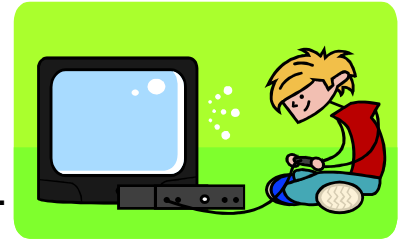
Thursday, September 4, at 6 PM. Game Night with PS2, Xbox, and Wii.

Saturday, September 13, at 1 PM. See the movie, *College Road Trip*. Enjoy a PB & J sandwich, popcorn and pop for 25¢.

Thursday, September 11, at 6 PM. Game Night.

Thursday, September 18, at 6 PM. Game Night.

Thursday, September 25, at 6 PM. Bunco. Sign up now. Cost \$1.50.



Did you know?

On June 17, 1980, Atari's *Asteroids* and *Lunar Lander* were the first two video games to ever be registered in the Copyright Office.



Schneider Kids

Monday, September 8, 15, 22 and 29 at 4 PM. The new *10 Years Old and Up Club* will meet together for Game Night.

Tuesday, September 9, at 3:30 PM. Kids' Bingo.

Tuesday, September 16, at 3:30 PM. Kids' Craft Day.

Tuesday, September 23, at 4 PM. Make your own bushy-tailed squirrel with leaves and paint. Miss Sandy will show you how.



Schneider Young Adults

Wednesday, September 10, at 4 PM. Watch *College Road Trip*. PB & J sandwiches, pop, and popcorn only 25¢.

Wednesday, September 17, at 4 PM. Bunco.

Wednesday, September 24, at 4 PM. Join your friends at New Game Night and play Xbox and Catch Phrase.

Shelby Kids

Mondays, September 8 - October 13, at 10:30 AM. Storytime for four and five year old children with Mrs. Graham.

Tuesday, September 9 is National Teddy Bear Day. Bring your stuffed toy in for a movie on the 13th!

Thursday, September 25, at 4 PM. Kids Bingo.

Tuesday, September 30, at 4 PM. Miss Sandy will show you how to make your own squirrel with leaves and paint.

Every Wednesday at 4 PM is Game Night.

Each Saturday is Movie Day at noon

Shelby Young Adults

Tuesday, September 9, at 5 PM. Watch *College Road Trip*. Enjoy popcorn, pop, and sandwiches for 25¢.

Tuesday, September 16, at 5 PM. Bunco.

Tuesday, September 23, at 5 PM. YA book discussion.

Tuesday, September 30. Make signs for Halloween decorating. Call for details.

Just for Kids



Story Time is a program for 4 and 5 year olds. Each session is limited to 20 children and last approximately 30-45 minutes. Parents must stay in the library during the program, however, not in the program room. You must pre-register for either session (Tuesdays at 10 AM, September 9th through October 14th, OR Wednesdays at 10 AM, September 10th through October 15th).

Craft Corner - Join us on Thursday, September 11, and make a festive fall banner that you design with colored leaves. This program is for preschoolers through fifth graders. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Two sessions will be held. Please pre-register for either the 10 AM or 3 PM session.

Back to School Bingo - Come to the library on Thursday, September 18 to play Color Shape Bingo to win books and other prizes. This program is for children preschool age through the fifth grade. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. There will be two sessions, 10 AM and 3 PM. Pre-register at the circulation desk.

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.