

Lowell Library Lines

September 2009

Reptile Program Highlights Reading Club Finale

Axel the alligator seemed to be smiling at the crowd of over 300 that came to the Grand Finale of the "Travel the Open Book Road" Summer Reading Club Program at the Lowell Public Library. The featured event, *Dave DiNaso's Traveling World of Reptiles*, starred several reptiles and amphibians, large and small.

DiNaso combined his humor with education as he informed his audience of the importance of protecting wildlife throughout the world. Among the reptiles he brought to the show were Chiquita, a thirteen and one-half foot Burmese python, and Campbell, a fifty-pound snapping turtle. The show also included a four foot Iguana, a tarantula, a huge African bullfrog and several other reptiles and amphibians.

At the end of the library's Summer Reading Club Program the numbers were tallied giving evidence that over 600 children at the Lowell library and its Shelby and Schneider branches were registered to be reading club members, having read 24,900+ plus books. Chapters read totaled 30,788. "We had a wonderful Summer Reading Club season", stated Children's Programmer Denise Mayhew. "The children really raced in to read. Staff pages were constantly updating participants cars to showcase their reading achievements and re-shelving and straightening out the bookshelves as children took out ten to twenty books at a time. We are proud of the children's reading efforts and applaud the parents who encouraged their participation in the program". Of course, it wasn't all reading. The children had lots of fun at the programs, including crafts and cooking. The mini-carnival and the reptile program were favorites of all!"

Schneider Branch Head Crista Stavros enjoyed seeing the kids come in to check out their books and rummage endlessly through the treasure box, looking for rewards for the books they read, while Mary Lou Parks, the new branch head at the Shelby Branch Library, enjoyed meeting the families in the community and watching the children having fun at the many activities that were held at the branch during the summer.

Rewards were given to children reading the most books during the eight-week reading program, including Indiana Beach passes, free ice cream cones and free kids meals at participating businesses. At the Lowell Library 2,223 rewards were given, while at the Shelby Branch gave 218 rewards were given to the top readers, with fifty rewards to club members at the Schneider Branch.

Playaway is On the Way!

They're preloaded and portable! Pocket sized digital audio books will be coming soon to the library. Self-contained, these audio books can be used with earbuds for hands-free listening or with a tabletop player at home or at work. Foam covers for the earbuds and batteries for the audio books are included. The FM transmitter can plug into your car stereo system.

The library will receive up to fifty Playaway books in a twelve month period. The collection will revolve, starting with twenty selected audio books for checkout. Every ninety days half of the collection will be returned to the supplier and ten new selections will be sent to the library. The audio books are expected to arrive the beginning of October and they will be available for checkout after processing.

Lowell Adult Programs

Library Quilters Meet

Monday, September 14, 21, and 28, at 9 AM.
Bring your quilting projects.

Library Knitters

Tuesday, September 1 and 15, at 6:30 PM.
Learn to knit on the first and third Tuesdays each month. Pre-register at 696-7704.
Supplies you will need are listed at the circulation desk.

BP/Sugar/Cholesterol Test

Wednesday, September 16, 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).

Senior Social

Thursday, September 17, at 11 AM.
Play bingo with Lowell High School I.C.E. program students! Co-sponsored by the Lowell Parks Department and the library, call the Parks Dept. to register at 696-1570.

Poetry Group Meets

Saturday, September 19, at 10 AM.
Aspiring poets can join the Northwest Indiana Poetry Society. The poetry group meets the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Library Scrappers Meet

Monday, September 21, 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.

Adult Book Discussion

Tuesday, September 22, at 1 PM.
Read and discuss the book *Belong to Me* by Marisa de los Santos.

Basket Weaving Class

Wednesday, September 23 and 30 at 6:30 PM.
Julie Duttlinger will teach you how to make an Old-Fashioned Market Basket. Fee is \$25.00

CPR for Health Care Providers

Monday, September 28, at 6 PM.

Garden Series - Indoor Plants

Monday, September 28, at 7 PM.
Reference Librarian and Master Gardener Darlene Rigg will cover the care of common and exotic potted plants. Participants who pre-register by calling the library at 696-7704 will receive a plant of their choice at the door. Bring household plants to share with others or bring an empty pot and go home with a plant. Please, no garden plants, seeds, bulbs, etc. There will also be a drawing for gently used gardening books.

Tuesday Morning Page Turners

Tuesday, September 29, at 11 AM.
Read *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein, and discuss it over a picnic lunch. Bring a dish to share. You must pre-register if you plan to attend. Call Beverly at the library at 696-7704 for further details.

Financial Well Being

Tuesday, September 29, at 6:30 PM.
Kathleen Ferro, with First Midwest Bank, will discuss all aspects of reaching your financial goals. Managing debt, FICA scores, buying a house, setting up a monthly budget, keeping a record of daily expenses, and the importance of a savings account are some of the topics that will be covered.

Library Board to Meet

The Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will hold their regular meeting on Monday, September 21, at 7 PM, following an Executive meeting at 6:30 PM.

Friends to Meet

The Friends of the Library will hold their regular meeting on Wednesday, September 16, at 7 PM. New members are welcome.

Free Computer Classes

Become computer savvy! Free Computer Basics will be offered on Mondays, Internet Basics on Wednesdays and Word or Excel on Fridays at 11 AM. Evening classes are held each Tuesday at 6 PM. Pre-registration is required.

Young Adults- Lowell

Thursday, September 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 6 PM.

Come to Game Night. Play Wii, XBox 360, and Playstation 2. Popcorn and pop for 25¢.

PSAT/SAT Test Preparation

Take the first step to learn more about PSAT/SAT-prep! Need to sharpen your skills? Learn more about test taking strategies and how to do your best on the timed test! Get info to go! An informative session about how to prepare for the PSAT/SAT tests will be offered at the Lowell Public Library, at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, September 15, 2009. The program, which is open to high school students and their parents, will be offered at no charge.

Did you know?

In Japan there's a Nintendo Channel where you can find screenshots and videos of new games. You can also rate titles as long as you record more than one hour of play time, and judging your tastes, the Nintendo computers will try to recommend games that suit your play style. You can also download Nintendo DS titles emulated on the Wii. The Nintendo Channel is planned for the United States and Europe.

Shelby Adults

Adult Reading Club Begins

Monday, September 21 - November 7.

This is open to adults eighteen and over with weekly prize drawings.

Senior Bingo

Monday, September 28, at 3:30 PM.

Win novelty prizes. Anyone is welcome.

Adult Reading Club Book Talk

Wednesday, September 30, at 6:30 PM.

Have an evening out with friends and see what others are reading. Have refreshments.

Shelby Kids

Every Thursday at 4 PM.

Play video and board games with friends.

Every Saturday at 12 PM.

Watch a movie with free popcorn. Pop is 25¢.

Monday, September 14.

Storytime begins and will continue through October 12. Call Mary Lou at 552-0809 for more details.

Tuesday, September 29 at 4 PM.

Miss Sandy will show you how to make yummy *Feeling Faces* with crackers, frosting and candy pieces.



Have A Safe And Happy Labor Day!

Schneider Kids

Thursday, September 24, at 4 PM.

Miss Sandy will show you how to make yummy *Feeling Faces* with crackers, frosting and candy pieces.

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

Story Time Continue

Story Time is a program for four and five year olds. Parents are requested to remain in the Children's Room or main section of the library during the program. Story Time is a free program. . Each session is limited to twenty children and lasts approximately thirty to forty-five minutes. Pre-register for either Tuesdays at 10 AM (through October 13) or Wednesdays at 10 AM (through October 14).

Craft Corner

Join us on Thursday, September 10, when we will be making alien bookmarks! A sample is on display in the Children's display case. Craft Corner is for preschoolers through fifth graders. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. Pre-register at the circulation desk for either the 10:00 AM or the 3:00 PM session.

Bookwalk

We will enjoy some wonderful music while traveling around the number pattern. Win books if you are lucky enough to be standing on the winning numbers! The Bookwalk is for preschoolers through fifth graders. Preschoolers must be accompanied by an adult. We will meet at 10:00 AM and at 3:00 PM. on Thursday, September 17, 2009. Pre-register at the circulation desk for either session.

Non-Fiction Reading Picks

- 133.901 *Soul Survivor* - Leininger, Bruce
- 236.9 *Are We Living in the End Times* - LaHaye, Tim F.
- 284.4 *I Dare You* - Meyer, Joyce
- 305.9 *Soldiers Once* - Whitney, Catherine
- 359.96 *One Bullet Away* - Fick, Nathaniel
- 362.1086 *The Wounded Warrior* - Philpott, Don
- 362.88 *No Room for Doubt* - Dove, Angela
- 364.1523 *For Laci* - Rocha, Sharon
- 428.4207 *Teach Anyone to Read* - Pope, Lillie
- 616.99 *The Chemotherapy Survival Guide* - McKay, Judith
- 618.92 *Special-Needs Kids Eat Right* - Converse, Judy
- 629.454 *Rocket Men* - Nelson, Craig
- 641.4 *The Beginner's Guide To Preserving Food at Home* - Chadwick, Janet
- 641.4 *Jam it, Pickle it, Cure it* - Solomon, Karen
- 641.5 *Back of the Box Cooking*
- 641.5784 *The Magical Taste of Summer Grilling* - Croghan, Cole
- 646.78 *The Secrets to Happy Families* - Haltzman, Scott
- 747.78 *Design Ideas for Bathrooms* - Hillstrom, Susan B.
- 770 *The Ultimate Field Guide to Photography*
- 796.51 *Hiking and Backpacking*
- 910.45 *Terror on the Seas* - Sekulich, Daniel
- 917.304 *National Geographic Guide to Scenic Highways and Byways*



Biographies:

- B KING *My Remarkable Journey* - King, Larry

What's New!

New Fiction Books:

Hot Pursuit - Brockmann, Suzanne
Smash Cut - Brown, Sandra
Sworn to Silence - Castillo, Linda
South of Broad - Conroy, Pat
Intervention - Cook, Robin
The Last Bridge - Coyne, Teri
Traffickers - Griffin, W.E.B.
Twenties Girls - Kinsella, Sophia
Rhino Ranch - McMurtry, Larry
The Song in You - Phillips, Arthur
Rules of Vengeance - Reich, Christopher
That Old Cape Magic - Russo, Richard
Fields of Grace - Sawyer, Kim Vogel
The Years to Come - Tanner, Janet



Mystery:

Swan for the Money - Andrews, Donna
New River Blues - Gunn, Elizabeth
Blindman's Bluff - Kellerman, Faye
Sand Sharks - Maron, Margaret
The Nothing Job - Oldham, Nick
The Siege - White, Stephen

DVDs

Bone Collector
Confessions of a Shopaholic
Edward Scissorhands
Fan Boys
Fast and Furious
First Deadly Sin
Gran Torino
Grey Gardens
Haunting in Connecticut
He's Just Not that Into you
Home
Last Templar
Legally Blondes
Madea Goes to Jail
Newsies
Obsessed
Painted House
Push
Revolutionary Road
Rose Hill
Two Lovers

Children's Titles

Abe and the Amazing Promise
Bracelet of Bordeaux
Dragonball: Evolution
Dragon Hunters
Ever After
Garfield's Pet Force
G.I. Joe Sky Troops
Gooby
Inkheart
LaBou
Princess Protection Program
Race to Witch Mountain
Slappy and the Stinkers