



# Lowell Library Lines



SEPTEMBER 1999

## Exhibit Highlights Astronaut's Visit

The dramatic exhibit in the library's large display case represents the six space shuttle flights astronaut Col. Jerry Ross has flown to date. Most recently Col. Ross served as mission specialist aboard the space shuttle Endeavor where he completed six space walks for the historic project that began the assembly of the international space station *Unity*.

The major portion of the exhibit was given to the library by NASA and includes a large photograph of the December 4, 1998, lift-off of the shuttle Endeavor, a photograph of the Endeavor, a smaller picture of the crew personally autographed by each astronaut of this historic mission and a photograph of Col. Ross.

The exhibit is in conjunction with the visit to Lowell by Col. Ross, who will be honored as Grand Marshall of the Lowell Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 6. The parade will begin on Commercial Avenue at 10 AM. He will also present a video narrative of the Endeavor flight for the general public at the Lowell High School on Saturday, September 4, at 2 PM.

### *Announcing*

### **Sunday Hours**

Beginning

September 12,

the library will be  
open on Sundays from  
1 to 5 PM.  
during the school year.



## Ghostly Haunts Await You!!!

He's back! Billed as the only full-time Midwest Ghost Hunter, Richard Crowe, a TV and radio personality, will lead participants on another journey through the heart of Chicago in search of famous ghosts on Thursday, October 14.

Chicago is a city of disasters that have left a haunting imprint on the city—a place where decades ago gangsters like Al Capone and John Dillinger left their marks and perhaps their ghostly presence in the Windy City. The St. Valentine's Day Massacre, the Chicago Fire, the Crash of Flight 191, the Eastland Disaster, Resurrection Mary and the Ghost of the Water Tower have all been subjects of Crowe's ghost hunting adventures. Share with Crowe new and old ghostly places and drop in with him for a bite to eat at one of his favorite haunts.

A comfort bus will take you to visit historical and haunted sites with Crowe as your guide. On your trip he will hold you spellbound with his stories of Chicago's past glories told with a paranormal twist. Crowe has been the subject of many articles in newspapers such as the *Chicago Tribune* and the *Sun-Times*. He has appeared on *Oprah*, *CNN*, *Unsolved Mysteries*, and *Hard Copy*. In search of new haunting experiences Crowe has traveled to many countries including England, Scotland, Yugoslavia, Mexico, etc. Invite your friends and family and have a truly unique, haunting experience of a lifetime. Crowe's bus trips are always very popular and tickets sell out quickly, so register early.

Fee for the ghost hunting experience is \$32 (non-refundable) and includes a donation to the Friends of the Library. Fee is due upon registration. Call 696-7704 for more information.

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# ADULT PROGRAMS FOR SEPTEMBER

## Our Web Site is:

<http://birch.palni.edu/~drigg/>

## Library Quilters Meet - Lowell

Each Monday: September 13, 20, 27  
9 AM - 12:30 PM

Bring your quilting project and questions.  
Enjoy the fellowship of the Library Quilters.

## Library Writers' Club - Lowell

Thursdays, September 9 & 23 at 7 PM.  
Bring your writings to share with others.

## Fit Forever - Lowell

Each Monday: September 13, 20, 27  
Each Wednesday: September 1, 8, 15, 22, 29  
Each Friday: September 10, 17, 24  
8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Join a fitness program that includes low impact aerobics as well as toning and strengthening exercises. Call the Parks Department to register. Fee is \$24 per month for three weekly sessions, \$16 for two weekly sessions.

## Blood Pressure Screening

**Shelby** - Thursday, September 9, 9 AM - 10:30 AM  
**Lowell** - Tuesday, September 21, 1 PM - 4 PM  
Screening is conducted on a first come/first served basis.

## Beginning Harmonica!

Each Monday, September 13, 20, 27 & October 4  
Enjoy a fun musical experience learning to play the harmonica with Musician Brett Sayers. The four-week course, including a harmonica, is \$60. Lessons for young adults are at 7 PM. Adults, 17 and over, will begin at 8 PM.

## Basket Weaving with Julie Duttlinger- Shelby

Weave a Wildflower Basket  
Thursday, September 16, at 9 AM  
Fee is \$28.  
Weave a Windowsill basket  
Monday, September 20, at 6 PM

## Fall Plant Trade

**Lowell** - Monday, September 20, at 7 PM  
**Schneider** - Thursday, September 23, at 7 PM  
Bring something to trade: house plants, cuttings, flower pots, or potted plants. Be prepared to take something new home with you.

## Basket Weaving With Julie Duttlinger - Lowell

Weave a Homework/Magazine Basket  
Tuesday, September 21, at 8:30 AM  
Wednesday, September 22, at 6:30 PM  
Thursday, September 30, at 6:30 PM

## Childhood Immunizations

Free childhood immunizations will be held at the Cedar Lake Clinic on Thursday, September 2, from 12 Noon to 6 PM. Childhood immunizations will be held at the Lowell Public Library on Thursday, September 16, from 9 AM to 3 PM. Please bring your child's immunization records.

## S.A.T. Preparation



Are you a college-bound student? You can learn test-taking strategies and practice for the verbal and math sections of the S.A.T. at the library. Instructor Gloria Johnson will teach the six-week course held each Tuesday at 6 PM beginning September 21. Fee for the course is \$70.

## Holiday Closings

The Lowell Public Library and its Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed on Monday, September 6, in observance of Labor Day. The libraries will resume regular hours on Tuesday, September 7.

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





## Coffee and Conversation for *The Color of Water*

"It's a story about keeping on and about not being a victim. It's a love story." —*The Denver Post*

"Remarkable...a page-turner, full of compassion, tremendous hardship and triumph." —*Emerge*

"A lyrical, deeply moving tribute....*The Color of Water* is about the love that a mother has for her children. —*The Detroit News*.

Enjoy the lively art of conversation and share your observations of *The Color of Water*, the first book selected for an informal discussion at the first meeting of the library's **Book Discussion** group on Thursday, October 7, at 7 PM or Friday, October 8, at 10 AM.

As a boy growing up in the Brooklyn projects, he knew his mother was different but didn't know why. James McBride wondered if he was different too! As a man he would persuade his mother to tell her story, one that would become a tribute to a woman of unselfish courage and determination, and serve as a true example of the meaning of family.

The discussion will be lead by Library Director, Francine Shreffler. Pre-register for the first Book Discussion session at the circulation desk or by calling the library. The book will be placed on hold for you.

### It's a Winner!!!

They hit their mark! Members of the library's Young Adult Advisory Board wanted to top last year's "Back to School" sale fundraiser that netted over \$400. They did! Over \$500 was raised at the sale that included children's clothes and books, and baked goods provided by the members. The funds will be used to buy materials for the YA section of the library and its branches.

## The ?

Has the Internet replaced reading books? To answer that question, the Lowell Public Library went straight to an important source, children!

Although certainly not an official survey, library staff thought the results of the reading efforts of over 690 children and young adults, participants in the two-month long reading program at the library and its Shelby and Schneider branches, was pretty impressive. Members of the "Wriggle Your Way Into Reading" Summer Reading Club Program and YA (Young Adult) Reading Contest read over 27,000 books in this short time period.

In a co-operative reading effort, 569 children of the "Wriggle Your Way Into Reading" created a giant worm suspended from the ceiling of the Children's Room. Each one of the hundreds of circles used to form the worm represented 10 books read by an individual club member, 25,364 books read in total.

Members of the YA contest read a total of 2,165 books. The grand prize winner of a \$100 gift certificate was Erik Rasmussen. The results of the YA mystery contest will be announced on Friday, September 3.

Will the Internet take the place of books? These readers know the answer.

### Red Cross Baby-sitting Course

Young adults, ages 11-15, can register now, for a two-session Red Cross Baby-sitting Course to be held each Saturday at the Lowell Public Library. The course will be held from 9 AM to 2 PM, on September 18, and September 25. Participants must attend both sessions. Fee is \$20.

### Thank You...

to Betty J. Andrews for her donation of a TV/VCR for the library's study rooms. We know that our patrons and literacy students will make good use of this equipment.





## Putting it Together at Craft Corner

Putting together the pieces of the puzzles they have created will be the challenge for pre-schoolers at Craft Corner. School age children will light up the night with the glow-in-the-dark light switches they create.

### Lowell

Pre-school - Thursday, Sept., 9, at 10 AM

School Age - Thursday, Sept., 9, at 3:30 PM

### Schneider

Both Crafts - Thursday, Sept., 16, at 3:30 PM

### Shelby

Pre-school - Thursday, Sept., 23, at 3:30 PM

School Age - Thursday, Sept., 30, at 3:30 PM

Pre-register for programs:

Lowell 696-7704    Shelby 552-0809

Schneider 552-1000



## Story Time Begins

Children 3 - 5 years, will enjoy listening to stories read from popular books. Children's Programmer Miss Chris will also teach participants to play games and sing songs.

### Lowell

Each Tuesday at 10 AM or 1:30 PM

Sept., 21 - Oct., 26

Each Wednesday at 10 AM

Sept., 22- Oct., 27

### Shelby

Each Monday at 9:30 AM

Sept., 20 - Oct., 25

### Schneider

Each Thursday at 9:30 AM

Sept., 30 - Oct., 28.



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