



February 2024 Newsletter

FEBRUARY IS NATIONAL LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH

There's so much to love about our library. Where else can you take home books, magazines, and DVDs for free? Where can you spend all day reading? Where else can you attend FREE programs all year long? The library offers all this and more!

We are the only library in Lake County with a Nature Trail to enjoy. Our wooded surroundings are beautiful in any season and is home to many animals and native plants and trees.

Borrow one of our mobile hotspots. You can stream movies, download books, audiobooks and magazines using *Hoopla*, *Kanopy*, and *Libby* apps. Or use one of our study rooms when you need a quiet place to work.

All this (and more) in one building— what's not to love?!

IHS's Traveling Exhibit *Faces of the Civil War*

Civil War history will come alive for visitors who experience *Faces of the Civil War*, an Indiana Historical Society (IHS) traveling exhibit. The library will host the exhibit February 26-March 28.

The exhibit brings to life the stories of many Hoosiers whose lives were touched, and in some cases taken, by the Civil War. Not all are well known or revered—many were just everyday citizens fulfilling their duties to their friends, family, state and country. Rather than focusing on statistics and large scale battles, the exhibit illustrates how regular people coped with the tragic experiences of the day—all from an Indiana perspective.



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Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 AM-8 PM
Fri.- Sat. 9 AM-5 PM

Schneider Branch
24002 Parrish Ave.
Schneider, IN 46376
(219) 552-1000

Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 4-7 PM
Fri. CLOSED
Sat. 9 AM-1 PM

Shelby Branch
23323 Shelby Rd
Shelby, IN 46377
(219) 552-0809

Hours

Mon.-Thurs 1 PM-6 PM
Fri. CLOSED
Sat. 9 AM-2 PM



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Friends Meet

Wednesday, February 7
5 PM.

Attend our monthly meeting to help plan upcoming Friends events, fundraisers, and projects that support and improve the library. New friends welcome!

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale

Saturday, February 24
9 AM – 4:30 PM.

Get a bag of books for \$3.00 a bag, the last Saturday of each month. You may bring your brown grocery bag or ask for one at the circulation desk.

Ongoing Fundraisers

- Coffee - \$1.25
- Ear Buds - \$ 2.00
- 16 GB USB flash drive - \$5.00
- Tote Bags - \$5.00

ADULT/SENIOR EVENTS AT LOWELL

Free Tax Preparation

Certified AARP Tax-Aide volunteers are here to help you. Tax preparation will be held on Tuesdays, February 6-April 9. Appointments fill up quickly – please call now. NO walk-ins!

Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in February, 9 AM.

Meet up to knit and crochet, share patterns and tips.

Senior Social

Thursday, February 1, 11 AM.

Enjoy a demonstration presented by wood carving expert, Joe Zellon. Pre-register.

Simple Stamping

Thursday, February 1, 5:30 PM.

Make two cards with envelopes. A \$7 fee, payable at class, will cover all materials. Limit 12. Pre-register at our website.

Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, February 3, 10 AM - 2 PM.

Give Blood, Give Life. Visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome.

Adult Book Club

Monday, February 12, 1-3 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *The Nickel Boys*, written by Colson Whitehead.

Poetry

Saturday, February 17, 10 AM-12 PM.

Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society. Bring your work or that of your favorite poet.

Adult Coloring

Tuesday, February 20, 10 AM.

Join in on the fun! Coloring helps us de-stress and stimulates brain areas related to motor skills. All supplies will be provided or you may bring your own.

Library Board Meets

Tuesday, February 20, 6 PM.

The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held.

Canasta

Wednesday, February 21, 12-3 PM.

Get together and play this fun card game. We show you how!

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Photographs

We often take photographs at library events. These pictures are used for publicizing the library and its programs. If you do not wish to be photographed, please let us know.



FOR THE KIDS AT LOWELL

Family Movie Night

Monday, February 5 and 19, 4-6 PM.

Wear your pajamas and bring something cozy to sit on. A snack and bottled water will be provided. Feel free to bring your own snacks as well. Movie titles to be announced.

Registration opens January 22.

Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Tuesday, February 6, 13 and 27, 4 PM.

This is a fun program where children get a chance to practice their reading skills while cozying up with a loveable pup. Kids can read to one of the therapy dogs for a few minutes, or just visit with one. This is such a fun way to build confidence and increase their love of reading! Registration is required and opens on Monday, January 22.

Book Walk

Thursday, February 8, 10:30 AM or 3:30 PM.

Dance along to some music, get some exercise and win books!

This is a free program for children birth-5th grade to enjoy with a parent or guardian. Registration is required to attend.

Registration opens Monday, January 15.

Story Time

Join Miss Jackie for a few stories, group activities, or a simple craft. Some activities may include painting or getting messy!

This is a free program for children 5 years of age and younger to attend with a parent or guardian. Story Time will last about 30-40 minutes. Limited space. Registration is required.

Please sign up for each session/day individually. (Signing up for one will NOT automatically sign you up for both). Please only chose Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday. All sessions held at 10:30 AM.

Dates:

Tuesday, February 13 and 20

Wednesday, February 14 and 21

Thursday, February 15 and 22

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL

Scrapbooking

Monday, Feb. 12

4-5 PM.

Bring a few of your favorite pictures. Choose from a ton of magazines and papers to cut up to scrapbook with.

Board Games

Monday, Feb. 26

4-5 PM.

Hang out at the library and play board games. Try one of ours or bring one to share.

***YA =**

Young Adult/ Teens
Grades 6-12



SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Movies for Grown Ups

Thursday, Feb. 1, 3 PM.
Enjoy our afternoon movie,
Second Hand Lions.

Over 18 Game Days

Monday, Feb. 5, 12, & 19, 4 PM.
Get together to play cards or
board games.

Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, Feb. 10 & 24, 10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay
for a chat.

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, February 15, 4 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss
Just the Nicest Couple written
by Mary Kubica.

Senior Bingo

Monday, February 26, 4 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift
card.

YA Pizza and Movie

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 4 PM.
Watch a movie – free pizza!

YA Independent Crafts

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4 PM.
Design your artwork using
miscellaneous craft supplies.

YA with Miss Sam

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 4 PM.
Come hang out at the library
and play board games with
friends.

YA Game Day

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 4 PM.
Bring a game to share or play
one of ours.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, February 6, 4 PM.
Make a cereal bird feeder.

Kids Game Day

Tuesday, February 13, 4 PM.
You pick what we play!

Craft with Miss Jackie

Tuesday, February 20, 4 PM.
Have fun learning to paint with
magnets!

Kids Independent Crafts

Tuesday, February 27, 4 PM.
Make something amazing using
your imagination and our craft
supplies.

SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Craft

Tuesday, February 6, 6 PM.
Make a family sign using letter
tiles.

Ceramics

Tuesday, February 13, 6 PM.
Pick a project to paint. Please
call ahead for information.

Beginners Crochet

Tuesday, February 20, 6 PM.
Learn crochet basics, or try
something new.

Sign Making

Tuesday, February 27, 6 PM.
Make a *Welcome Spring* sign.

Young Adult Bunco

Wednesday, Feb. 7, 4:30 PM.
Play bunco and win fun prizes.

YA Valentine Game Day

Wednesday, Feb. 14, 4:30 PM.
Play Valentine-themed games.

Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 4:30 PM.
Pick a craft– wood, a ceramic
piece, or glass painting.

Young Adult Games

Wednesday, Feb. 28, 4:30 PM.
Air Hockey? Bag Tournament?
Why not try Both!

Kids Craft

Tuesday, February 6, 4:15 PM.
Make a Valentine snail using
paper plates.

Kids Game Day

Tuesday, February 13, 4:15 PM.
Play Valentine games.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, February 20, 4:15 PM.
Make Valentine bug puppets.

Kids Paint

Tuesday, February 27, 4:15 PM.
Have fun painting with shaped
sponges.