



Lowell Library Lines

April 2021

Lowell Public Library
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www.lowellpl.lib.in.us

New Expanded Hours

Mon.-Thurs. 9 AM-6 PM
Fri.- Sat. 9 AM-5 PM

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

New Expanded Hours

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

Shelby Branch
23323 Shelby Rd
Shelby, IN 46377
552-0809

New Expanded Hours

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



National Library Week 2021: Welcome to Your Library

The theme for National Library Week (April 4-10, 2021), “Welcome to Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building – and that everyone is welcome to use their services. During the pandemic libraries have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their users. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to technology, multimedia content, and educational programs.

If you haven't before, we encourage all of our community members to visit our website to explore and access virtual services and programs. We offer a wide array of online resources that are available from the comfort of home including virtual programming on our YouTube channel. Hotspots are now available to check out for patrons who may lack internet access at home.

This National Library Week, you can show your appreciation and support by participating in the *We Love Our Library* campaign. Get one of our signs to put in your yard (limited supply available). Take a picture with the sign and email it to us at bashe@lowellpl.lib.in.us. We will post the pictures on our Facebook page.

Don't forget to visit the library's website at <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us>, LIKE us on Facebook and SUBSCRIBE to our YouTube channel. Welcome to your library-we know you'll love it!

Adult Programs and Events - Lowell

AARP Tax Aide

Free tax preparation, for low-income (up to 40,000), disabled or retired individuals will be offered by AARP volunteers now through April 5. Tax appointments will be curbside drop-off/pick-up only. NO appointments will be held inside the library. Please stay in your car and an AARP volunteer will come out to you.

All tax appointments are FULL!

Adult Book Discussion

Monday, April 12, 1-3 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *The Storied Life of A.J. Fikry* written by Gabrielle Zevin.

Pre-register beginning Monday, March 15.

Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in April, 9:00 AM-12 PM.

Meet up to knit and crochet, share patterns and tips. Pre-register. Limit of 10 participants.

Library Board Meets

Monday, April 19, 7 PM.

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

Check out our YouTube channel

At various times during the month, Tuesdays will be designated for crafts (some offering free craft kits), recipes, and other educational programs geared toward adults; Fridays are for new computer tips and other technology videos.



In Memory

Library staff and community were deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Shelby branch librarian, Eleanor Bartz.

Mrs. B, as she was called by library patrons, began her long record of library service first as a Board of Trustees member from 1960-1988, and then as Shelby branch head from 1988 until her retirement in 2003. While encouraging children to read, she gave out hugs and plenty of her "famous" snicker-doodle cookies! Mrs. B was known as an eternal optimist with a cheerful nature and became a friend to all who met her. She will be sorely missed.

<https://www.sheetsfuneral.com/obituary/Eleanor-Bartz>

Amateur Photography Contest

The Friends want to remind everyone to start taking your pictures for the contest tentatively scheduled for June. School age children and adults are encouraged to participate. Color and black & white entries will be judged together. Categories include landscape, architecture, animals, automotive and machinery, and the Library Nature Trail. More details to follow.

We hope all of our Friends members are staying happy and healthy during this time. We look forward to resuming regular meetings in the future. In the meantime, thank you to all who volunteer and support the library.

Friends of the Library \$2.00 Bag Book Sale

Saturday, April 24, 9 AM-4:30 PM.

Get some great bargains on the last Saturday of each month—only \$2.00 a bag! Bring your own bag or purchase one of our plastic bear and/or dog bags (\$1.00 each).

Tax Forms

Free Federal tax forms are located opposite the public copier in the reference area. Please take only one of each form you need. You can make copies if you need more than one copy of any form.

Unfortunately, Indiana forms were not sent to libraries this year, they are only available online. Ask at the reference desk and we can print out the forms you need at 10¢ cost per page. Since we are often working on several requests at once, please leave us a list of what you need and we will call you when your order is ready to be picked up.

If you have a computer at home, you can get your Federal forms online at <https://www.irs.gov> and Indiana forms at <https://www.in.gov/dor/>.

Donations

We are once again able to accept your donations of gently used books, magazines, DVDs and CDs. PLEASE DO NOT bring your donations inside the building or leave items outside our doors. Ring the bell at the door on the east side of our building (right next to the book drop). A staff member will meet you at the door.

Your donations will be used to either supplement the library collection or be added to the Friends of the Library used book sale. If you have any questions regarding what we can take, just give us a call during library business hours. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Young Adult Virtual Programs

Tune in every Wednesday to our YouTube channel for our Teen program hosted by Miss Hayley.

April 7 - Newspaper Baskets

April 14 - Board Game: Azul

April 21 - Watercolor Painting

April 28 - Reading Moment: Written in Verse

Don't forget to check out our previous videos to see other book reviews, games, and craft ideas!



For Kids this Month

Story Time with Miss Jackie

Join Miss Jackie **ONLINE** on our YouTube channel, Thursday, April 8 and in person **OUTSIDE** on Thursday, April 22 at 10:30 AM and 3:30 PM. (Story will also be available on YouTube if you miss us in person). You **MUST** be signed up ahead of time to participate in all library programs. Masks and social distancing are required!

April Showers Craft

April Showers must bring flowers! Miss Jackie will show you how to make your own flowers on our YouTube channel. Free craft kits will be available beginning on Monday, April 12.

Wind Spinner Craft

Make a wind spinner using raffle tickets. Craft kits will be available Monday, April 26 at the circulation desk or call for curbside pick up. Instructions will be available on YouTube channel.

Chalk the Walk

Join us on Thursday, April 22 for a story time and decorate our sidewalk afterward! You will get your own square to decorate. Chalk will be provided or you may bring your own. This program is for all ages—even parents! Children preschool age and younger must be accompanied by an adult. You must pre-register for either the 10:30 AM or the 3:30 PM session. Rain date is Friday, April 23.



Shelby Branch Programs

Over 18 Game Day

Monday, April 12, 3 PM.

Bring a board, card, or dice game to play.

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, April 22, 4-5 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *To All the Boys I've Love Before* by Jenny Han.

Bingo for Seniors

Monday, April 26, 3:30-4:30 PM.

Seniors play bingo for a chance to win a gift card.

Schneider Branch Programs

Plant Exchange

Saturday, April 17, 11 AM-1 PM.

Bring anything garden related (plants, hand tools, planters and pots, etc) to trade or just come to browse.

Welcome Spring Sign Craft

Make a pallet sign using paint sticks. A limited amount of FREE kits will be available for pickup beginning Monday, April 12.

Celebrate Earth Day

Thursday, April 22, 4-7 PM.

Stop by and get a FREE plant!

Budding Bloomers

Do you like digging in the dirt, working in your yard or growing your own vegetables? Get together with like-minded people and join our new gardening group. Let Crista know if you are interested.



New DVD Policy for 2021

You are now allowed to place holds on DVDs (except new releases). In addition, we have expanded the amount of DVDs you can check out at one time AND the length of time you may borrow them.

New Feature Films - 4 at a time for 3 days

TV Series and Older Films - 8 at a time for 7 days (plus 1 auto-renewal).

Non - Fiction - 4 at a time for 14 days (plus 1 auto-renewal).

That's a total of 16 DVDs you can take out with one trip to the library!

Renewals are automatic UNLESS someone has placed a hold on them. It is your responsibility to check on your own record.

We Are Always Open!

Did you know that you can access much of the library, even if the building is closed? Whether in your car in the parking lot or sitting at a table or on one of our benches outside, you can access our public Wi-Fi, and its FREE!

With your library card or an e-Card, you can download books, audio books, magazines and music through *Overdrive*, *HOOPLA* and *FREEGAL*. Streaming movies are available through *HOOPLA*. You can apply for an e-Card at our website by clicking on *Get A Library Card*.

Want to know more? Our library website <http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/> is the place to start. You can learn over 60 new languages with *MANGO* Languages or you can explore the *World Book Encyclopedia*. Click on the **STREAMING** tab for *TumbleBooks Kids* or *ABC Audio*. Click on the **ABOUT** tab to learn about the library or Lowell History.

Our home page at our website has a direct link to the card catalog. Look around, find what you want and place a hold. Or just call us and we'll get it for you. You can even choose our curbside service!

There is also a link to subscribe to our new *YouTube Channel!* And click on the *Facebook* tab to "Like" us!

New Fiction Books:

Three Hours in Paris - Black, Cara
Fast Ice - Cussler, Clive
Truly Like Lightning - Duchovny, David
Vera - Edgarian, Carol
Good Eggs - Hardiman, Rebecca
Better Luck Next Time - Johnson, Julia Claiborne
Later - King, Stephen
Good Neighbors - Langan, Sarah
The Lost Apothecary - Penner, Sarah
Destined for You - Peterson, Tracie
The Rose Code - Quinn, Kate
The Beirut Protocol - Rosenberg, Joel C.
Everything After - Santopolo, Jill
The Affair - Steel, Danielle
Band of Sisters - Willig, Lauren

New Mysteries:

Who is Maud Dixon? - Andrews, Alexandra
Dark Sky - Box, C.J.
Haunted Hibiscus - Childs, Laura
Girl A - Dean, Abigail
Her Dark Lies - Ellison, J. T.
Every Last Fear - Finlay, Alex
Infinite - Freeman, Brian
Death by Chocolate Snickerdoodle - Graves, Sarah
Eddie's Boy - Perry, Thomas
The Burning Girls - Tudor, C.J.
We Begin at the End - Whitaker, Chris

New Non-Fiction Books:

101 Important Words - Woods, Len
American Serial Killers - Vronsky, Peter
The Babysitter - Rodman, Liza
Be Water, My Friend - Lee, Shannon
Come Fly The World - Cooke, Julia
Conflict in the Holy Land
Grace & Steel (Biography) - Taraborrelli, J. Randy
The Language of Liberty - Hagenstein, Edwin C.
Liftoff: Elon Musk and the Desperate Early Days That Launched SpaceX - Berger, Eric
A Little History of Poetry - Cary, John
Radiant - Heinecke, Liz Lee
Spiders of the World - Platnick, Norman I.
Stronger Than You Think - Lewandowski, Gary W.
Think Again - Grant, Adam M.
We Had a Little Real Estate - Nesteroff, Kliph
Women in White Coats - Campbell, Olivia



New on DVD:

Batman Forever

Batman Returns

Beverly Hills Cop

Beverly Hills Cop II

Cedar Cove Season 1-3

Chesapeake Shores Season 1-4

Collateral Damage

The Croods: A New Age (Children's)

Freaky

The Golden Child

Highlander 2

Highlander: Endgame

Hot Shots!

Hot Shots! Part Deux

Let Him Go

License to Wed

Nighthawks

Night Shift

Presumed Innocent

Sleepless in Seattle

True Lies

*When Calls the Heart- Family Matters /
In Perfect Unity*

Winter in Vail

Young Pioneers' Christmas

New Magazines Titles Coming Soon:

All Recipes

American Farmhouse Style

American Road

Catster (Formerly Cat Fancy)

Coins

Cook's Country

Country Woman

Dogster (Formerly Dog Fancy)

Food Network Magazine

HGTV

Interweave Crochet

New Pioneer

Pioneer Woman

Practical Homeschooling

Real Simple

Reveal Magazine

Scout Life

This Old House

US Weekly

Vegnews

Wired

Woodcarving Illustrated



COVID-19: What We Are Doing to Keep You Safe

- Curbside service is still available by request.
- We no longer have time restrictions (except for public computer use).
- Newspapers can be read daily. Magazines can be read in the library or checked out.
- Masks are required and all social distancing guidelines must be followed.
- “Stand Here” X’s have been placed throughout the library and plastic shields have been installed at our reference and circulation desks.
- Tutoring/small group space is not available.
- Print/Copy/Scan/Fax services is available, however due to social distancing guidelines, they are self service only. Printing/Copying is limited to 50 pages per day.
- Computer usage is limited to ONE hour per day and machines are sanitized between use. Staff cannot provide "over the shoulder" assistance as we will be maintaining recommended distancing. Please bring someone with you if you think you will need technical help.
- All materials must be returned to the OUTSIDE book drop only. Items are quarantined before being put back into circulation.
- Because of limited staff, it is not possible to ensure that common surface areas are sanitized at all times; please act accordingly. Bathrooms are cleaned once daily.
- All programs for children, teens, and adults will continue to be enjoyed virtually. Subscribe to our YouTube channel. Crafts, cooking, history programs, and story time are among some of the topics you can explore and learn from!
- Study and meeting rooms and some furniture will not be available to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Remaining furniture has been rearranged to promote social distancing.

**NO MASKS
NO ENTRY
NO EXCEPTIONS! ***

In response to current COVID conditions and in order to keep our patrons and staff safe, you absolutely must wear a mask over your nose and mouth while you are in the library. If you are unable to wear a mask, we would gladly set you up to use our Curbside service - we bring items right to your car!

Other resources available to you include:

- Outdoor FREE Wi-Fi
- Downloadable and Streamed materials
- Online educational databases
- Reference assistance via email (referenc@lowellpl.lib.in.us) or phone 696-7704

We appreciate the public’s patience during this time as we restore library service in varying stages. We look forward to welcoming the community back into our buildings and also to the day when we can restore full operations safely.

*unless under 2 years of age or if you cannot wear a mask because of a medical condition