



March 2024 Newsletter

STAY SHARP KITS FOR SENIORS

Residents who want help with memory issues for themselves or loved ones have a new resource at the Lowell Public Library.

The library is offering “Stay Sharp” kits. The kits are designed to help people who are experiencing memory loss or other cognitive issues related to dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, or other memory disorders.

The kits come in individual clear plastic bags that include items such as puzzles, card games, books and other interactive activities to stimulate the mind.

The 19 kits cover subjects such as sports, history, and gardening. The activities are designed to relax, reinforce brain cell connections, and improve mental speed and short-term memory, while building social skills. And they are fun! The activities encourage multi-generational participation and would be fun for families, friends, and/or neighbors to complete together.

Kit titles available include: Discover the US, Explore the World of Art, Garden, Handyman, History Buffs WWII, Trees, Dogs, Cats, Homemaker, Let’s Move, Ocean, On the Road Again Travel, Space, Baseball, Fishing, Football, Golf, Things that Fly: Birds & Butterflies, and World Traveler. These can be checked out on a valid library card for 3 weeks just like a book.

SPRING CLEANING TIME!

Tuesday, March 19 is the first day of spring. Are you planning to do “spring cleaning”? If so, there’s no better time to get started than NOW- days when you are still stuck inside amid all your “stuff.”

Even people with the most organized homes still have things they no longer use or want. Consider filling up your donation boxes to help get ready for the Friends of the Lowell Public Library April Rummage Sale. Donation drop-offs begin on Thursday, April 12, 9–4:30 PM. (Flyer with complete details will be available soon)



Closed Friday, March 29

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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
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Hours

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



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Friends Meet
Wednesday, March 6
5:30 PM.
Attend our meeting and pizza party this month. Help to plan upcoming Friends events, fundraisers, and projects that support and improve the library. New friends welcome!

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale
Saturday, March 30
9 AM - 4:30 PM.
Get a bag of books for \$3.00 a bag, on the last Saturday of each month. You may bring your brown grocery bag or ask for one at the circulation desk.

- Ongoing Fundraisers**
- Coffee - \$1.50
 - Ear Buds - \$ 2.00
 - 16 GB USB flash drive - \$5.00
 - Christmas ornament - \$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, now through April 9. Appointments fill up quickly – please call now. NO walk-ins!

Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in March, 9 AM.
Meet up to knit and crochet, share patterns and tips.

Senior Social White Elephant Bingo

Thursday, March 7, 11 AM.
Bring an item from home for our prize table. Limit 30.
Pre-register.

Simple Stamping

Thursday, March 7, 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.

Book Club

Monday, March 11, 1-3 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *The Seven Husbands of Evelyn Hugo*, written by Taylor Jenkins Reid.

Evening Book Discussion

Thursday, March 14, 6 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *Until Tuesday: A Wounded Warrior and the Golden Retriever Who Saved Him*, written by Luis Carlos Montalvan. We will be joined by our special guests, Golden Retriever therapy dogs, Norman and Cheech.

Poetry

Saturday, March 16, 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, March 19, 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, March 19, 6 PM.
The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held.

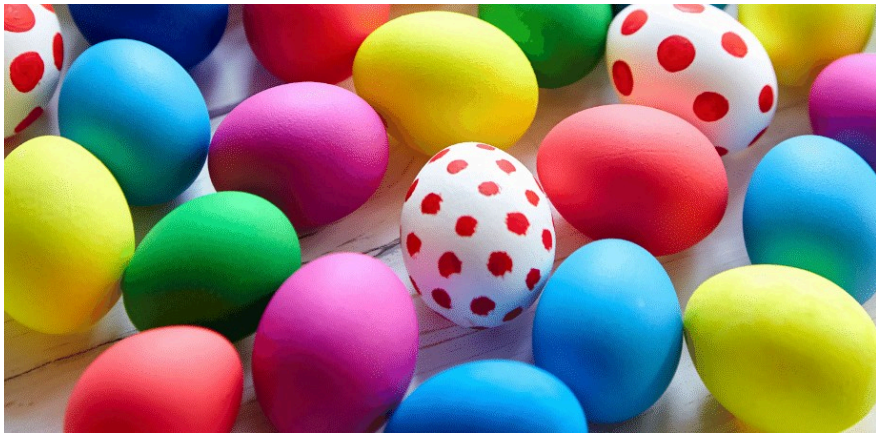
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Wednesday, March 20, 12-3 PM.
Get together and play this fun card game. We show you how!

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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

Celebrate Dr. Seuss' Birthday

Saturday, March 2, 10:00-11:30 AM

The library and the GFWC Lowell Woman's Club are hosting a party! Make a craft, have cupcakes, listen to a few Dr. Seuss books, and go home with a goodie bag! This FREE program is for children ages from birth to the fifth grade. Registration is required and opens February 19.

LEGO Fun with Hexbugs

Monday, March 4 and 18, 3:30-5 PM.

See what kind of maze you can create with LEGOS and watch the Hexbugs make their way through your creation! This is a free program for children ages 5-12. Registration opens on Monday, February 19.

Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Tuesday, March 5, 12, and 26, 4-5 PM.

This is a fun program where children get a chance to practice their reading skills while cozying up with a loveable pup. Registration is required and opens on Monday, February 19.

Easter Bunny Visit

Saturday March 9, 10 AM—1 PM.

Meet the Easter Bunny! No signups are required for this FREE event. Don't forget your camera!

Leprechaun Craft

Thursday, March 14, 10:30 and 3:30 PM.

Make a leprechaun and paint his beard on with a fork! This is a free program for children ages birth- 5th grade to enjoy with a parent or adult. Registration opens on Monday, February 26.

Story Time

Join Miss Jackie for a few stories, group activities or a simple craft (may involve paint or getting messy!). This is a free program for children ages 5 years of age and younger to enjoy with a parent or guardian. Story Time will last about 30-40 minutes. Limited space. Registration is required. Registration opens Monday, March 4.

Dates: Tuesdays March 19 and 26, Wednesdays March 20 and 27, or Thursdays March 21 and 28, all at 10:30 AM.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL

Movie Night

Monday, March 11
4-5 PM.

Watch a fun movie with your friends.

Easter Egg Hunt

Monday, March 25
4-5 PM.

You're never too old for an Easter Egg Hunt! Whether indoors or out, there will be plenty of eggs for everyone to find. Please bring your own bag!

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Young Adult/
Teens

Grades 6-12



SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Over 18 Game Days

Monday, March 4, 11, and 18
All at 4 PM.
Get together to play cards or board games.

Movies for Grown Ups

Thursday, March 7, 3 PM.
Enjoy an afternoon showing of *Jurassic Park*.

Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, March 9 & 23,
10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay for a chat.

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, March 21, 4 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *All the Missing Girls* written by Megan Miranda.

Senior Bingo

Monday, March 25, 4 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

Young Adult Game Day

Wednesday, March 6, 4 PM.
Bring a game or play one of ours.

YA Independent Crafts

Wednesday, March 13, 4 PM.
Design your artwork using miscellaneous craft supplies.

Easter Egg Hunt with Miss Sam

Wednesday, March 20, 4 PM.
You're never too old for an Easter Egg Hunt! Please bring your own bag!

YA Movie and Snacks

Wednesday, March 27, 4 PM.
Movie will be decided among those attending.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, March 5, 4 PM.
Make a spring garden gate using craft sticks.

Kids Game Day

Tuesday, March 12, 4 PM.
You pick what we play!

Craft with Miss Jackie

Tuesday, March 19, 4 PM.
Paint a leprechaun using a fork!

Kids Independent Crafts

Tuesday, March 26, 4 PM.
Make something amazing using your imagination and our craft supplies.

Therapy Dogs Visit

All ages are welcome to attend
Saturday, March 16
Call for time and details

SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Ceramics

Tuesday, March 5, 6 PM.
Make an Easter ceramic piece.
Call for information.

Easter Craft

Tuesday, March 12, 6 PM.
Make a wooden bunny block.

Craft Together

Tuesday, March 26, 6 PM.
Bring your own craft to show or work on.

Young Adult Game Day

Wed. March 6, 4:30 PM.
Play pickleball and ping pong.

Young Adult Bunny Craft

Wed. March 13, 4:30 PM.
Paint a patio block or wood bunny.

Young Adult Game Day

Wed. March 20, 4:30 PM.
You choose what we play!

Young Adult Pizza Party

Wed. March 27, 4:30 PM.
Stop in for pizza, stay for a chat!

Kids Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, March 5, 4:30 PM.
Go on a leprechaun hunt!

Kids Craft

Tuesday, March 12, 4:30 PM.
Make a leprechaun hat game.

Kids Easter Craft

Tuesday, March 19, 4:30 PM.
Make a bunny card.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, March 26, 4:30 PM.
Make a bunny magnet using popsicle sticks.

The Shelby and Schneider branches will be closed on Friday March 29 & Saturday, March 30