



## April 2024 Newsletter



### Friends of the Library Rummage Sale

April 25, 9 AM-5 PM  
April 26, 9 AM-4 PM  
April 27, 9 AM-12 PM

Spring cleaning and decluttering? We'll take it! You can drop off donations Friday, April 12 through noon on Wednesday, April 24. (Please no drop-offs after 7 PM Monday-Thursday, or 4 PM Friday-Saturday.) We will take items in good, clean & working condition. A few examples are books, electronics, office supplies, crafts, artwork, DVDs, music, toys and games, baby and kids clothes, kitchen items and seasonal décor. See flyer for more information.

This is the Friends' largest fundraiser of the year and with your support, will be one of the most successful. Please consider donating to keep Lowell Public Library programming the best there is!



### Meet the Voyageurs

French-Canadian Voyageurs canoed the Grand Kankakee centuries ago. The goods that the fur traders brought to merchants (textiles and metal goods) were traded for furs with the Native Americans.

You are invited to learn more about the vital part that the fur traders played in our local history at the Lowell Public Library on Saturday, April 20 from 9 AM to 12 PM. During their visit, Voyageurs will portray the different travelers and inhabitants of the Kankakee from the 1690s through the 1780s. The reenactors dress in traditional clothing that they have handcrafted to represent the period. On display will include a canoe and other trade goods.

On May 20 and 21, the *Voyageur Rendezvous*, an 18<sup>th</sup> Century Fur Trade reenactment, will be held at the Grand Kankakee Marsh from 10 AM to 4 PM. The fee is \$5 per person and is free to children 5 and under. Check the Lake County Parks website for more information at <https://lakecountyparks.com/162/Voyageur-Rendezvous>.



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[www.lowellpl.lib.in.us](http://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us)

#### 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, April 3,  
5:30 PM.  
Attend our monthly  
meetings to help plan  
upcoming Friends  
events, fundraisers, and  
projects that support  
and improve the library.  
New friends welcome!

**\$3.00 Bag Book Sale**  
Saturday, April 27  
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 April, 9 AM.  
Meet up to knit and crochet and share patterns and tips.

### Senior Social

Thursday, April 4, 11 AM.  
Learn about fire safety with Lowell Fire Chief Christopher Gamblin.

### Simple Stamping

Thursday, April 4, 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, April 6, 10 AM-2 PM.  
Give blood. Help save lives. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment.

### Book Club

Monday, April 8, 1-3 PM.  
Read, then meet to discuss *The Nature of Fragile Things*, written by Susan Meissner.

### Poetry

Saturday, April 13, 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, April 16, 10 AM.  
Join 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, April 16, 6 PM.  
The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held.

### Canasta

Wednesday, April 17, 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

### LEGO Fun with Hexbugs

Monday, April 1, 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, March 18.

### Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Tuesday, April 2, 9, 23, and 30, 4-5 PM.

Read or just visit with a certified therapy dog! This is a fun program where children can practice their reading skills while cozying up with a loveable pup. Registration is required and opens on Monday, March 18.

### Spring Craft

Thursday, April 11, 10:30 and 3:30 PM.

Make a garden gate using craft sticks! This is a free program for children ages birth-5th grade to enjoy with a parent or adult. Registration opens on Monday, March 18.

### 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 18. Please only choose between Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, all at 10:30 AM.

#### Dates

Tuesdays: April 16 and 23  
Wednesdays: April 17 and 24  
Thursdays: April 18 and 25

## YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL

No programs  
this month

Miss Sam  
recommends  
these new reads:

### 40 Days in Hicksville

Christina Kilbourne

### The Atlas of Us

Kristin Dwyer

### A Drop of Venom

Sajni Patel

### My Life Off-Key

Gail Anderson-  
Dargatz

### Once a Queen

Sarah Arthur



## SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

### Over 18 Game Days

Monday, April 1, 8, 15 & 29  
All at 4 PM.  
Get together to play cards or board games.

### Movies for Grown Ups

Saturday, April 6, 10 AM.  
Patrons will choose the title.

### Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, April 13 & 27, 10 AM.  
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay for a chat.

### Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, April 18, 4 PM.  
Read, then meet to discuss *The Beach House* written by Mary Alice Monroe.

### Senior Bingo

Monday, April 22, 4 PM.  
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

### Young Adult Game Day

Wednesday, April 3, 4 PM.  
Bring a game or play one of ours.

### YA Independent Crafts

Wednesday, April 10, 4 PM.  
Design your artwork using miscellaneous craft supplies.

### YA Movie and Snacks

Wednesday, April 17, 4 PM.  
The movie will be decided among those attending.

### YA Wii Tournament

Wednesday, April 24, 4 PM.  
Test your video game skills against your friends.

### Kids Craft

Tuesday, April 2, 4 PM.  
Make a solar eclipse glasses mask.

### Kids Game Day

Tuesday, April 9, 4 PM.  
You pick what we play!

### Craft with Miss Jackie

Tuesday, April 16, 4 PM.  
Make an Earth suncatcher.

### Kids Independent Crafts

Tuesday, April 23, 4 PM.  
Make something amazing using your imagination and our craft supplies.

### Kids Glass Painting

Tuesday, April 30, 4 PM.  
Paint your designs on glass.

## SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

### Adult Crafts

Tues. April 2, 16 & 30, 6 PM.  
We're cleaning out the closet—pick your project!

### Adult Bunco

Tuesday, April 9, 6 PM.  
Play for fun and win prizes.

### Gnome Crafts for Adults

Tuesday, April 23, 6 PM.  
Paint a wood or ceramic gnome. Call the library for more information and to sign up.

### Young Adult Game Day

Wed. April 3, 4:30 PM.  
You choose what to play.

### YA Canvas Painting

Wed. April 10, 4:30 PM.  
Choose any technique you want to use for your project.

### Young Adult Game Day

Wed. April 17, 4:30 PM.  
Play pickleball and ping pong.

### YA Sharpie Tie-Dye

Wed, April 24, 4:30 PM.  
Bring an item to tie-dye using Sharpie markers.

### Kids Craft

Tuesday, April 2, 4:30 PM.  
Make a raindrop suncatcher.

### Kids Game Day

Tuesday, April 9, 4:30 PM.  
Play one of our board games.

### Kids Tic Tac Toe Craft

Tuesday, April 16, 4:30 PM.  
Paint rocks for tic tac toe.

### Kids Spring Craft

Tuesday, April 23, 4:30 PM.  
Create paper flowers.

### Kids Paper Craft

Tuesday, April 30, 4:30 PM.  
Make a "fortune teller".