



**December
2024
Newsletter**



LIBRARY CLOSED
Tuesday, Dec 24
Wednesday, Dec. 25
Tuesday, Dec. 31
Wednesday, Jan. 1



Friends Annual Tree Trimming Party
Wednesday, December 4, 5:30 PM.

After a delightful potluck dinner, a brief meeting, and a social gathering in the Meeting Room, members of the Friends of the Library will decorate the large tree in the library's main room. New Friends members and their guests are invited to join us! Please bring a dish to share and a wrapped item for our White Elephant gift exchange.

Evergreen Crates

Saturday, December 7, 10 AM and 2 PM.
Tuesday, December 10, 1 PM and 6 PM.

Decorate your home with fragrant, natural evergreens for the holidays. You can create your own evergreen-filled crate! The crates are filled to overflowing with your choice of evergreens, berries, cones, and pods. The cost, including everything you want to use, is \$45.00. Or create a basket (\$30.00). Bring your own basket or a variety of sizes will be available. Pre-register online at our website.

Santa Story Time at the Lowell Library
Saturday, December 14, 10:00-11:00 AM

Join us in hearing Santa read the classic story, *The Night Before Christmas*. While you are waiting your turn to talk to Santa, enjoy some fun holiday activities in the meeting room including a Build-A-Snowman scavenger hunt. Bring your phone or camera to take pictures with Santa! This is a FREE event and no registration is required.

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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

Scholastic Book Fair
December 9-14
Shop at the Scholastic Book Fair. Profits from the book sale help support library programming for all ages!
Shop online at <https://www.scholastic.com/bf/lowellpubliclibrary1>.

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale
Saturday, December 28
9 AM-4:30 PM.
On the last Saturday of each month, get a bag of books for \$3. You can bring your own 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
 - Fabric Tote Bags - \$5.00

ADULT/SENIOR EVENTS AT LOWELL

Knit & Crochet

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

Senior Social– A White Christmas Party

Thursday, December 5, 11 AM.
Celebrate the 70th anniversary of *White Christmas*. Make a few crafts, watch the movie, and enjoy a free lunch. Lunch and snacks will be based on foods from the movie. Limit 40. You must pre-register.

Simple Stamping

Thursday, December 5, 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.

Afternoon Book Club

Monday, December 9, 1-3 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *The Matzah Ball*, written by Jean Meltzer.

Adult Coloring

Tuesday, December 17, 10 AM.
Coloring is a great way to de-stress and stimulate the brain's motor skills. All necessary supplies will be provided, or you may bring your own.

Library Board Meets

Tuesday, December 17, 6 PM.
The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held.

Canasta

Wednesday, December 18, 12-3 PM.
Join us for a fun card game and we'll show you how to play!

Poetry

Saturday, December 21, 10 AM-12 PM.
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society. Bring your work or that of your favorite poet.

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Stay Sharp Kits for Seniors

The library has 29 different kits to choose from. Take one (or two) home for your holiday get-togethers to share with your family. These kits are geared for seniors but fun for all ages!

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

Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Tuesday, December 3, 10, and 17, 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 Monday, November 11.

Family Pajama Movie Night

Monday, December 9, 4-6 PM.

Wear your cozy pajamas, bring something soft to sit on, and enjoy *The Grinch!* Popcorn and bottled water will be provided but feel free to bring your own movie snack. Pre-registration is required and opens Monday, November 18.

Holiday Craft

Thursday, December 12, 10:30 A.M or 3:30 PM.

Create a cute Christmas tree with an ice cream cone! This is a free program for children ages birth– 5th grade to enjoy with a parent or adult. Pre-registration is required and opens Monday, November 18.

Santa Story Time & Scavenger Hunt

Saturday, December 14, 10:00-11:00 AM

See page 1 for more information.

Story Time

Join Miss Jackie for a few stories, group activities, or a simple craft. (Sometimes we get 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. All at 10:30 AM. Choose between Tuesday, December 17; Wednesday, December 18; or Thursday, December 19. *Only 1 week of Story Time this month. Registration is required and opens on Monday, November 25.

Family Pajama Movie Night

Monday, December 23, 4-6 PM.

Wear your cozy pajamas, bring something soft to sit on, and enjoy the holiday classic, *The Polar Express*, at the library. We will have popcorn, cookies, and bottled water but feel free to bring your own movie snacks! Pre-registration is required and opens Monday, November 25.

YOUNG ADULT/ TEENS AT LOWELL

Jack “Sandy Claws” Skellington

Thursday, December 5
5:30-7 PM

Put your unique spin on Christmas decorating. Join us to paint your own Jack “Sandy Claws” Skellington. You don’t have to be an expert painter to have fun with this! We will also have hot chocolate and cookies to snack on! Pre-register.

Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, December 19
5:30 PM

How clever are you? Are you good at solving mind puzzles? Put your skills to the test with a variety of festive clues!

Work your way through the puzzles, follow where the clues lead, and discover what made the reindeer sick the night before their big flight. Pre-register.

*YA =
Young Adult/ Teens
Grades 6-12

SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Over 18 Game Days

Monday, Dec. 2, 9, 16, and 30
All at 4 PM.
Get together to play cards or board games.

Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, Dec. 14 & 28, 10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay for a chat.

Book Club Party

Thursday, December 19, 4 PM.
Bring a dish to share.

Movies for Grown-Ups

Saturday, December 21, 10 AM.
Enjoy a morning movie at the library.

Senior Bingo

Monday, December 23, 4 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

Young Adult Game Day

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 4:30 PM.
Bring a game or play one of ours.

Young Adult Pizza Party

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4:30 PM.
Stop in for FREE pizza and hang out with your friends.

YA Craft with Miss Emily

Thursday, Dec 12, 4:30 PM.
Paint your own Jack “Sandy Claws” Skellington. Miss Emily will bring everything you need for this fun project.

Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 4:30 PM.
Make a festive wreath to hang in your home and give as a gift.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, December 3, 4 PM.
Make Christmas ornaments.

Crafting with Miss Jackie

Thursday, December 5, 4 PM.
Create a Christmas tree with ice cream cones!

Kids Game Day

Tuesday, December 10, 4 PM.
Play board games with friends.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, December 17, 4 PM.
Paint a Christmas tree using a cardboard tube.

SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Ceramics

Monday, December 2, 6 PM.
Finish your Christmas tree.
Call to register (required).

Adult Craft

Monday, December 9, 6 PM.
Work on a craft of your choosing or just stop by to chat. Snacks provided. Call to register (required).

Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, Dec. 4, 4:30 PM.
Paint a wooden reindeer.

Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, Dec. 11, 4:30 PM.
Make a holiday jar with decoupage.

Young Adult Cookie Fun

Wednesday, Dec. 18, 4:30 PM.
Decorate Christmas cookies!

Kids Craft

Tuesday, December 3, 4 PM.
Make Christmas ornaments.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, December 10, 4 PM.
Create pictures or cards by using puff paint.

Kids Snowman Craft

Tuesday, December 17, 4 PM.
Make snowman ornaments with tealights.



ALL AGES

Saturday, December 14
12:30 PM—Decorate a gingerbread house
1:00 PM—Santa and Mrs. Claus stop in to help

**** You MUST call ahead of time to reserve a spot! ****