



January 2025 Newsletter

IDITAROD MUSER KAREN LAND

SENIOR SOCIAL

Thursday, January 2, 11 AM.

What does it feel like to ride the runners behind a team of dogs, steering a loaded sled through mountainous terrain, crossing the vast Alaskan tundra, hugging the shoreline of the great Bering Sea? What does it take to care for a team of Alaskan huskies?

2025 is the 100th Anniversary of the 1925 Diphtheria Serum Run! Remember Balto and Togo and the many heroic huskies and mushers who carried life-saving anti-toxin to the town of Nome, Alaska? Want to learn more?

Join us as we welcome Musher Karen Land, when she and Noggin, the Alaskan Husky, visit our library. Land is a writer, public speaker, and three-time participant in the 1000-mile Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race as well as many other sprint and endurance races in Alaska, Canada, Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, and Maine. Since 2000, Land has traveled to nearly every state with her dog sled, mushing gear, Arctic clothing, and beloved dogs.

Pre-register at our website or call the library. Not a senior? No worries—ALL AGES are welcome to attend!

TALK TO A LAWYER DAY

Monday, January 20, 9 AM-5 PM.



The Indiana State Bar Association, Pro Bono Indiana, and NWI Volunteer Lawyers Inc. present the 23rd annual public service event honoring the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and his dream of access to justice for all. As a service to the public, volunteer lawyers will be available to answer your legal questions and give brief (10-15 minute) consultations, FREE OF CHARGE.

No appointment is necessary to talk to a lawyer. Sign in at the reference desk and you will be helped in turn.



Closed Wednesday, Jan. 1

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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

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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, January 8
5:30 PM.

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

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale

Saturday, January 25
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
- Christmas ornament - \$5.00
- Fabric Tote Bags— \$5.00

ADULT/SENIOR EVENTS AT LOWELL

Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in January, 9 AM.

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

Drop-In Tech Help

January 8 and 15, 10 AM-12 PM.

Do you have a question about how to use your phone, tablet, laptop, or computer? Stop in during our drop-in hours and ask for Amanda—she will work with you to find the answer! (First come, first served)

Simple Stamping

Thursday, January 9, 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.

Adult Book Club

Monday, January 13, 1-3 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *Remarkably Bright Creatures*, written by Shelby Van Pelt.

Canasta

Wednesday, January 15, 12-3 PM.

Join us for a fun card game and we'll teach you how to play!

Poetry

Saturday, January 18, 10 AM-12 PM.

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

Adult Coloring

Tuesday, January 21, 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, January 21, 6 PM.

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

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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.

Go Green, Go Digital

Sign up at the circulation desk to be notified when a new edition of our monthly library newsletter is out. It is available online or you can download it from our website. All scheduled events can be found in the newsletter, on our Facebook page, and on our website events calendar.



FOR THE KIDS AT LOWELL

Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Every Tuesday in January, 4-5 PM.

This is a fun program where children get a chance to cozy up with a loveable pup and practice their reading skills.

Kids can read to one of the therapy dogs for a few minutes or just visit with one. Some of these dogs have pretty neat talents to share! This is a great way to build confidence and increase the child's love of reading.

Registration is required and opens on Monday, December 16.

This month, there will be no kids' programs. Miss Jackie will be busy reorganizing the Children's area and making room for the new books she has ordered.

And as always, Miss Jackie likes to keep the toys in the kids' room clean for everyone. Every January, hard surface toys are washed, and the puppets and stuffed animals enjoy "spa" days!

Have you checked out our STEAM kits? They are both fun and educational! You can also grab some books to read when it's too cold to play outside.

Be sure to check our website calendar for all the exciting activities Miss Jackie is planning for you in the coming months. We'll see you in February!

YOUNG ADULTS/TEENS AT LOWELL

Grades 5-12

Movie Night

Thursday, January 2
5-7 PM.

Watch *Togo: The Untold True Story*. FREE popcorn, cookies and "puppy chow" snacks will be available. Please pre-register.

Game Night

Thursday, January 16
5:30-7 PM.

Play some multiplayer games on the Nintendo Switch, take a try at using the Oculus Quest VR headset, or join in on fun card or board games. Pre-register.

Hand Warmers

Thursday, January 23
5:30 PM.

Cold? What better way to keep your hands warm than to have a hand warmer in each pocket, while waiting for the bus or walking to see a friend? Learn how to make your own flannel hand warmers. Pre-register to ensure that we have enough supplies.



SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Over 18 Game Days

Monday, January 6, 13, and 20, 4 PM.
Get together to play cards or board games.

Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, Jan. 11 & 25, 10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay for a chat.

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, January 16, 4 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *Exiles* written by Jane Harper.

Movies for Grown Ups

Saturday, January 18, 10 AM.
Enjoy a morning movie at the library.

Senior Bingo

Monday, January 27, 4 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

YA Independent Crafts

Wednesday, Jan. 8, 4:30 PM.
Design your artwork using miscellaneous craft supplies.

YA with Miss Emily

Thursday, January 9, 4:30 PM.
Make flannel hand warmers to keep or give to someone as a warm and thoughtful gift.

YA Movie and Snacks

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 4:30 PM.
Movie will be decided among those attending.

YA Craft

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 4:30 PM.
Make Valentine jars for someone special!

YA Game Day

Wednesday, Jan. 29, 4:30 PM.
Bring a game or play one of ours.

Craft with Miss Jackie

Thursday, January 2, 4:30 PM.
Miss Jackie will show you how to make a melted snowman!

Kids Craft

Tuesday, January 7, 4:30 PM.
Make a penguin bookmark.

Kids Game Day

Tuesday, January 14, 4:30 PM.
You pick what we play!

Kids Independent Crafts

Tuesday, January 21, 4:30 PM.
Create something amazing using your imagination and our craft supplies.

Kids Wii Tournament

Tuesday, January 28, 4:30 PM.
Play in our friendly tournament for a chance to win bragging rights!

SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Puzzles

Every Monday in January, all at 4:30-6:30 PM.
Come in and work on selected puzzles. Registration required.



Young Adult Bunco

Wednesday, Jan. 15, 4 PM.
Play this fun dice game. Never played before? We'll teach you!

Young Adult Game Day

Wednesday, Jan. 22, 4 PM.
Bring a game or play one of ours.

Young Adult Pizza/Puzzles

Wednesday, Jan 29, 4 PM.
It's National Puzzle Month!
Come in for FREE pizza and stay to work on a puzzle.

Kids Sledding Contest

Tuesday, January 14, 4 PM.
Weather permitting, join in our sledding contest and have some hot chocolate. If no snow, work on jigsaw puzzles.

Kids Craft

Tuesday, January 21, 4 PM.
Make a snowball shooter game for indoor winter fun!

Kids Puzzle Day

Tuesday, January 28, 4 PM.
Work with word puzzles or jigsaw puzzles.