



## February 2025 Newsletter



### **MANGO 60 WAYS TO SAY "I LOVE YOU" LEARN WITH MANGO LANGUAGES**

Did you know that the library offers the *Mango Languages* online language-learning system to its patrons? You can learn to say "I Love You" in 60 different languages!

*Mango* is free for all library patrons and can be accessed anywhere with an Internet connection. Each lesson combines real-life situations and audio from native speakers with simple, clear instructions. The courses are presented with an appreciation for cultural nuance and real-world application by focusing on the four key elements of language learning: vocabulary, pronunciation, grammar, and culture.

*Mango* offers access to 60 foreign language courses and 17 English courses taught completely in the user's native language. In addition to traditional language courses, *Mango* also offers the opportunity to learn through foreign films with *Mango Premiere*<sup>TM</sup> and access to a variety of specialty mini courses, like Pirate, Medical Spanish and romance courses. *Mango* can be accessed at the library, remotely, or even on-the-go with apps for iPhone®, Android<sup>TM</sup>, and Kindle®. For more information check our website: <https://www.lowellpl.lib.in.us/learn-new-languages-with-mango/>

### **LAKE COUNTY HEALTH DEPT. IMMUNIZATION CLINIC**

Wednesday, February 12  
2-6 PM.



ACIP, CDC, and school-recommended vaccines will be offered. Bring your insurance card and vaccine record if available. Certain requirements must be met depending on insurance. Walk-ins are welcome! For questions, please contact the Lake County Health Department, (219) 755-3658.

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1505 East Commercial  
Lowell, IN 46356  
phone (219) 696-7704  
fax (219) 696-5280  
[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, February 5  
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, February 22  
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 - \$1.50
- 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

### Free Tax Preparation

Need help filing your taxes? **AARP** Tax preparation will be held on Tuesdays, February 4 - April 8. Call for appointment.

### Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, February 1, 10 AM-2 PM.

Give Blood, Give Life. Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) or call 1-800-RED CROSS to schedule your appointment. Walk-ins are always welcome.

### Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in February, 9 AM.

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

### Senior Social - White Elephant Bingo

Thursday, February 6, 11 AM.

Come in from the cold and have some fun playing bingo with us. Bring an unwanted item from home for the prize table. Limit 30. Pre-register.

### Simple Stamping

Thursday, February 6, 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, February 10, 1-3 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *Hello Beautiful* written by Ann Napolitano.

### Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesday, February 12, 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)

### Poetry

Saturday, February 15, 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, February 18, 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, February 18, 6 PM.

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

### Canasta

Wednesday, February 19, 12-3 PM.

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



## FOR THE KIDS AT LOWELL

### Pajama Story Time

Monday, February 3 and 17, 5:30-6 PM.

Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffy, and join Miss Jackie for a few stories, flannel board activities, and maybe a little relaxing yoga, or we'll play some music to get those wiggles out! This FREE program is for kids birth to kindergarten age and will last about 30 minutes. Registration is required and opens Monday, January 20.

### Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Every Tuesday in February, 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, January 20.

### Family Movie Night

Monday, February 10, 4-6 PM.

Wear your pajamas and bring something cozy to sit on. A snack and bottled water will be provided. Movie title will be announced soon. Registration opens Monday, January 20.

### Candy Bingo

Thursday, February 13, 10:30 AM or 3:30 PM.

Play color shaped bingo to win some candy and books! This FREE program is for kids ages birth—4th grade to enjoy with a parent. Registration opens Monday, January 20.

### Story Time

Join Miss Jackie for a few stories, group activities, or a simple craft. Sometimes we get messy! This 30-40 minute program is FREE and for children ages 5 years and younger to enjoy with a parent or guardian. Limited space. Please pre-register. (Sign up for each session individually. Signing up for one will not automatically sign you up for both.) Choose either Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday sessions, all held at 10:30 AM. Registration opens on Monday, January 20.

Tuesday, February 18 and 25  
Wednesday, February 19 and 26  
Thursday, February 20 and 27

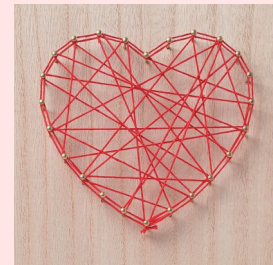
## YOUNG ADULTS/ TEENS AT LOWELL

Grades 5-12

### String Art

Thursday, February 6  
5:30-7 PM.

Make your own creative masterpiece using hammers, wood, nails, and string. Valentine patterns, and others that are non-seasonable, will be available for you to follow. Pre-register at our website.



### Snowball Fight

Thursday, Feb. 20  
5:30-7 PM.

Join us for an INDOOR snowball fight. This is a great way to be up and active during these bitterly cold months, stay warm, and have fun with other friends! Please pre-register.

## SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED FOR YA/TEEN AND KIDS PROGRAMS**

### **Over 18 Game Days**

Monday, Feb. 3, 10, & 17, 4 PM.  
Get together to play cards or board games.

### **Coffee & Conversation**

Saturday, Feb. 8 & 22, 10 AM.  
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay for a chat.

### **Movies for Grown Ups**

Saturday, February 15, 10 AM.  
Enjoy a morning movie at the library.

### **Adult Book Discussion**

Thursday, February 20, 4 PM.  
Read, then meet to discuss *Being Henry* written by Henry Winkler.

### **Senior Bingo**

Monday, February 24, 4 PM.  
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

### **YA Independent Crafts**

Wednesday, Feb. 5, 4:30 PM.  
Design your artwork using miscellaneous craft supplies.

### **YA Movie and Snacks**

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 4:30 PM.  
Movie will be decided among those attending.

### **YA with Miss Emily**

Thursday, Feb. 13, 4:30 PM.  
Create a masterpiece using hammers, wood, nails and string.

### **YA Wii Games**

Wednesday, Feb. 19, 4:30 PM.  
Play Wii games with your friends.

### **YA Game Day**

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 4:30 PM.  
Bring a game or play one of ours.

### **Kids Game Day**

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

### **Valentine Craft**

Thursday, February 6, 4:30 PM.  
Make a heart garland using pipe cleaners.

### **Kids Candy Bingo**

Tuesday, February 11, 4:30 PM.  
Play color shape bingo and win candy!

### **Kids Wii Games**

Tuesday, February 18, 4:30 PM.  
Play a variety of Wii games.

### **Kids Independent Crafts**

Tuesday, February 25, 4:30 PM.  
Create something amazing using your imagination and our craft supplies.

## SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

### **Adult Craft**

Monday, February 10, 6 PM.  
Bring a craft or pick one of ours. You MUST call the library to register.

### **Adult Bingo**

Thursday, February 27, 6 PM.  
Play bingo for novelty prizes. You MUST call the library to register.



### **Young Adult Game Nights**

Wed., Feb 5 & 19, 4:30 PM.  
Bring a game or play one of ours.

### **Young Adult Valentine Fun**

Wednesday, Feb. 12, 4:30 PM.  
Make dipped pretzels for Valentine's Day.

### **Young Adult Canvas Art**

Wednesday, Feb. 26, 4:30 PM.  
Create a work of art using alcohol inks on canvas.

### **Kids Flamingo Valentine**

Tuesday, February 4, 4:30 PM.  
Make a flamingo Valentine card using noodles.

### **Kids Bingo**

Tuesday, Feb. 11, 4:30 PM.  
Play bingo to win fun prizes.

### **Kids Beads**

Tuesday, Feb. 18, 4:30 PM.  
Beads galore! Glue them, string them, whatever you choose!

### **Kids Sun Catcher**

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 4:30 PM.  
Make a penguin sun catcher.