



## May 2025 Newsletter



**With Honor & Gratitude**  
**We Remember**

**Library Closed**  
**Friday, May 9**  
**and**  
**Monday, May 26**

### ORAL HISTORY WORKSHOP

The Three Creeks Historical Society and the Lowell Public Library are pleased to host a 6-part workshop series led by local writer and documentarian Samuel Love. This series is funded through the Life-long Arts fellowship by the Indiana Arts Commission and will be held every Friday between May 2 and June 6, 10:30 AM-12 PM. Registration for each week's session is available at our website.

This workshop will demonstrate how an oral history approach can be valuable beyond academic contexts. It will also appeal to genealogists, family historians, and podcasters, making it suitable for families and people of all ages.

Love will stress preparation at every stage of the process: before, during, and after the interview. He'll share tips from over 25 years of practice, from shaping a project, ethical considerations, thoughts on being a better listener, the impact of technology, and strategies for publishing and archiving the results. "If you don't tell your own history someone else might."

Samuel Love is the editor of *The Gary Anthology* (Belt Publishing, 2020) and producer of the award-winning documentary shorts *Calumet: The Region's River* (2022) and *Grown In Gary* (2024) for Indiana Humanities.

### 45th ANNUAL STUDENT ART EXHIBIT

The Friends of the Lowell Library invite you to witness the creativity and imagination of elementary grade students from the Tri-Creek area. The library will host an art exhibition from May 5 to May 10, showcasing a wide range of artwork created by the young artists in acrylics, 3D, watercolors, chalks, and computer graphics.

The students will receive certificates of achievement for their efforts, which will be distributed the following week when their artwork is returned to their school.

A special reception will be held on Wednesday, May 7, at 6:00 PM to honor the young artists and their families. During the reception, Friends members will offer refreshments, and children from grades K-4 who attend the event can participate in a drawing for a chance to win art supplies. Special thanks to Aunt Nae's for balloon donations.

Lowell Public Library  
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**

**Loven Oven Library  
Fundraiser**

**Thursday, May 8  
4-9 PM**

**Order from Loven Oven  
1000 E. Commercial Ave  
(219) 696-6828.**

**Every pizza order during  
those hours will benefit  
our library!**

**\$3.00 Bag Book Sale**

**Saturday, May 31  
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
- Fabric Tote Bags - \$5.00

## ADULT/SENIOR EVENTS AT LOWELL

### Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in May, 9 AM.

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

### Senior Social - Birdhouses

Thursday, May 1, 11 AM.

It's our last get-together until September. Join us to paint a birdhouse. Limit of 25. You must pre-register.

### Simple Stamping

Thursday, May 1, 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, May 12, 1-3 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *Under the Southern Sky* written by Kristy Woodson Harvey.

### Drop-In Tech Help

Wednesday, May 14, 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, May 17, 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, May 20, 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, May 20, 6 PM.

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

### Canasta

Wednesday, May 21, 12-3 PM.

Get together and play this fun card game. Don't know how? We can teach you!



### 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, May 6, 20, and 27, 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 cozing up with a loveable pup. Registration is required and opens on Monday, April 21.

### Coming in June:

Set Your Hooks Into Some Books  
Summer Reading 2025

June 2 - July 26

Check our Facebook Page and website soon for more details.



## Make A Difference



### Calling All Young Adult/Teens Grades 5-12

Are you looking to get some volunteer hours for school? Looking for something to do this summer and want to help out with children's programs? Help Miss Jackie during craft programs and events. She can always use an extra hand setting up for crafts or taking pictures for our Facebook page, and passing out fun prizes to the kids from our treasure box.

If you are interested, please come in with a parent or guardian to fill out a permission slip and take a look at the schedule to set up times to volunteer! Volunteer sign-ups start on Monday, May 19!

## YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL Grades 5-12

### Soap Making

Thursday, May 1  
5:30 PM.

Make your own soap. Customize with a variety of colors and scents. Pre-register to ensure an adequate amount of supplies.

### Fire Safety and Campfire Fun

Wednesday, May 14  
5:30 PM.

Learn the ins and outs of fire safety and how to build, maintain, and properly extinguish a campfire.

Roast marshmallows and make s'mores while hearing spooky stories from local storyteller and author of *Haunted Indiana*, Mark Marimen.

This program is for students 5-12 grade ONLY. For safety reasons, DO NOT sign up younger children. Registration opens April 23. (Rain date Wednesday, May 21.)

## SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

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

### Over 18 Game Days

Monday, May 5, 12, and 19,  
All at 4 PM.  
Get together to play cards or  
board games.

### Coffee & Conversation

Saturday, May 10 & 24, 10 AM.  
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay  
for a chat.

### Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, May 15, 4 PM.  
Read, then meet to discuss  
*The Housemaid*, written by  
Freida McFadden.

### Movies for Grown-Ups

Saturday, May 17, 10 AM.  
Enjoy a morning movie at the  
library. Title to be determined.

### YA Independent Crafts

Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 PM.  
Be creative with our supplies.

### YA with Miss Emily

Thursday, May 8, 4:30 PM.  
Make soap with your choice of  
color and scent.

### YA Movie & Cookies

Wednesday, May 14, 4:30 PM.  
Watch a fun movie. Enjoy  
chocolate chip cookies!

### YA Craft

Wednesday, May 21, 4:30 PM.  
Paint a patriotic wooden star.

### YA Games

Wednesday, May 28, 4:30 PM.  
Play board games.

### Kids Independent Crafts

Tuesday, May 6, 4:30 PM.  
Make something amazing using  
your imagination and our craft  
supplies.

### Kids Game Day

Tuesday, May 13, 4:30 PM.  
Play board games.

### Kids Craft

Tuesday, May 20, 4:30 PM.  
Celebrate Amelia Earhart Day  
by creating and coloring paper  
airplanes.

### Kids Wii Games

Tuesday, May 27, 4:30 PM.  
Play a variety of Wii games with  
your friends.

## SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

### Adult Ceramics

Monday, May 12, 6 PM.  
Paint a Highland Cow. You  
MUST sign up ahead of time to  
attend.

### Garden Series

Sat. May 24, 10 AM-12 PM.  
We will be giving away  
daylilies. Learn how to plant  
and care for them. Please sign  
up so we know how many to  
expect.

### Young Adult Craft

Wednesday, May 7, 4:30 PM.  
Make a string art flower jar.

### Young Adult Pizza

Wednesday, May 14, 4:30 PM.  
Enjoy a free slice of pizza and  
stay for a chat.

### Young Adult Game Day

Wednesday, May 21, 4:30 PM.  
Play board games with your  
friends.

### Kids Craft

Tuesday, May 6, 4:30 PM.  
Make a paper flower basket.

### Kids Bird Feeder Craft

Tuesday, May 13, 4:30 PM.  
Make a bird feeder using craft  
sticks.

### Kids Pick-A-Craft

Tuesday, May 20 4:30 PM.  
Choose a craft using supplies  
we have on hand.

