



August 2026 Newsletter



BACK TO SCHOOL HOMEWORK HELP

School resumes August 18 for Tri-Creek students, and back to-school means back to homework. The library can help with that. We have many FREE resources available. Have you checked out our list of databases? What is a database, you ask?

A database is an organized and structured system for storing and retrieving data. Sound confusing? Think of it as an electronic file cabinet. Similar to a physical file cabinet, information or files are logically stored and then quickly and easily retrieved by subject matter. The library offers numerous databases you can access from your home computer, or you can stop by the library and use one of our computers.

To get started, go to the Lowell Public Library homepage at www.lowellpl.lib.in.us. Click on the menu, and a drop-down appears. Click on RESEARCH. Featured Resources are on the left side of the page. If you click on Children's Resources, you will find World Book Kids, World Book Early Learning, and Explora Elementary.

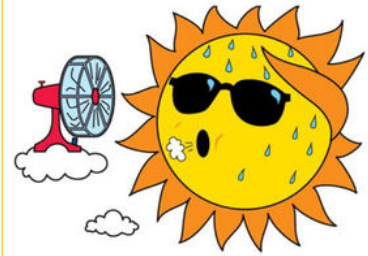
Learning Express, World Book Student, Explora Middle Schools, and High Schools can be found under Teens and Tweens Resources. Use Libby to access Method Learning for SAT and ACT Prep Courses.

Our databases support lifelong learning for all ages. Check out Gale Courses, Universal Class, Inspire, or Chilton Library. Build a resume using Learning Express Job and Career Accelerator. Learn a new language with Mango or Rosetta Stone. You can even read books using the Hoopla or Libby app!

TECH HELP APPOINTMENTS

Wednesday, August 12, 10 AM - 12 PM.

Do you have questions about your phone, tablet, laptop, or computer? Schedule a 30-minute appointment with Amanda, and she will do her best to help you find answers. Pre-registration is required to secure your spot.



Lowell Public Library
1505 East Commercial
Lowell, IN 46356
phone (219) 696-7704
fax (219) 696-5280
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. 9AM-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-1 PM



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Friends Meet

Wednesday, August 5
5:30 PM.

Weather permitting, join us in the gazebo for a potluck (otherwise we will meet in the library). New friends are always welcome! Call Bethany at the library if you are planning to attend.

\$3.00 Bag Book Sale

Saturday, August 29
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

American Red Cross Blood Drive

Saturday, August 1, 10 AM - 2 PM.

Give blood. Help save lives. Call 1-800-RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment.

Knit & Crochet

Every Thursday in August, 9 AM.

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

Book Club

Monday, August 10, 1-3 PM.

Read, then meet to discuss *Saturday Night at the Lakeside Supper Club*, written by J. Ryan Stradal.

Poetry

Saturday, August 15, 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, August 18, 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, August 18, 6 PM.

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

Game Day

Wednesday, August 19, 12-3 PM.

Play card and board games. All adults are welcome to attend.

A FEW MORE THINGS

Stay Sharp Kits

Our adult/senior Stay Sharp kits will be back on the shelves and available for checkout later this month.

Puzzles

Did you know we have a free puzzle exchange? It's very popular among our patrons! We have plenty of 1000- and 1500-piece puzzles available, but we would greatly appreciate donations of 750 pieces or fewer.

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.

Sign Up For Our Newsletter

To stay updated on the latest happenings at the library, join our email list to receive notifications when we publish our monthly newsletter. You can also find us on Facebook! Just follow the link on the library's webpage and give us a like!



FOR THE KIDS AT LOWELL

TALES FOR TAILS

Tuesday, August 4, 11, and 25, all at 4-5 PM.

Read to a certified therapy dog. Pre-registration is required.

THANK YOU!

We want to extend our gratitude to the many contributors and volunteers for the success of our *Fired Up About Reading* Summer Reading program. We couldn't do it without your continued support and generosity!

Albanese Candy
 Avenue Family Dentistry
 Bonnie Lysek
 Chick-fil A
 Culver's
 Mary Dahl
 Family Express
 Friends of the Library
 Gary SouthShore RailCats
 Gloria Krejsa
 Leaps and Bounds
 Shannon and Jason Logan
 Loven Oven
 Lowell Family Dentistry
 Kataaro Martial Arts
 Patti McCormick (Lowell Letterman Club)
 McDonald's
 Strack & VanTil
 Superior Construction
 Taco Bell
 Texas Roadhouse
 Up Your Alley
 Zig-E's Funland

Our volunteers - Harlow Brady, Laura Brill, Abby Bult, Charlie Collins, Jacquelyn and Tristian Colon, Kelsey Dukes, Alaina Gladkowski, Kendall Gorbail, Guilia Graegin, Grace and Olivia Hanley, Emmilyn Holding, Payden and Trevor Jones, Annabel and Emma Lemon, Landon Leuvano, Juliette Mikinic, Colton Nilles, Nolan Pekny, Vinny Petrozza, Tyler and Lorelai Rastovski, Cary and Charlotte Reilly, Owen Rentschler, Lexi Siefert, Caroline Spaniol, Mikayla Vandover, Felicia Vihristiuc, Mia Vosatka, Felicity Wells, Moriah Wells, Zach Wells, Nikki Zheng, Danica Zunica, and our adult volunteers - Allison Diemer, along with Colleen Collins and Dorothy Michalak and their Certified Therapy Dogs "Norman", and "Gracie", who helped at craft programs.

YOUNG ADULT/TEENS AT LOWELL



NERF™ Battle
 Friday, August 14
 4:30-6 PM.

Meet at the library for an after-hours battle. Bring your own labeled dart gun and safety glasses. We'll provide the darts. Pre-registration (in-person only) and signed waivers are required.

Registration opens July 24. Limit 24.



SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Over 18 Game Days

Monday, August 3, 10, and 17
All at 4 PM.
Get together to play cards or board games.

Coffee & Conversation

Sat. August 8 and 22, 10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay for a chat.

Movies for Grown-Ups

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

Adult Book Discussion

Thursday, August 20, 4 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *Dial A for Aunties*, written by Jesse Q. Sutanto.

Senior Bingo

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

YA Games

Wednesday, August 5, 3 PM.
Choose from a variety of games to play with your friends.

Young Adult Movie

Wednesday, Aug. 12, 4:30 PM.
Watch *Dogman* and enjoy “puppy chow” snacks.

YA Craft with Miss Emily

Wednesday, August 13, 3 PM.
Learn wood burning using a magnifying lens.

Tales for Tails

Wednesday, August 19, 4 PM.
Read to a certified therapy dog.

YA National Parks Game

Wednesday, Aug. 26, 4:30 PM.
Play National Parks Opoly with your friends.

Kids Wii Games

Tuesday, August 4, 3 PM.
Play Wii with your friends.

Story Time

Thursday, August 6, 3 PM.
Join Miss Jackie for fun stories.

Kids Games

Tuesday, August 11, 3 PM.
Play board games.

Kids Independent Crafts

Tuesday, August 18, 4:30 PM.
Get creative with our craft supplies.

Kids Bingo

Tuesday, August 25, 4:30 PM.
Play National Park Bingo and win fun prizes.

SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Please Note: School Year Hours Begin August 1

Adult Craft

Monday, August 3, 6 PM.
You choose what to work on.

Adult Ceramics

Monday, August 10, 6 PM.
Make a sunflower gnome.
You MUST pre-register by calling the library at (219) 552-1000.

Adult Ceramics

Monday, August 17, 6 PM.
Make a football gnome.
You MUST pre-register by calling the library. No walk-ins.

Young Adult Games

Every Wednesday in August
All at 4:30 PM.
Come to the library and play board games with your friends.



Kids Game Day

Tuesday, August 4, 4:30 PM.
Play games with your friends.

Kids Independent Crafts

Tuesday, August 11, 4:30 PM.
Use our supplies to make something awesome!

Kids Movie Day

Tuesday, August 18, 4:30 PM.
You'll get to choose what we watch.

Kids Puzzles and Games

Tuesday, August 25, 4:30 PM.
Play games or work on a puzzle.