LOWELL PUBLIC LIBRARY

December 2026 Newsletter



LIBRARY CLOSED
Thursday, Dec 24
Friday, Dec. 25
Thursday, Dec. 31
Friday, Jan. 1



Evergreen Crates

Wednesday, December 2
Two Sessions: 1 PM or 6 PM

Decorate your home with fragrant, natural evergreens for the holidays. 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 $40.00 and payable at the time of class. Pre-register online at our website.

Friends Annual Tree-Trimming Party

Wednesday, December 2, 5:30 PM

After a delightful potluck dinner, a brief meeting, and a social gathering in the Meeting Room, Friends of the Library members 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. Contact Bethany at the library if you are planning to attend.

Santa Story Time

Saturday, December 12, 10-11 AM

Get ready for a jolly good time as Santa himself reads the beloved classic, *The Night Before Christmas!* After the story, you'll have the chance to share your Christmas wishes with Santa. While you're waiting for your turn, dive into some fun holiday activities. Don't forget to bring your phone or camera so you can capture those magical moments with Santa! This is a FREE family-friendly event, and the best part? No registration required!

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**
Sat.	**9 AM-5 PM**

Schneider Branch
24002 Parrish Ave.
Schneider, IN 46376
(219) 552-1000

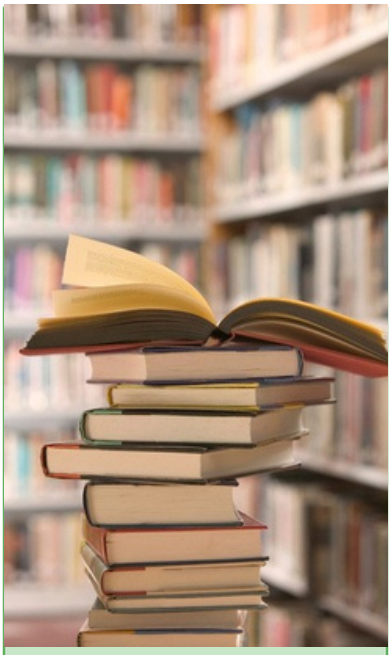
Hours

Mon.-Thurs.	**4 PM-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-1 PM**



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY NEWS

Scholastic Book Fair
December 7-14
Shop at our fair! Profits from the book sale help support library programming for all ages. You can also shop online at: https//www.scholastic.com/bf/lowellpublic library.

$3.00 Bag Book Sale
Saturday, Dec.26
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
- **Envelopes - $1.00**
- **Coffee - $1.75**
- **16 GB USB flash drive -$5.00**
- **Christmas ornament -$5.00**
- **Fabric Tote Bags -$6.00**

ADULT/SENIOR EVENTS AT LOWELL

Tech Help Appointments
Wednesday, Decemner 2, 10 AM - 12 PM.
Do you have questions about your phone, tablet, laptop, or computer? Set up a 30-minute appointment with Amanda- she will try her best to help you find your answers. Pre-register.

Knit & Crochet
Thursday, December 3, 10, and 17, 9 AM-12 PM.
Meet up to knit and crochet and share patterns and tips.

Senior Social
Thursday, Dec. 3, 11 AM.
Join us for a fun and festive Christmas craft. Limit 30. You MUST be pre-registered to attend.

Simple Stamping
Thursday, December 3, 5:30 PM.
Make two cards with envelopes. A $7 fee, payable at class, will cover all materials. Limit 12. Pre-register on our website by 5 PM on Wednesday, Dec. 2.

Book Club
Monday,December 14, 1-3 PM.
Read, then meet to discuss *In God We Trust, All Others Pay Cash,* written by Jean Shepherd.

Adult Coloring
Tuesday, December 15, 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, December 15, 6PM.
The regular meeting of the Lowell Public Library Board of Trustees will be held.

Game Day
Wednesday,December 16, 12-3 PM.
Play card and board games. All adults are welcome to attend.

Poetry
Saturday, December 19, 10 AM-12 PM.
Aspiring poets can join the NW Indiana Poetry Society. Bring your work or that of your favorite poet.

American Red Cross Blood Drive
Saturday, December 26,10 AM-2 PM.
Give blood. Help save lives. Call 1-800–RED CROSS or visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule your appointment.

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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.



FOR THE KIDS AT LOWELL

Tales for Tails Therapy Dog Visits

Tuesdays in December, 4-5PM.
This fun program lets children practice their reading skills while cozyin g up with a lovable pup. For ages 6-12 years. Registration is required and opens on Monday, November 9.

Pajama Story Time

Monday, December 7, 5:30-6 PM.
Wear your pajamas, bring a stuffy, and join Miss Jackie for a few stories. We will also enjoy some flannel board activities and maybe a little relaxing yoga, or we'll play some music and get those wiggles out! Pajama Story Time is for children ages from birth to kindergarten and lasts about 30 minutes. Limited space. Registration is required and opens on Monday, November 9.

Holiday Craft

Thursday, December 10, 10:30 AM 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 on Monday, November 16.

Santa Story Time

Saturday, December 12, 10:00-11:00 AM.
See page 1 for more information.

Family Movie Night

Monday, December 14, 4-6 PM.
Wear your pajamas and bring something cozy to sit on. A snack and bottled water will be provided. Feel free to bring your own snack, too. Registration is required and opens on Monday, November 16.

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. Registration is required. Please call or register online; registration opens on Monday, November 16.
Please only choose a Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday session: Tuesday, December 15, or Wednesday, December 16, OR Thursday, December 17. All at 10:30 AM.

YOUNG ADULT/ TEENS AT LOWELL

Grades 5-12

Chess & Checkers

Wed. Dec. 2 & 16
4:30-5:30 PM.
Play checkers and chess with others your age. No sign-up required.

Wood-Burned Christmas Ornaments

Thursday, Dec. 3
5:30 PM.
Pick your design and make your own custom ornament using special gel and a heat gun. Registration is required and opens on Thursday, Nov.12.

Holiday Scavenger Hunt

Thursday, Dec. 17
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 caused Santa to abort his flight. Don't worry- you're not on your own - you'll be working in groups to crack the case! Registration is required and opens on Wednesday, November 25.

SHELBY BRANCH PROGRAMS

Cook The Book
Saturday, Dec. 5, 10 AM.
Bring 6 dozen of your favorite cookies to swap with other cooking enthusiasts. Call the library at 552-0809 to sign up.

Over 18 Game Days
Monday, Dec. 7, 14, & 28, 4 PM. Get together to play cards or board games.

Coffee & Conversation
Saturday, Dec. 12, 10 AM.
Stop in for a cup of coffee. Stay for a chat.

Book Club Christmas
Thursday, Dec. 17, 4 PM. Bring a dish to share at our book club party.

Movies for Grown Ups
Saturday, Dec. 19, 10 AM.
Enjoy a morning movie at the library.

Senior Bingo
Monday, Dec.21, 4 PM.
Play for a chance to win a gift card.

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Young Adult Game Day
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 4:30PM.
Play Wii games with friends.

Young Adult Wii Games
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 4:30 PM.
Play Wii games with friends.

YA Craft with Miss Emily
Thursday, Dec. 10, 4:30 PM.
Make ornaments using a special paste and a heat gun.

YA Independent Craft
Wednesday, Dec 16, 4:30 PM.
Get creative with our supplies!

Tales for Tails
Wednesday, Dec. 30, 4 PM.
Read or visit with a certified therapy dog.

Kids Craft
Tuesday, December 1, 4:30 PM.
Make Christmas ornaments.

Story Time
Thursday, Dec. 3, 3 PM.
Join Miss Jackie for fun stories.

Kids Game Day
Tuesday, December 8, 4:30 PM.
Play board games with friends.

Kids Bingo
Tuesday, Dec. 15, 4:30 PM.
Play to win books for your home library.

Kids Christmas Movie
Tuesday, December 22, 3 PM.
Watch a movie. Eat brownies!

Crafting with Miss Jackie
Wednesday, Dec.23, 3 PM.
Create a Christmas tree with ice cream cones!

Kids Wii Games
Tuesday, December 29, 3 PM.
Play Wii games with friends.

The Shelby & Schneider libraries will be closed on Saturday, Dec. 26 and Saturday, January 2

SCHNEIDER BRANCH PROGRAMS

Adult Painting
Tuesday, Dec. 1, 6 PM.
Choose from wood, canvas, ceramics, or door mats.

Adult Ceramics
Tuesday, Dec 8 & 15, 6 PM.
Paint a Christmas-themed ceramic piece. You MUST pre-register at 552-1000.
No walk-ins!

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All Ages Puzzle Club
Mondays 4-5 PM.

All Ages LEGO© Club
Thursdays 4-5 PM.

Young Adult Game Day
Wednesday, Dec. 2, 4:30 PM.
Bring a game or play one of ours.

Young Adult Craft
Wednesday, Dec. 9, 4:30 PM.
Make wood-burned ornaments using stencils and a heat gun.

Young Adult Pizza Day
Wednesday, Dec. 16, 4:30 PM.
Play games - free pizza!

Kids Craft
Tuesday, December 1, 4 PM.
Make Christmas ornaments.

Kids Ceramics
Tuesday, December 8, 4 PM.
Bring a grown-up with you and paint snowmen together. You MUST pre-register.

Kids Craft
Tuesday, December 15, 4PM.
Pick a project from our craft box.

HOLIDAY FUN
Saturday, December 19

11:00 AM - Visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus
11:30 AM - Decorate a gingerbread house
******You MUST call ahead of time to reserve a spot! ******

