

# Kaleidoscope

## GREATER LOWELL COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### EVENTS • ACTIVITIES • CLASSES

DECEMBER • JANUARY • FEBRUARY 2011



Bowne Township  
Historical Society  
www.bownetwp.org



Lowell Area Arts Council  
www.lowellartscouncil.org  
Phone: (616) 897-8545  
www.lowellartsmi.org



Lowell Community Wellness  
www.lowellcommunitywellness.org  
Phone (616) 340-7781



Fallasburg  
Historical Society  
www.fallasburg.org



Lowell Area  
Chamber of Commerce  
www.discoverlowell.org  
Phone: (616) 897-9161



Lowell Senior Center  
www.seniornighbors.org  
Phone: (616) 897-5949



Flat River Outreach Ministries  
www.fromlowell.org  
Phone: (616) 897-8260



Lowell Area Historical Museum  
www.lowellmuseum.org  
Phone: (616) 897-7688



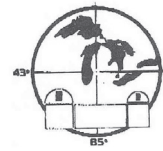
TOTS On Track For School  
www.schoolnotes.com  
Phone: (616) 987-2650



Franciscan Life Process Center  
www.lifeprocesscenter.org  
Phone: (616) 897-7842



Kent County Youth Fair  
www.kcfg.org  
Phone: (616) 897-6050



James C. Veen Observatory  
www.graaa.org  
Phone: (616) 897-7065



Kent District Library  
www.kdl.org  
Englehardt - Lowell Branch -  
(616) 784-2007  
Alto Branch - (616) 784-2007



Lowell Area Trailway  
www.lowellareatrailway.org  
Phone: (616) 897-5671



Wittenbach/Wege  
Agriscience and Environmental  
Education Center  
www.lowellschools.com  
Phone: (616) 987-2565



Lowell Area YMCA  
www.gymca.org  
Phone: (616) 897-8445



Oak Hill Place  
www.oakhillplace.org  
Phone: (616) 897-6291



The mission of Kaleidoscope is to strengthen the nonprofit sector through collaborating and promoting cultural, educational and recreational programs that enhance the quality of life in the greater Lowell Community.



Visit online for more events,  
activities and classes

WWW.DISCOVERLOWELL.ORG

## ONGOING

### Youth. TOTS Playgroup

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 8:30-10:00 or 10:00-11:30. \$1 per child per session. Bushnell Elementary, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell, room 106. Lori at TOTS 987-2532.

### Youth. TOTS Alto Playgroup

Thursdays 9:30-10:30. \$1 per child per session. Alto Elementary, 6150 Bancroft, Alto. Lori at TOTS 987-2532.

### BEGINNER HORSEBACK RIDING

The course has been designed as a beginning program for the student who has had very little interaction with horses. The first class will be an unmounted session focusing on how to safely handle, groom, bathe, tack-up and care for a horse. These horsemanship lessons will be combined with riding instruction for the following three classes.

**YOUTH. ABOUT RIVENDELL STABLES** - Rivendell Stables is proud to present a number of beginning horseback riding sessions. We offer beginner to advanced hunt-seat and hunter/jumper riding lessons in a fun and safe learning environment. 7 & Up (Limit 4 students). Kelly 897-8976 (barn phone). Mondays, Session I: January 9, 16, 23, 30. Session II: February 6, 13, 20, 27. 6-7:30pm. Rivendell Stables, 11555 West Grand River Ave. \$139/4 - 1 1/2 hour sessions.

### Lowell Community Education. 987-2550, tstranger@lowellschools.com

#### Water Aerobics

8:30 - 9:30 a.m. (Mon., Wed., Fri.) Call Kathryn with Questions: 616.446.3707. Session I Jan 9,11,13,16,18,20,23,25,27,30 Feb 1,3,6,8,10,13,15,17. Oak Hill Place, 897-6291

#### Morning Yoga

9:30 - 10:30 a.m. (Mon., Wed., Fri.) Call Rebecca with Questions: 616.690-2706. Session I Jan 9,11,13,16,18,20,23,25,27,30 Feb 1,3,6,8,10,13,15,17. Session II Feb 27,29. Oak Hill Place, 897-6291

#### Evening Yoga

7-8 p.m. (Mon eve.) Call Susan with Questions: 6616.307.0276. Session I: Jan 9,16,23,30 Feb 6,13. Session II: Feb 27. Oak Hill Place, 897-6291

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**MEN'S COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL** - Men come and enjoy aggressive 4-on-4 volleyball. An understanding of USAV rules is a prerequisite. Bring in your team of four and play other highly advanced teams. Edward Nausieda.

Wednesdays. 7pm-10pm. Murray Lake Elementary Gym. Jan - Jun. \$30, Open enrollment - join anytime.

**WOMEN'S COMPETITIVE VOLLEYBALL** - Julie Quist. Tuesdays. 7pm-9pm. Lowell Middle School Gym. Jan - Jun. \$30, Open enrollment - join anytime.

**CO-ED NON-REGULATION VOLLEYBALL** - All you will need is basic volleyball skills, so come have some fun and get plenty of exercise. Tom & Stacy Sutton. Wednesdays. 7pm-9pm. Alto Elementary School Gym. Jan - Jun. \$30, Open enrollment - join anytime.

**PICKLEBALL** - Pickleball, which intertwines aspects of the most well-known racquet sports: badminton, table tennis and tennis, is a fun game that is played on a court with the net lowered to 34 inches at the center. It is played with a perforated plastic baseball. It is easy for beginners to learn, but can develop into a quick, fast-paced, competitive game for experienced players. Angie Reedy. Thursdays. 7pm-9pm. Location: TBD. Jan - Jun. \$30, Open enrollment - join anytime.

**BODY SCULPTING** - Define yourself! Tone up with weights, from beginner to advanced fitness levels. This class is designed to firm your entire body and lose weight too! Bring a set of hand weights, an exercise mat/towel & water. Becky Ewing. Mondays & Wednesdays, Open enrollment-join anytime. Lowell Middle School Choir Room. 7pm - 8pm

**WALKING AT BUSHNELL** - Bushnell Elementary opens their doors from 4:30- 6:00pm each school day to provide the community a safe, dry environment in which to walk. We invite you to participate in this activity. Please call or email to register.

**ZUMBA** - Zumba is a Latin-inspired, dance-fitness class that incorporates Latin and International music and dance movements, which create a dynamic, exciting, and effective fitness system! This class format combines fast and slow rhythms that tone and sculpt the body in an aerobic/fitness fashion to achieve a unique blended balance. Zumba is "Exercise in Disguise." Leah Carpenter. Mondays, Open enrollment-join anytime. 7pm-8pm. Lowell Middle School Cafeteria. 2 visits for \$14, 4 visits for \$24, 10 visits for \$60.

**LINE DANCING** - Line dancing is easy and can be a great workout. You don't need a partner; just get on the floor and follow along. Brad Smith. Wednesdays. 6:00-7:00pm. Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria. \$8/class.

**BALLROOM DANCING** - So you think you can dance? This class will teach you enough to dance at the next wedding, reunion or night on the town. Singles and couples welcome! Brad Smith. Wednesdays. 7:00-8:00pm. Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria. \$8/class.

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**OPEN DANCE** - Now that you have taken dance classes or maybe you don't need lessons and would like to have the opportunity to dance. Whether single or a couple, join us for an hour of fun dance. Brad Smith. Wednesdays. 8:00-9:00pm. Cherry Creek Elementary Cafeteria. \$5/person or \$8/couple.  
**YOUTH CHEERLEADING - YOUNG CHAMPIONS** - Learning choreographed pom-pom and dance routines. You will also learn the most popular jumps, leaps, and several other skills required for school tryouts. There are optional events offered. Optional uniforms and merchandise can be purchased at class. These classes are offered to boys and girls ages 4-15. Each class is 45 minutes. Mondays, Registration night is TBD. 6:00pm. Cherry Creek Cafeteria. Classes are \$7 each week. Reg fee: \$7.

**YOUTH. STRINGS** - Learn the Violin and Viola. These classes will be held for one hour, once a week in the Middle School Orchestra Room. If you need to rent or purchase an instrument, there will be an instrument night on TBD in the Lowell Middle School Orchestra Room. Nick Rolls, Breanna McKendrick. Grades: K - 5th. Thursdays. Time: TBD. LMS Orchestra Room. \$8/class.

**YOUTH. BATON TWIRLING** - Students are instructed in the art of baton twirling, learning twirls and tricks with one and two batons. Students will perform their routines for parents, relatives and friends the last night of each session. These classes are offered to boys and girls ages 4 and up. Each class is 45 minutes. New Expressions Dance-Twirl. Thursdays, 4-7 years - 6:00pm, 8 years & up - 7:00pm. Bushnell Elementary Gym. \$5/class.

**S.C.O.R.E.**  
 Free Business Counseling and Mentoring. This is one-on-one counseling by a SCORE consultant. Meet with an experienced business counselor to discuss the development of your business plan or any aspect of business operation. Ideal for both start-up & existing companies. Call for appointment. SCORE meets at 113 Riverwalk Plaza the 2nd Tuesday of the month. Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161

**DEC. 2011**  
**SANTA ON THE LOWELL SHOWBOAT, THE ROBERT E LEE**  
**Saturday, Dec 3 - 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm** - Free Digital Photos by River Valley Credit Union and much more!  
**Wednesdays, Dec 7, 14 & 21 - 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM** - Free Digital Photos by Modern Photographics  
**Friday, Dec 9 - 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM** - Free Digital Photos by Modern Photographics with Santa in Santa Room. Free Horse & Carriage Rides, Live Reindeer, Warming Fires, Hot Dogs at the Riverwalk Plaza and much more!  
**Saturdays, Dec 10 & 17 - 10:30 AM to 1:00 PM** - Free Digital Photos by River Valley Credit Union Suggested Donation \$1! Please note that the line to see Santa is outdoors and you should dress accordingly. Check our website for updates and additions! Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161

**thru Dec 23**  
**SLEIGH BELLS & HOLLY - A Gallery of Fine Art and Gifts**  
**LowellArts! King Gallery, 149 S. Hudson. Tuesday - Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.** This year Sleigh Bells & Holly artists market will have over 35 artists and artisans displaying a wide variety of fine arts and gifts, including pottery, paintings, beadwork, photography, jewelry, textiles, glass, sculptures, basketry, gourds, ornaments, and more. LowellArts! (616) 897-8545, www.lowellartsmi.org.

**Youth. Dec 5- Feb 27**  
**Family Storytime**  
 Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement as a family; develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. For children 6 and under. Mondays 10:30 am. Kent District Library - Alto Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Dec 7- Feb 29**  
**Chess Anyone?**  
 Drop in and play chess at the library. All ages and skill levels welcome. Wednesdays at 4:00pm. Kent District Library - Alto Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Dec 27-Jan 21**  
**SNOWPALOOZA - SNOWMAN-BUILDING FAMILY FUN!**  
 Have some winter fun and build a snowman on the library grounds. Pick up your "Build a Snowman" kit from the circulation desk and have fun creating snowpeople outside the library. Participation stickers for everyone; staff will photograph the creations and patrons will vote for their favorite! Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Jan 10 - Feb 5**  
**WORKS IN PROGRESS ART EXHIBITION**  
 LowellArts! King Gallery, 149 S. Hudson. Silent Auction Jan 31 - Feb 5; Closing Reception/Auction Concludes Feb 5 from 2-4 p.m. In this LowellArts! invitational event, artwork arrives at the gallery unfinished. As the exhibition progresses, visitors are invited to add their creative touch to the pieces. Completed artworks will be available for purchase through a silent auction from Jan 31 - Feb 5. LowellArts! (616) 897-8545 www.lowellartsmi.org.

**Jan 11 - Mar 21**  
**Team up for the Weight Loss Challenge**  
 Weigh-ins Wednesdays 6:00-9:00 a.m., 11:00a.m.-7:00p.m. at Snap Fitness in Lowell  
 ALL NEW this year Lowell Community Wellness is partnering with Snap Fitness for the Weight Loss Challenge. Join as an individual or gather your team to help each other keep that New Year's resolution of getting in shape and losing a few pounds. It's not just weigh-ins any longer. Each participant gets a 20 workout punch card, online nutrition support & a fit score session. Team prizes will be awarded for the most pounds lost. Details are online at www.lowellcommunitywellness.org. So, grab your team and join the fun!

**Feb 1 - 29**  
**FEBRUARY IS LIBRARY LOVERS MONTH!**  
 We love our patrons at the Englehardt branch of the Kent District Library! Check out materials and enter to win a Book Basket to be given away at

the end of the month. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Feb 7 - Apr 10**  
**Free Tax Preparation**  
 Flat River Outreach Ministries in conjunction with United Way provides a free tax preparation service beginning Tues. Feb. 7th thru Tues. Apr. 10th. Families with an income level of \$50,000 or less qualify for the program. Call Flat River Outreach Ministries at 897-8260 beginning Jan. 16, 2012 to schedule an appt.

**Feb 14 - Mar 14**  
**PUNCH LINE ART EXHIBITION**  
 LowellArts! King Gallery, 149 S. Hudson. Closing Reception: March 14 from 2 - 4 p.m. LowellArts! tickles the funny bone with an art exhibition in honor of Laugh Fest (March 8 - 18). Set your endorphins free by visiting this art exhibition or participating as an artist. The public will have the opportunity to pick their favorite for People's Choice. Each vote costs \$1 with proceeds going toward Laugh Fest. Are you an artist interested in being in this exhibition? (This exhibition is open to artists ages 16 and up.) Contact LowellArts! (616) 897-8545 www.lowellartsmi.org.

## DECEMBER

**Dec 1**  
**COMPUTER BASICS - INTERNET BASICS**  
 This class teaches beginners how to navigate and find information on the Internet. Prerequisites: Be able to use a mouse and a keyboard. Registration for these free computer classes begins November 14, 2011 for KDL cardholders and November 21, 2011 for non-KDL cardholders. For adults. To register, please call 616-784-2007. Thursday at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Dec 3**  
**Historic Lowell Christmas Festivities and Annual Night-Time Parade**  
 Saturday. Join us in Historic Lowell for our Annual Lowell Christmas Festivities and Night-time Santa Parade featuring Toyland from the decades! www.discoverlowell.org.  
 9AM to 4PM Rogue River Artisans Holiday Marketplace at High School.  
 12pm Flat River Freeze Ice Sculpture Demo. 2:30 PM to 4PM Santa Visits & Pictures on the Lowell Showboat, the Robert E Lee. 2:30PM to 4:30PM Rudolph's Craft Workshop in the Chamber (children 2 to 6). 3PM to 5PM "A Cup of Christmas Tea" at the Lowell Area Historical Museum. 4PM to 6PM Pancake Supper in the King Memorial Center at the Fairgrounds. 4:30PM to 5:45PM Pancake Supper with Santa in the King Memorial Center at the Fairgrounds. All day Christmas Shopping and Eateries in Historic Lowell 6PM Sharp! Annual Night-Time Santa Parade, Toyland from the Decades. Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161

**Youth. Dec 3**  
 TOTS at the Lowell Chamber of Commerce for Rudolph's Craft Workshop for Preschoolers. Crafts for children age 2-5. 2:30-5:30. Free! Lori at TOTS 987-2532.

**Dec 3**  
**"Cup of Tea in the Victorian Room"**  
 Time 3:00-5:00 p.m. Come join us prior to the parade, and sit in the Museum's Victorian parlor and Dining room, all decorated for Christmas, and partake of a cup of tea from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. There will be many varieties of tea and cookies available. This would be a great time to visit our new exhibit "Fabulous Furniture"- featuring a Victorian Bedroom. Donation accepted. Lowell Area Historical Museum 897-7688

**Youth. Dec 5**  
**Be a Miner 49'er**  
 Mosey on down to your library for some good, old-fashioned Gold Rush inspired fun. Crafts, Games and activities. 10:30 am. Kent District Library - Alto Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Dec 8**  
**GINGERBREAD LANE**  
 Take a stroll down Gingerbread Lane and enjoy some tasty gingerbread stories. Each child will make a simple gingerbread house. Registration required and participation is limited. For all ages. Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Dec 8**  
**COMPUTER BASICS-EMAIL BASICS**  
 A workshop designed to help beginning computer users effectively navigate and use a Yahoo email account. Prerequisites: Be able to use the mouse and keyboard and create a Yahoo account before the day of class. Our library staff can assist you if needed. Registration for these free computer classes begins November 14, 2011 for KDL cardholders and November 21, 2011 for non-KDL cardholders. For adults. To register, please call 616-784-2007. Thursday at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Dec 8**  
**The Reindeer are Coming!**  
 Travelling all the way from the North Pole (via the Rooftop Landing Reindeer Farms), live reindeer will be visiting the library. Dress warmly and don't forget the camera! 4:00 pm. Kent District Library - Alto Branch, 784-2007

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**Dec 10****Luminary Hike**

Saturday, 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm. As you meander through the forest on a candle-lit path, you'll enjoy the serenity of the forest at night. If there is snow on the ground, snowshoers are welcomed. If you don't have your own, snowshoes can be rented from the WWC for \$4 per person. Afterwards, warm up inside with some hot chocolate while you make holiday crafts. This event is free and open to the public. Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center, 616-987-2565, mjohanson@lowellschools.com.

**Youth. Dec 10****Holiday Gift Making**

Don't know what to get friends or family for the holidays? Make them something! Make it, wrap it and take it. For ages 5-13 10:30- 12:30. Kent District Library - Alto Branch, 784-2007

**Dec 10****"Christmas in Fallasburg"**

Saturday, 6-8PM at the Fallasburg Schoolhouse and Fallas Field, North of Lowell. The Fallasburg Historical Society will host their annual Christmas Party in the Schoolhouse Museum and their Bonfire across the road at Fallas Field. Our historic Fallasburg Covered Bridge guides the way to the Village as it did in yesteryear. Food, refreshments, libation, music by Hawks & Owls, and merriment mark the occasion. \$10 donation requested. www.fallasburg.org

**Youth. Dec 13****TOTS Preschool Christmas Family Night.**

6:30-7:30. Bushnell Elementary Gym, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. \$1 per child. Bring your riding toys to ride in the gym for winter fun! Crafts, music, fun! Lori at TOTS 987-2532.

**Dec 13****ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION**

"Hannah's Dream" by Diane Coplin Hammond. All adults welcome. No registration required. Tuesday at 10 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Dec 15****COMPUTER HELP TIME**

Open lab time to get help with Word, Excel, PowerPoint, digital cameras, email and other general computer questions. Use your laptop or ours. No registration required. Thursday from 1-2:30 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Dec 17****Annual Christmas Open House - Bowne Township Historical Society.**

Come and visit Santa Claus. Visit the Live Nativity at Bowne Center presented by the Bowne Center Methodist Church. All this happens between 6PM-8PM Saturday. Bowne Township Historical Society, 868-6424

**Dec 17****Flat River Outreach Ministries annual Christmas Distribution Program**

Saturday. Food for Christmas dinner along with gifts for children under 17 are provided. Sign up in the Food Pantry beginning Nov. 1st. Flat River Outreach Ministries, 897-8260

**Youth.****Dec 21, 22, 23****DROP IN HOLIDAY CRAFTS**

Drop in at the library for some creative fun with this self-directed activity. For children ages 6 and under with a caregiver/parent. Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Dec 31****Kidz Klub**

It's a special time for fun, interactive programs just for school kids. Attend the program for crafts, book reviews, games and activities. 10:30 am. Kent District Library - Alto Branch, 784-2007

**Dec 31****Kent County Christmas Bird Count**

Saturday, 7:30 am. Join the Grand Rapids Audubon Club for the annual Kent County Christmas Count. Birders of all skills are needed to cover the 15-mile range. Plan to arrive by 7:30 AM and be out counting by 8:00 AM. Lunch is planned. For more information visit [www.glsa.org/grac.htm](http://www.glsa.org/grac.htm). Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center, 616-987-2565, mjohanson@lowellschools.com.

**Jan 9, 16, 23, 30 February 7 (Tues)****Sci-Tech - CSI**

During this five-week program students will learn how to take fingerprints of each other, dust for prints, and identify trace evidence. Make foot print/tire casts and learn how to make facial reconstruction and facial composite drawings using computer technology. Mr. Jim Kovach. Mondays, 4-5:30pm. Cherry Creek Elementary. \$49. Lowell Community Education. 987-2550, tstranger@lowellschools.com

**Jan 10****ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION**

"Sweetness at the Bottom of the Pie" by Alan Bradley. All adults welcome. No registration required. Tuesday at 10 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Jan 10****BE A MINER '49ER**

Hey everyone, mosey on down to your library for some good, old-fashioned, Gold Rush-inspired fun! Crafts, games and activities for all ages. Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Jan 12****ALPHABET SAFARI**

Take a trip on the wild side and hunt for your favorite letters-safari style! This virtual journey to the savannah and jungle will let kids experience the alphabet through interactive and creative activities. For ages 6 and under. Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Jan 12****COMPUTER BASICS - MOUSING AND MORE**

Learn to use the mouse with this class for beginners that includes general typing information. Registration for these free computer classes begins November 14, 2011 for KDL cardholders and November 21, 2011 for non-KDL cardholders. For adults. To register, please call 616-784-2007. Thursday at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Jan 13**

TOTS Little Chefs Cooking Class. 2 Fridays. Ages 3-5. \$8 per child. Registration Required. Lori at TOTS 987-2532.

**Jan 14****YOUTH. BABYSITTING TRAINING**

This class will provide all participants the knowledge and skills needed to provide safe and responsible care for infants and children. We focus on five key areas: Leadership, Safety and safe play, Basic first aid, Critical emergency action skills, Professionalism. An American Red Cross Certificate is issued upon completion. Ages 11-15 years. Bring a snack lunch. Rockford Ambulance. Runciman Building Rm 104. Saturday, 9:00am-4:00pm. \$50 includes handbook and certificate. Lowell Community Education. 987-2550, tstranger@lowellschools.com

**Jan 17****FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY BUSINESS MEETING**

All members are encouraged to attend. Your input is important regarding library programming and service projects. Tuesday at 10 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Jan 17 and 19****TEDDY BEAR CLINIC**

Bring your teddy bear to the library for a quick check-up! Learn ways to keep Teddy healthy and happy and even get a clean bill of health. For all ages. Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. and Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Jan 19****COMPUTER BASICS - INTERNET BASICS**

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**Youth. Jan 21****Project Sleuth-An Art History Mystery**

An international art scandal, a haunted architectural masterpiece, and a world-renowned sculpture that suddenly disappears! Popular author Blue Balliett's "Chasing Vermeer" series of artful mysteries are the basis for this program filled with games, crafts and activities. Can you solve the mystery? 10:30 am. Kent District Library - Alto Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Jan 24****HOT TECH TOPIC-GADGET PETTING ZOO**

Get your hand on the latest downloadable devices such as the Noon, iPad and more! Explore how you can use these devices to download free music, eBooks and eAudiobooks from KDL's digital collection. No registration required. Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

**Youth. Jan 26 - Feb 23****FAMILY STORYTIME**

Share books, stories, rhymes, music and movement as a family; develop early literacy skills and encourage a love of reading. For ages 6 and under with a caregiver. No registration required. Thursday at 10:30 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

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# JANUARY

**Jan 1**

**2012 Expo Applications go online Jan 1st.** [www.lowellexpo.org](http://www.lowellexpo.org). Lowell Area Chamber of Commerce, 897-9161

**Jan 8****Christmas Tree Recycling**

Sunday, 1:00 pm. Looking for an environmentally friendly way to dispose of your Christmas tree? Bring it out to the WWC before 12:00 noon on Sunday, January 8th to be shredded and used for mulch around the Center. Please do not bring out any items that contain wire such as wreaths or garland as we do not have the ability to remove the wire. No trees will be accepted after 12:00 noon January 8th. Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center, 616-987-2565, mjohanson@lowellschools.com.



Jan 26

**COMPUTER BASICS – E-MAIL BASICS**

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Jan 27 and 28

**MID-WINTER USED BOOK SALE**

Need some good books for the long winter? Come shop our book sale – good reads at great prices! Friday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

Jan 31

**Babytime**

Delight and stimulate your baby with songs, a story and playtime. Get to know other families and help your baby develop listening and language skills. For babies from birth to 18 months with a caregiver. Tuesdays at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

# FEBRUARY

Feb (TBD)

**THE MAGICIAN'S NEPHEW**

A youth theatre production by the Thebes Players. A dramatic adaptation of the sixth Narnia book by C.S. Lewis. For ticket information, dates and locations of the performances. Contact LowellArts! (616) 897-8545 www.lowellartsmi.org.

Feb 1, 8, 15 &amp; 22

**YOUTH. JUNIOR GOLF**

**Wednesdays.** With each child on their own hitting mat, our instructors teach everything from grip, stance and swing fundamentals to the basics of the long game(drivers and irons) and short game (pitching, chipping and putting). All equipment, including the top of the line junior golf clubs and indoor foam golf balls, will be provided. After-School Golf Academy. Murray Lake Elementary Gym. 6:00-7:00pm. \$65. Lowell Community Education. 987-2550, tstranger@lowellschools.com

Feb 7, 14, 21, 28

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Feb 2

**JOB SEEKERS – JOB & CAREER ACCELERATOR 1**

Part 1 of a two-week series to aid job seekers at all education and experience levels. Participants will build and customize their resumes, access tools to write effective cover letters and complete an occupation matcher. Prerequisites: Ability to use a mouse and navigate the internet. For adults. Registration for these free computer classes begins November 14, 2011 for KDL cardholders and November 21, 2011 for non-KDL cardholders. To register, please call 616-784-2007. Thursday at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

Youth. Feb 3, 10, 17 and 24

**RHYME TIME MUSIC AND MOVEMENT**

Move and groove together with action rhymes, songs, games and hand-on musical activities that will help children develop motor, listening and literacy skills. No registration required. For children 6 and under with a caregiver. Fridays at 11 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

Feb 4

**Winter Fest**

Saturday, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm. Join us for a day of snowshoeing! Guided snowshoe hike through the forest. If you re a seasoned pro, come out and hike the trails on your own. Snowshoes available to rent for just \$4 per person. Warm up inside with a Birds of Prey program at 2:00. Wittenbach/Wege Agriscience and Environmental Education Center, 616-987-2565, mjohnson@lowellschools.com.

Youth. Feb 6

**Alphabet Safari**

Take a trip on the wild side and hunt for your favorite letters—safari style! This journey to the savannah and jungle will let you experience the alphabet in a new and exciting way through interactive and creative activities. For ages 6 and under. 10:30 am. Kent District Library – Alto Branch, 784-2007

Youth. Feb 7, 14, 21, and 28

**EVENING STORYTIME FOR KIDS**

For families who can't come to the library during the day, Pajama Storytime offers an evening of stories and fun. Bring your teddy bear or bedtime buddy; pajamas optional! For ages 6 and under. No registration required. Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. PLEASE NOTE THE DAY CHANGE. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

Feb 9

**JOB SEEKERS – JOB & CAREER ACCELERATOR 2**

In part 2 of the series, participants will use checklists to manage their job search, access tutorials for a variety of business skills and learn to search the internet for online classified employment ads. Prerequisites: Ability to use a mouse and navigate the internet. For adults. Registration for these free computer classes begins November 14, 2011 for KDL cardholders and November 21, 2011 for non-KDL cardholders. To register, please call 616-784-2007. Thursday at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

Feb 13, 21 (Tue), 27, Mar 5, 12

**Bones Rock**

Learn about the exciting field of paleontology through hands on activities. Study a museum quality replica of a 7 inch megalodon giant shark tooth, a full size smileadon\saber tooth skull from the LA Tar Pits, giant mastodon teeth and more. Make your own fossil casts and start your own authentic fossil collection. Mr. Jim Kovach. Mondays, 4-5:30pm. Cherry Creek Elementary. \$49. Lowell Community Education. 987-2550, tstranger@lowellschools.com

Youth. Feb 14

**TOTS Preschool Hugs and Kisses Family Night.** 6:30-7:30. Bushnell Elementary Gym, 700 Elizabeth, Lowell. Bring your riding toys to ride in the gym for winter fun! Lori at TOTS 987-2532.

Feb 14

**ADULT BOOK DISCUSSION**

"The Help" by Kathryn Stockett. All adults welcome. No registration required. Tuesday at 10 a.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

Feb 16

**COMPUTER BASICS – FACEBOOK BASICS**

Learn how to "friend", upload photos and get acquainted with security settings. Prerequisites: Participants must be able to use the mouse and keyboard and create a Facebook account BEFORE the day of class. Our library staff can assist you if needed. For adults. Registration for these free computer classes begins November 14, 2011 for KDL cardholders and November 21, 2011 for non-KDL cardholders. To register, please call 616-784-2007. Thursday at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

Youth. Feb 18

**Kidz Klub**

It's a special time for fun, interactive programs just for school kids. Attend the program for crafts, book reviews, games and activities. 10:30 am. Kent District Library – Alto Branch, 784-2007

Youth. Feb 20

**PROJECT SLEUTH – AN ART HISTORY MYSTERY**

Solve a mystery with games, crafts and activities related to Blue Balliett's series "Chasing Vermeer", "The Wright 3" and "The Calder Game". For ages 6 and up. Monday at 1 p.m. Kent District Library - Englehardt-Lowell Branch, 784-2007

Feb 21

**"Become a Volunteer & Docent at Your Museum"**

Time 7:00-8:00 pm. New volunteers will be fully trained and enriched with the knowledge needed to volunteer at the Lowell Area Historical Museum, Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at 7-8 p.m. (Looking for people who are willing to volunteer three hours every four to six weeks). Call the Lowell Area Historical Museum 897-7688

Youth. Feb 25

**"Swiss Settler Workshop"**

Children ages 8-14. Wittenbach/Wege Center from 9 to 2. During the late 1800's many Swiss people settled in our area, so we will learn about the country of Switzerland and the Swiss heritage with fun activities. The students will choose 2 of the 4 activities: 1) Clock Making, 2) Mug Painting & Chocolate Mix making, 3) Snowshoeing or Hiking, 4) Pictorial seed art. We will serve a Swiss lunch with folk music and a presentation about the Swiss culture. Cost is \$20. (20% off for Museum member's discount and for 3 or more students) Call to register. Lowell Area Historical Museum 897-7688

Youth. Feb 27

**Teddy Bear Clinic**

Bring your teddy bear to the library for a quick check-up. Learn ways to keep teddy healthy and happy and even get a clean bill of health. 10:30 am. Kent District Library – Alto Branch, 784-2007

