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The Gary Public Library's Newsletter and Calendar of Events
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From the Director... Sherri Ervin

Summer is here and now is the time to remind everyone reading is fun.

For more than fifty years, GPL continues to celebrate and promote reading by strengthening and supporting the education, enjoyment and lifelong learning skills by working to provide equal access to information, ideas and knowledge through books, programs and other resources to transform the lives of all people. Summer Reading Program 2011 began on June 13 and lasts through July 23. The SRP program theme is *One World, Many Stories* and it includes an array of program activities for pre-school through high school students including young adults.

We want to encourage our teenagers. Certainly, while it may be difficult to compare time for reading with the competition of technology and the Internet, our dedicated staff of children services and young adult librarians are ready to meet with parents and teens that may be up to the challenge of taking decisive steps to introduce reluctant readers to the world of literature with our fine collections designated for children and young adults.

Residents of Gary are to be applauded, for directing attention to the Amnesty program. We want to express our appreciation for your support. Thanks to program participants, approximately 939 pounds of donated non-perishable foods items will reach hundreds of Gary citizens. It was also great to see familiar faces return to the library.

Thank you for supporting your community library.

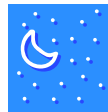
July Half Price Sale

The Friends of the Gary Public Library's Book Store, located in the Main Library, is open to the public on the 2nd Saturday of each month, July 9 & August 13, from 10am to 2pm.

The Book Store features gently used books, videos, records, audio books and magazines for sale.

A special one-half price sale on all items will be available in July.

Planetarium Bus Trip



Take a trip with the Gary Public Library Kennedy Branch to the Adler Planetarium, Chicago, IL on Friday, July 29 from 9am to 3:30pm.

Cost is \$13.50 per person including infants and babies. All children under 18 years old must be accompanied by an adult.

Deadline for reservation form and fee is Monday, July 18, space is limited. Bring a bag lunch. Bus leaves promptly at 9am from the Kennedy Branch only. Seating is limited. For more information contact the Kennedy Branch at 887-8112.

Chess Fest 5

The public is invited to attend the Gary Public Library's Chess Fest 5 on Saturday, July 30, 1-4:30pm at the Main Library. Chess enthusiasts of all ages are encouraged to attend this free event.



This year's special guests include Chicago-based International Master (IM) ANGELO YOUNG, seven-time Illinois State Chess Champion and BERNARD PARHAM, Indiana State Chess Champion 1967. Watch for more information or contact Mr. Weinberg at 886-2484 ext. 335.

Making Memories - A Family Enrichment Program



The Woodson Branch is co-sponsoring a five-week family program, *Making Memories*, on Tuesdays in August, 5:30-7:30pm, presented by South Shore Arts.

The program is for 2nd through 6th grade children and their parents, families of two to four, and features reading, writing, bookmaking, music, visual art and drama. The program is free and features a different art form each week as families create a family memory book to exhibit and keep. Registration is required, a free boxed meal is provided each week, class size is limited and participants must attend all sessions! To register, stop in or call Woodson Branch at 938-3941.

Online Databases: Now Featuring...



African American Heritage... a groundbreaking new digital resource exclusively devoted to African American family history research. Created in partnership with leading African American genealogists and recognized leaders in genealogical information, African American Heritage offers a comprehensive mix of resources, records, and tools specifically pertaining to African Americans. Available on all Gary Public Library computers.

Kids' Calendar

July

MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Special of the Month:

- **Summer Reading Book Buddies** - Pre-School-3rd grade. Find a book buddy who will read aloud for 30 minutes, Saturdays only, 1-2pm. No registration required.

2 Saturday

- **Fourth of July Crafts** - Make something patriotic, 2-3pm.

5 Tuesday

- **Summer Reading Program (SRP) Fun Day: So You Think You Can Draw** - Test your drawing skills and check out our "how to draw books" Materials provided by the Library, 2-3pm.

6 Wednesday

- **SRP Activity Day** - Cinderella stories from around the world; stories, movie, and craft, 2-4pm.

7 Thursday

- **SRP Around the World and Back** - Stories, craft, games from other countries, 3-4pm.

12 Tuesday

- **SRP Fun Day: So You Think You Can Paint** - Test your skills. Book display, paint and materials will be provided by the Library, 2-3pm.

13 Wednesday

- **SRP Activity Day** - Movie, craft and stories, 2-4pm.

14 Thursday

- **SRP Around the World And Back** - Stories, craft, games from other countries, 3-4pm.

18 Monday

- **Winnie the Pooh Day** - Coloring contest and book display, 2-3pm.

19 Tuesday

- **SRP Fun Day: So You Think You Can Do Origami** - Test your skills, book display, 2-3pm.

20 Wednesday

- **SRP Activity Day** - Craft and movie, 2-4pm.

21 Thursday

- **SRP Around the World and Back** - Trains, planes and other transportation; movie, craft and stories, 2-4pm.

27 Wednesday

- **SRP Awards** - SRP participants will receive their certificates. Refreshments will be served, 2-4pm.

28 Thursday

- **Graphic Novel Day** - Book discussion, book display, 3-4pm.

WOODSON BRANCH

July 5, 6, 7 (Tues. -Thurs.)

- **Summer Reading Program** - Explore Africa, 2pm.

July 7, 14, 21 (Thursday)

- **Teen Read-Ins** - 3-5pm.

July 11, 12, 13 (Mon. -Weds.)

- **Summer Reading Program** - Explore Asia, 2pm.

July, 14, 18, 19 (Thurs., Mon., Tues.)

- **Summer Reading Program** - Explore Europe, 2pm.

20 Wednesday

- **Summer Reading Program** - Explore Australia, 2pm.

21 Wednesday

- **Summer Reading Program** - Explore Antarctica, 2pm.

August

MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Pre- School Story time @ 2-3pm

Mother Goose Fun - Pre-School-K only. Stories, nursery rhymes, craft.

Mon. & Wed., August 1 & 3; August 8 & 10

2 Tuesday

- **Hot Fun in the Sun** - A slice of watermelon and a good book. Read for one hour and enjoy your treat, 2-3pm.
- **Pajama Story time** - For pre-school children only: Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal. Stories, finger plays, games, 6-7pm.

4 Thursday

- **President Barack Obama Day** - Trivia questions, coloring sheets, book display and giveaways, 3-4pm.

6 Saturday

- **Sponge Bob Day** - Movie, crafts, activities, 2-3pm.

9 Tuesday

- **Summertime Mystery Fun** - Collect the clues and solve the mystery, 3-4pm.

11 Thursday

- **Ice Cream Challenge** - Ice-cream and a good book. Read for one hour and enjoy your treat, 3-4pm.
- **Pajama Story Time** - For pre-school children only: Wear your pajamas and bring your favorite stuffed animal. Stories, finger plays, games, 6-7pm.

16 Tuesday

- **Movie and Craft** - 3-5pm.

23 Tuesday

- **Back to School Crafts** - Make book markers, book covers, and locker decorations, 3-4pm.

Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Public Meeting - 4th Monday of each month at 6:15pm, Main Library.

Holiday Closings - All units of the Gary Public Library will be closed Monday, July 4 for Independence Day.

Email Signup

Visit the library's website (www.garypubliclibrary.org) to sign up for information, news and events via email.

Assistive Technology

New technology is for the vision impaired is currently available at the Main Library. SARA (Scanning and Reading Appliance) is a scanning device that scans and reads documents, except handwritten or hand-printed material, of many sizes and plays most audio formats for the blind. With the built-in braille support, any scanned document can be read in braille.

The ONYX Deskset is a low vision solution for clear, powerful magnification, in three viewing modes. A dedicated public computer will also be available with large-sized text for those with low vision. To check on the availability of any of these items, please check at the Main Library Reference Desk.

Kids' Calendar Word Search Find the 12 words below. To find the words with the missing letters, search the event date listed in parentheses in the Kids' Calendar.

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(July 7) | • - - - - -
(August 11) | • President Obama |
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(July 27) | • Library Card | • Saturday |
| • Children's Services | • Paint | • SRP |
| • P- j - - - s (August 2) | • T- - - - - (August 4) | • Winnie the Pooh |

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Ongoing Programs

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM - Tutoring available for low or non-readers as well as training for tutors. Literacy office - Du Bois Branch, 882-2744 for appointment.

ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP - Join in the discussion with other caretakers as we share and gather information.

First Saturday of each month, @ noon - 1pm
Brunswick Branch

AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

Sensory activities, information, guest speakers; families welcome

First Wednesday of each month, @ 5-6pm,
Kennedy Branch

CHESS FOR ALL AGES

Saturday, July 30 / August 27 @ 1- 4:30pm
All ages and levels welcome
Main Library

FREE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD GLUCOSE SCREENINGS

Provided by The Northwest Indiana Black Nurses Association

1st Saturday of each month @ 9am - 11am,
Main Library

July 2 / August 6

GED TUTORING - 5- 7pm

Mondays, Kennedy Branch

GARY GENEALOGY GROUP - 10am-12pm

1st & 3rd Saturday of each month;
Kennedy Branch

KENNEDY BRANCH PROGRAMS FOR ALL AGES

@ 1- 6pm

- CHESSTISE YOURSELF (Let's play chess) - Mondays
- CARD GAMES (Uno, Bridge & more) - 5th Monday monthly
- SCRABBLE - 2nd Tuesday monthly
- DOMINOES - 3rd Wednesday monthly
- CHECKERS For Everyone - 4th Thursday monthly

@ 12-4:45pm

B-I-N-G-O - 3rd Saturday monthly

@ 2-4pm

MOVIE DAY (Free snacks) 4th Saturday monthly

@ 3pm

ARTS & CRAFTS - 4th Wednesday monthly

MORNING BISHOP THEATRE PLAYHOUSE

Fourth Saturday of every other month, 3pm - 5pm,
Main Library

Jan. 22; March 26; May 28; July 23; Sept. 24;
Nov. 26

SENIOR CITIZENS FRIENDSHIP CLUB -

Wednesdays @ 1pm (March through June;
September through December)

Main Library

Guest speakers, informative programs and cultural events for ages 55 and older - membership is free. 886-2484 ext.340 for more information

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Monday-Thursday.....9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....9am-5pm
MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S SERVICES **886-2484 EXT. 331**
Monday - Thursday.....noon - 8pm
Friday & Saturday.....9:30am - 5pm

EXTENSION SERVICES - MAIN LIBRARY **886-2484 EXT. 331**
Classroom Collections / Bookmobile Service

BRUNSWICK BRANCH **4030 W. 5th AVENUE** **944-9402**
Monday - Thursday.....10am-6pm
Friday & Saturday.....noon - 4pm

DU BOIS BRANCH **1835 BROADWAY** **886-9120**
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.....10am-6pm
Friday & Saturday.....noon-4pm

KENNEDY BRANCH **3953 BROADWAY** **887-8112**
Monday-Thursday.....noon-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....10am-5pm

WOODSON BRANCH **501 S. LAKE STREET** **938-3941**
Monday-Thursday.....noon-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....10am-5pm

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