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The Gary Public Library's Newsletter and Calendar of Events
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From the Director O. D. Alexander



The technological and historical development of writing, books, and printing was one of the first units that I studied in the Foundations of Library Science in the Library & Information Science at Ball State University under the tutelage of Dr. Doris Cox. The professor would often refer to the Ancient Egyptian's Hieroglyphs as one of the first writing forms.

In addition, she would discuss the process of early printing which came about in the late 1040s. This system is said to have been invented by Bi Sheng of China. Several centuries later a German goldsmith and entrepreneur named Johannes Gutenberg introduced the moveable type machine.

Here we actually saw the development of technology and its relationship to the written word during the 22nd century. Now, we are part of another tributary of technology. This time it is the eBook. And the Gary Public Library (GPL) is once again returning to take part in this literary boom. So get with the program.

This electronic literary format, better known as eBook, is a book that addresses entertainment and informational needs. It can be downloaded in seconds and accessible to all.

This literary format, which comes in the same text as the traditional generic book, does not in any way replace the book that we know. It is only an electronic version of the traditional book. To be sure, it is not the intention of the eBook to replace but instead it offers our library customer the flexibility of technology to dollie-in and zoom the reading pages for additional comfort and clarity. This actually means that the size of the words can be enlarged or decreased, and downloaded to the customer's iphone, smart phone, ipod, ipad, Zune, Mac, nook, Android, or other electronic information devices--PDFs or ePubs.

EBooks are especially wonderful for school assignments because the library customers can even print pages. Depending on the publishing company, customers can even download audio materials, music, and videos as well. Of course, like everything, there are always some limitations as well as advantages.

Wow! This technology is just great! In the United States alone there could easily be more than 19 million eBooks available and at least 300,000 titles. Included in this number of materials are at least 500,000 titles that are in the public-domain (<http://www.numberof.net/number-of-EBooks-available>, accessed February 22, 2012).

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Friends Book Sale

Friends of the Gary Public Library will hold a used book sale, Saturday, March 17 from 10am to 2pm at 220 W. 5th Avenue, the former Main Library building, 2nd floor auditorium. Please use north/parking lot entrance only.

All items are available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. All items are previously viewed/used and are sold as is. All sales are final, cash only - no refunds, no returns, no exchanges. Items available include books, video tapes, cds, books on tape and more.

Proceeds from the Friends book sales fund programs, materials or resources for the community through the Gary Public Library.



Musical Afternoon (Revised Time)

The public is invited to attend a free afternoon of music for all ages at the Du Bois Branch, Saturday, April 21 @ 1 - 3:30pm presented by Aubrey Whitt.

Whitt has performed throughout Northwest Indiana and Illinois. He specializes in singing "golden oldies" and also presents several musical groups including "The Whitney Nots." Other performers to be announced. Seating is limited.

Someone You Should Know



The public is invited to meet author WAYNE FOWLER at the Kennedy Branch, on Saturday, April 28, 3-5pm.

Fowler, a Gary, Indiana native, is a Roosevelt High School graduate. He has earned his degree from Indiana University and is the author of *Tales of the Talented Tenth*. This program is free and open to the public.

Chess For All Ages

Chess players of all levels and ages are invited to improve or test their chess skills at the Gary Public Library's Du Bois Branch, Saturday, March 3 & April 7 from 12 - 3pm. This free event is sponsored by the Friends of the Gary Public Library.

The public is invited to meet special guest & Gary native, Milton Louis. Chess sets will be provided but players may also bring their own. For more information contact Dan at 886-2484 ext. 335.

SEE INSIDE FOR SPECIAL NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROGRAMS 

Kids' Calendar



March

BRUNSWICK BRANCH

1 Thursday - 31 Saturday

- **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** - "Women's Education - Women's Empowerment" - Can you identify these women of great vision and achievement? Take the quiz, during library hours.

2 Friday

- **HAPPY BIRTHDAY DR. SEUSS** - Read across American, book by Dr. Seuss, activities and story time, 2-4pm.

5 Monday - Thursday 8

- **GEEK OUT @ YOUR LIBRARY** - Teens checkout books about today's technology, during library hours.

Every Saturday in March

- **SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES** - 1-3pm.

Every Tuesday in March

- **PLAY FOR FUN CONNECT FOUR** - 3-5pm.

20 Tuesday

- **FIRST DAY OF SPRING CRAFT** - Make a rainbow using a paper plate, 3-5pm.

April

BRUNSWICK BRANCH

2 Monday - 30 Monday

- **NATIONAL POETRY MONTH** - Poetry read-a-thon, read and write your favorite poetry, 3-5pm.

Every Tuesday in April

- **TONGUE TWISTER TUESDAYS** - Illustrate art using a tongue twister as your border then draw your picture, 3-5pm.

Every Saturday in April

- **SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES** - 1-3pm.

Every Wednesday in April

- **PLAY BINGO** - Win a prize, 3-5pm.

23 Monday

- **EARTH DAY AWARENESS** - Make a recycled puppet using a paper bag, 3-5pm.

FREE Wi-Fi @

At all units of
the
Gary Public
Library

From the Director O. D. Alexander

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At this point, the Library is contemplating beginning with approximately 500 eBooks and a four year contract. It takes between eight to ten weeks for the installation of the program. Hopefully, this program will be up and running around June 1st, 2012. Of course, the library staff will have to be trained.

With eBooks the circulation statistical data remains the same. However, materials charged out to customers are never late, for everything is electronic.

GPL is anxious to return with the eBook as one of the many services, for we know that at the end of the day, it will not be about the format of the reading materials, but about those who love reading and those who do not. The "reading class" has not limited themselves, and those who do not read as much will have an opportunity to listen to an audio, music, and or view a video. With eBooks, we will be winners!

READ

On Exhibit
March 15 - April 30
at the Barbara Leek Wesson Art Gallery
located in the Du Bois Branch

A NECESSARY FENCE: THE SENATE'S FIRST CENTURY

This historic exhibit pertains to one of the three powers of the United States government and it's first 100 years. The United States Senate was formally organized on April 6, 1789.

This poster exhibit was developed by the Commission on the Bicentennial of the United States Senate. It is divided into five sections which cover: Organization of the Senate, Administration, Treaties, Nominations, and Impeachment.

Illustrated in rich detail are events, objects, landmark documents, portraits, and political cartoons; detailing the Senate's roles, powers, and responsibilities.

The Barbara Leek Wesson Art Gallery is open Monday - Thursday 10am-6pm; Friday and Saturday noon-4pm.

Gary Public Library Board of Trustees

Meeting - Public Meeting - Fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:15pm, at 220 W. 5th Avenue, Gary, IN 2nd floor auditorium (in the former Main Library building) please use north/parking lot entrance only

Holiday Closings *All locations of the Gary Public Library will be closed*

- April 6 for Good Friday

National Library Week

by Felicia Bryant, Circulation Manager, Gary Public Library

National Library Week is April 8 through 14. It is an annual event to celebrate the services, resources, and activities that libraries provide to our communities that further stimulate literacy, culture, and the human imagination. Also, it is a set time that we gather to take an introspective look at the profession and attempt to measure our services as we respond to the needs and desires of our customers, especially during these critical financial times where library budgets and programs are being slashed, depleted, and withheld.

During this week, librarians and supportive staff, board of trustees, and community members caucus in order to anticipate the literary and cultural needs of their communities. Library meetings and other related forums will be scheduled, and story hours will be held, possibly, hourly.

Maybe, all of us should slow down for a moment, and personally ask community members and library customers what they really want and need. Afterwards, we should sit with them to help create strategies in fulfilling their needs, whether assisting them with seeking employment, temporary housing, medical referral, GED studies, or financial aid for college. It is time for all of us in the library and information industry to become real information brokers. This is something that we can really do because we have always done it.

Let's make this National Library Week a memorable treat for our community.

National Library Week Activities Committee: OD Alexander, Patience Ojomo, Elaine Ford, Felicia Bryant, Pam May, Brenda Moore, Brenda Davis, Diana Morrow, Fred McMillon, Dionne Knox, and Public Relations Services staff (Maria Strimbu, LaKeisha Bridgeman, Pam Williams)

Schedule of Activities: Refreshments will be served

Library Card Sign-Up - April 9-14 at all library locations

Fabric Art Workshop/Quilt Making For Beginners -

Monday-Wednesday, April 9-11, 1- 2:30pm; Du Bois Branch Gallery - Registration required, space limited to 15, materials supplied. Registration begins March 21, call 886-9120 to reserve your space.

Family Story Hour @ 4:00pm - April 9 - 12 at all library locations

Dance & Storytelling for Senior Citizens - Wednesday, April 11 @ 1-2pm, Du Bois Branch

Gossip & Lies: Wanna Hear? - Wednesday, April 11 @ 6-7pm, Woodson Branch

Resume Writing - Tuesday, April 10 @ 12-1pm; Du Bois Branch; Registration required, space limited, public computers not available; contact 886-2484 ext. 358 to register.

Western Movie Night - Thursday, April 12 @ 5 - 8pm; Woodson Branch (black & white films, popcorn served)

Email - Thursday, April 12 @ 12-1pm Brunswick Branch; Registration required, space limited, public computers not available; contact 886-2484 ext. 358 to register.

Fundraising & Proposal Writing Workshop - Monday, April 9 & Tuesday, April 24 @ 10-11am, Brunswick Branch (same workshop on two different days). Registration required, space limited. Contact 944-9402 to register.

World Events Discussion Group for Teens - Wednesday, April 11 @ 4-5pm, Brunswick Branch.



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*

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 - 4:45pm, Woodson Branch*

**Beginning March 24; May 26; July 28;
Sept. 22; Nov. 24**

SENIOR CITIZENS FRIENDSHIP CLUB -

*Wednesdays @ 1pm March through
May @ Du Bois Branch*

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.....10am-6pm
Friday & Saturday.....noon - 4pm

DU BOIS BRANCH **1835 BROADWAY** **886-9120**
Monday - 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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