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

Do you have Gary Public Library materials that are overdue? How about canned goods or other non-perishable food items you are willing to donate? Well, the Gary Public Library plans to promote a special amnesty period, Food for Fines, beginning May 1.

What is amnesty? Amnesty refers to a specific time when patrons may return forgotten or overdue library materials - fine free!

While amnesty does not apply to lost materials, this is a great time to erase eligible fines, clear blocked borrowing privileges, replace lost library cards or renew them. Remember, fines increased in January, so this is a great time for you to return those overdue materials, no matter how overdue they are, and help give back to the community at the same time.

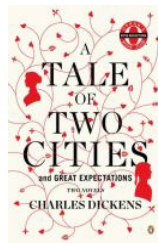
Some guidelines and requirements apply so watch for details and information at any Gary Public Library unit or visit our website at www.garypubliclibrary.org.

Friends Store Open

The Friends of the Gary Public Library's Book Store, located in the Main Library, is now **open** to the public on the **2nd Saturday of each month, 10am to 2pm**. The Book Store features gently used books, videos, records, audio books and magazines for sale.

New for the Saturday, March 12 sale include *A Tale of Two Cities* and *Great Expectations* by Charles Dickens, in like new condition; *Nickel and Dime*d by Barbara Ehrenreich; *Freedom A Novel* by Jonathan Franzen; and *Complete Guide to Roses*. One copy of each title is currently available and moderately priced.

Proceeds from the Book Store are used to support Gary Public Library programs and services.



Free Computer Classes

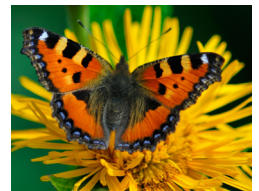
Registration has begun for free computer classes for adults at the Main Library, now through June. Class size is limited for all classes and registration is required.

One sign up per class per month. To register for the morning classes contact Pam at 886-2484 ext. 358 or contact Main Library-Reference Services to register for the evening and Saturday classes at 886-2484 ext. 336.

Please note - the public computers will be used for the computer classes and will not be available for use during dates and times of classes. See page 3 in this newsletter for the March/April classes. A complete schedule is available at any library unit or on our website.

Spring Wild Flowers Butterfly Gardening

Presented by Master Gardener Dian Fruth from Purdue Extension Master Gardeners Speaker's Bureau, Tuesday, April 12 at 4-5pm at the Brunswick Branch. The public is invited to attend this free program.



Senior Citizens Club

The Gary Public Library's Senior Citizens Friendship Club will resume their monthly meetings on Wednesday, March 9 at 1pm at the Main Library, 220 W. 5th Avenue, 2nd floor.

The meetings, held each Wednesday, will feature guest speakers, informative programs and cultural events for ages 55 and older. Membership is free.

Musical Afternoon

The public is invited to attend a free afternoon of music for all ages at the Main Library, Saturday, April 23 @ 2pm presented by Aubrey Whitt.

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

Youth Against Troubled Times

The public is invited to attend this special program presented at the Kennedy Branch on Saturday, March 26 at noon to 2pm. Special guest speaker will be Todd McCain, Dean of Students, West Side Leadership Academy. Other speakers include Ms. Deborah Ann Dillon and Mrs. Leora Carr.

The program aims to share personal experiences and information to help parents and especially teens as they make decisions about and for their future.

••••• Kids' Calendar •••••

March

SYSTEM-WIDE PROGRAM - NATIONAL WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH @ YOUR LIBRARY - Coloring fun and trivia questions. Come in weekly and take the National Women's History Month trivia challenge. During library hours at all library units.

MAIN LIBRARY- CHILDREN'S ROOM

Pre-School Storyhours

11 Friday - CELEBRATE YOUR NAME- Stories, craft and movie, 10am

25 Friday - CELEBRATE SPRING - Stories, craft and movie, 10am

2 Wednesday

- **READ ACROSS AMERICA** - Dr. Seuss' birthday celebration, stories, craft and movie, 3-4:30pm.

8 Tuesday

- **NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH** - Make a windsock, 4-5pm.

17 Tuesday

- **ST. PATRICK'S DAY** - Book display and craft, 4-5pm.

22 Tuesday

- **BUBBLE FUN** - Make bubbles and listen to stories, 4-5pm.

29 Tuesday

- **EVENING STORY TIME** - Story and craft, 4-5pm.

31 Thursday

- **MARCH WINDS STORY TIME** - Story and craft, 4-5pm.

BRUNSWICK BRANCH

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT - Thea Bowman Leadership Academy High School, Gary, IN, boy's and girl's basketball teams picture display. Write about 10 things you like about your school, during library hours.

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH - OUR HISTORY IS OUR STRENGTH - Famous women of Gary, Indiana picture display and biographies. Trivia questions about famous Gary women citizens, during library hours.

2 Tuesday

- **READ ACROSS AMERICA DAY** - Stop in, pick up a good book and enjoy a story, 3-4pm.

8 Tuesday

- **INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY** - Learn more about the women who have made this world great, 3-4pm

10 Thursday

- **HARRIET TUBMAN DAY** - Find out more about her and join us for a craft, 3-4pm.

16 Wednesday

- **ST. PATRICK'S DAY CRAFT** - Shamrocks, 3-4pm.

22 Tuesday

- **SPRING IS HERE** - Let's celebrate with flowers, flower craft, 3-4pm.

31 Thursday

- **FUN TIME** - Get ready for April Fools Day, check out a joke or riddle book, 3-4pm.

April

MONEY SMARTS WEEK @ YOUR LIBRARY - April 2 - 9

Learn the fundamentals of banking through the Money Smart program, presented by Mrs. Yvette Irons-Johnson of the First Midwest Bank. Check your local branch for date and time. Registration required. Grades 3rd - 6th only.

MAIN LIBRARY- CHILDREN'S ROOM

Pre-School Storyhours

8 Friday - DUCK TALES - Stories, finger plays and craft, 10am.

22 Friday APRIL SHOWERS - Stories, finger plays and craft, 10am.

SPRING BREAK GAME FEST @ 2-3pm

- 25 Monday - BINGO (for children only)
- 26 Tuesday - CHECKERS
- 27 Wednesday - BOARD GAMES
- 28 Thursday - CARD GAMES

12 Tuesday

- **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** - Create Your Own Story @ Your Library, stories and craft, 4-5pm.

19 Tuesday

- **NATIONAL POETRY MONTH** - Poetry break. Read your poetry or your favorite poet's works, 4-5pm.

21 Thursday

- **HOLIDAY FUN** - Crafts, stories and games, 3-4:30pm.

26 Tuesday

- **SUPER HERO DAY** - Book display, craft and movie, 3-4pm.

29 Friday

- **GOOD TIMES @ THE LIBRARY** - Movie and craft, 2-4pm.

BRUNSWICK BRANCH

NATIONAL POETRY MONTH - Read a copy of *Poetry Magazine and Newsletter*, see our book display, learn about poetry events in Chicago, IL, during library hours.

6 Wednesday

- **JUST FOR FUN** - Checkers and more, 3-4pm.

12 Tuesday

- **TODAY IS A HISTORIC DAY** - Find out what happened on this day in history, 3-4pm.

21 Thursday

- **EARTH DAY** - Tomorrow is Earth Day, we'll do a craft to learn more about why we celebrate, 3-4pm.

26 Tuesday - CRAFT TIME - 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 April 22 for Good Friday.

Free Computer Classes - March / April

For Senior Citizens @ 10am-12pm

Basic Computers: Tues. & Wed., March 15 & 16

Mouse & Keyboard Thurs. March 17

Microsoft Word Tues., April 5



Mouse & Keyboarding:

@ 10am-12pm

- Tues. & Wed., March 22 & 23

Internet for Beginners:

@ 10am-12pm

- Thurs., March 24
- Tues., April 12

Internet:

- Mon., March 21 @ 6-7:30pm
- Sat., March 26; April 9; @ 1-2:30pm
- Tues., & Wed., March 29 & 30 @ 10am-12pm
- Wed., April 13 @ 10am-12pm

Basic Computer:

- Mon., March 7, 28 @ 6-7:30pm
- Sat., March 12; April 2 @ 1-2:30pm
- Thurs., March 31 @ 10am-12pm

Microsoft Word for Beginners:

@ 10am-12pm

- Wed., April 27



Microsoft Word:

- Mon., March 14; April 11 @ 6-7:30pm
- Sat., March 19; April 16 @ 1-2:30pm
- Wed., April 6 @ 10am-12pm
- Thurs., April 14 @ 10am-12pm

Microsoft Word 2: @ 10am-12pm

- Thurs., April 28

Email for Beginners:

- @ 10am-12pm
- Tues. & Wed., April 19 & 20

Email 2 - Attachments file upload @ 10am-12pm

- Thurs., April 21
- Tues., April 26

PowerPoint:

- Mon., April 25 @ 6-7:30pm
- Sat., April 30 @ 1-2:30pm

Excel:

- Mon., April 18 @ 6-7:30pm
- Sat., April 23 @ 1-2:30pm

Ongoing Programs

ADULT LITERACY PROGRAM (Gary Public Library) - 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, March 19 / April 30 @ 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

March 5 / April 2

GENEALOGY GROUP - 10am-12pm

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

KENNEDY BRANCH PROGRAMS

FOR ALL AGES @ 1- 6pm

- **CHESS** - First Monday of each month
- **CARD GAMES** - Fifth Monday of each month
- **SCRABBLE** - Second Tuesday of each month
- **DOMINOES** - Third Wednesday of each month
- **CHECKERS** - Fourth Thursday of each month

KENNEDY BRANCH PROGRAMS

FOR ALL AGES @ 12-4:45pm

- **BINGO** - Every third Saturday of each month

KENNEDY BRANCH PROGRAMS

FOR ALL AGES @ 2pm

ARTS & CRAFTS - Every second Wednesday of each month

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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Library Locations & Hours of Service

MAIN LIBRARY	220 W. 5TH AVENUE	886-2484
Monday-Thursday.....		9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....		9am-5pm
<u>MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S SERVICES</u>		
Monday - Thursday.....		noon - 8pm
Friday & Saturday.....		9:30am - 5pm
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
TOLLESTON BRANCH	1113 TAFT STREET	944-2795
CLOSED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE (effective 11/22/10)		
BOOKMOBILE SERVICE		886-2484 ext. 329
Extension Services		Schedule available

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