

# Reading's *Alive!*

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

*The Gary Public Library is moving forward to an exciting new spring season and a challenging year*

*ahead. As we continue our transformation past our 100 years of service, our mission is to strengthen and support the education, enjoyment and lifelong learning skills of our community by working to provide equal access to information, ideas and knowledge through books, programs and other resources. Our number one goal is to provide effective services for citizens, patrons and all members of the community.*

*This newsletter, dedicated to the approval of the Board of Trustees' decision (February 16) to change the name of Wildermuth Branch, located in the Miller community, to the Carter G. Woodson Branch in honor of his role in shaping history.*

*Woodson (1875-1950) is known as the "Father of Black History." In 1915, he founded the Association for the Study of African American Life and History whose mission is to promote, research, preserve, interpret and disseminate information about Black life, history and culture to the global community.*

*In 1926 he initiated Negro History Week which was expanded in 1976 to include the entire month of February and is now known as Black History Month.*

*For more information about Carter G. Woodson, please stop in at any Gary Public Library unit.*



## Musical Afternoon

Singing Entertainment for All Ages!

**Saturday, April 17 @ 2pm**

**Main Library - FREE**

**Presented by Aubrey Whitt**

Whitt has performed throughout Northwest Indiana and Illinois. He specializes in singing "golden oldies" and performs with several dancers known as "The Whitney Nots." Other performers to be announced.

## Free Computer Classes

Registration has begun for free computer classes for adults at the Main Library, 220 W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue beginning March 4 through May. 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. 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 listed here.

### BASIC COMPUTER:

- March 4 & 25; April 15; May 6 @ 6-7:30pm, **REF**
- March 8 & 15; April 5 & 19 @ 10am-12pm, **CS**

### INTERNET:

- March 6, 20 & 27; April 10 & 17; May 1 & 22 @ 1-2:30pm, **REF**
- March 10, 17 & 31; April 7, 14 & 28 @ 10am-12pm, **CS**
- May 20 @ 6-7:30pm, **REF**

### MOUSE/KEYBOARDING:

- March 9, 16, April 6 & 20 @ 10am-12pm, **CS**

### EMAIL:

- May 3, 4, 5, 17 & 18 @ 10am-12pm, **CS**

### MICROSOFT WORD:

- March 11; April 1 & 22; May 27 @ 6-7:30pm, **REF**

- March 22, 23, 29 & 30; April 12, 13, 26 & 27 @ 10am-12pm, **CS**

- May 8 @ 1-2:30pm, **REF**

### MICROSOFT POWERPOINT:

- March 13; April 3 & 24 @ 1-2:30pm, **REF**
- May 13 @ 6-7:30pm, **REF**

### MICROSOFT EXCEL:

- March 18; April 8 & 29 @ 6-7:30pm, **REF**
- May 15 & 29 @ 1-2:30pm, **REF**

### FACEBOOK:

- May 24 & 25 @ 10am-12pm, **CS**

### FACEBOOK FOR BEGINNERS:

- May 10, 11 & 12 @ 10am-12pm, **CS**



**Art Exhibit** - On exhibit at the Barbara Leek Wesson Art Gallery, located in the Du Bois Branch, March 2 through April 10, is the annual portfolio show by senior visual art students of the Wirt-Emerson Visual & Performing Arts Academy.

The senior students will exhibit a portfolio of work in a variety of media which showcases their formal study in fine art. The exhibit also highlights Youth Art Month, an annual March observance that emphasizes the value of art education for all children and encourages support for quality school art programs.

**March is Disability Awareness Month!**

# Kids' Calendar

## March

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### MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### 2 Tuesday

- **READ ACROSS AMERICA** - Dr. Seuss Day. Stories, movie, craft, 3-4pm.

#### 6 Saturday

- **WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH** - First in women's achievement: test your knowledge, grades 3rd-6th, book display, 12-1pm.

#### TEEN TECH WEEK

- **9 Tuesday & 11 Thursday** - Learn Create Share @ your Library. Power point Book Review. Learn how to make an animated book review via Powerpoint. Ages 12 and up, 4-5:30pm.
- **10 Wednesday** - Text messaging fun. Get the 411 @ your Library. 4-5pm

#### 17 Wednesday

- **ST. PATRICK'S DAY** - Craft and Story, 3-4pm.

#### 20 Saturday

- **FIRST DAY OF SPRING** - Storytime & craft, 12-2pm.

#### 23 Tuesday

- **ELEPHANT STORY TIME** - Craft, stories, and movie, 3-4:30pm.

#### 30 Tuesday

- **HOLIDAY CRAFT** - Make a bunny puppet and listen to bunny stories, 3-4pm.

### BRUNSWICK BRANCH

#### 2 Tuesday

- **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** - Your choice, 4-5:30pm.

#### 4 Thursday

- **AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES** - Your choice, 4-5:30pm.

#### ACTIVITY DAY - Saturdays

- **6** - Puzzles, 12-2pm.
- **13** - Craft, 12-2pm.
- **20** - Games and chess, 12-2pm.
- **27** - Games, puzzles and craft, 12-2pm.

#### 9 Tuesday

- **MOTHER GOOSE STORY TIME** - Select books with nursery rhymes, 4-5:30pm.

#### 11 Thursday

- **RECITAL** - Recite some nursery rhymes, 4-5:30pm

#### 16 Tuesday

- **SHAMROCKS** - Make shamrocks, 4-5:30pm.

#### 18 Thursday

- **SPRING TALK** - Conversation, 4-5:30pm.

#### 23 Tuesday

- **WIND TALK** - Talk about the wind, 4-5:30pm.

#### 25 Thursday

- **BOOKS ON THE WIND** - 4-5:30pm

#### 30 Tuesday

- **FEEL FREE TO TALK DAY** - Talk about exciting subjects, 4-5:30pm

### TOLLESTON BRANCH

#### 2 Tuesday

- **READ ACROSS AMERICA: IT'S DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY** - Join us as we celebrate reading with our favorite Dr. Seuss books and a fun craft, 3:30pm.

#### 8 Monday - 13 Saturday

- **TEEN TECH WEEK: LEARN CREATE SHARE @ TOLLESTON LIBRARY** - Join us for an online Scavenger Hunt, test your cyber skills. Teen will search for the answers to a series of questions using the Library's online catalog, webpage and other websites. Answer all questions correctly and your name will be entered in our drawing for a prize bag. During library hours.

#### 18 Thursday

- **TABLE GAME FUN** - Board games, come join the fun, 3:30pm.

#### 22 Monday

- **SCRABBLE TIME** - We're flexing our vocabularies, join us as we play Scrabble, 3:30pm.

#### 31 Wednesday

- **GETTING CREATIVE** - Let your creative juices flow, as we express ourselves artistically with a fun craft, 3:30pm.

### WOODSON BRANCH

#### 1 Monday

- **YELLOWSTONE NAMED FIRST NATIONAL PARK** - Hear all about it! 2:30-3:30pm

#### 2 Tuesday

- **DR. SEUSS' BIRTHDAY** - Come decorate a cookie to take home with you, 2:30-3:30pm.

#### Thursdays (4, 11, 18 & 25)

- **YOUTH ART MONTH/NATIONAL CRAFT MONTH** - Check out a craft book while you learn to make fun & useful craft items, 3:30-4:30pm.

#### 5 Friday

- **NATIONAL MARCH INTO LITERACY MONTH** - Celebrate with puzzles and games, 3 - 4pm.

### March 8-11

- **TEEN TECH WEEK** - Learn how to use the technology available at your Library, 4 - 6pm.

#### 9 Tuesday

- **CELEBRATE YOUR NAME WEEK** - Find out what your name means, what language it comes from, plus make a sign for your room, 3 - 4pm.

#### 13 Saturday

- **TEEN TECH WEEK** - Learn how to use the technology available at your Library, 10am -12pm.

#### 29 Monday

- **SEWARD'S DAY** - Celebrate Alaska with maps and pictures to color, 2:30-3:30pm.

#### 31 Wednesday

- Celebrate the 107th anniversary of monoplane flight with books and pictures of airplanes, then and now, 3:30 - 4:30pm.

## April

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### MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

#### 1 Thursday

- **HOLIDAY SCAVENGER EGG HUNT AND CRAFT** - Make an Easter basket and egg hunt, 3-4:30pm.

#### 3 Saturday

- **HOLIDAY MOVIES** - Watch your favorite holiday movie, 12-2pm.

#### April 5-9

- **SPRING BREAK FUN @ YOUR LIBRARY** - Board games, coloring fun, listen to stories, crafts and movie, 1-3pm.

#### 8 Thursday

- **ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION @YOUR LIBRARY** - Discussion and craft, 4-5pm.

#### April 12-17

- **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** - Communities Thrive @ your library, 2010 Award Books display, during library hours.

#### 12 Tuesday

- **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK STORY TIME** - Listen to stories about library adventures, 3-4pm.

#### 15 Thursday

- **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** - Craft - make bookmarks with the word "Read" in a variety of languages, bookmarks will be displayed, 4-5pm.

#### April 19-23

- **TURN OFF T.V. WEEK** - Read a book, solve a puzzle, play a board game, read your favorite books, during library hours.

### 22 Thursday

- **EARTH DAY** - Enjoy crafts from recycled materials, 4-5pm.

### 29 Thursday

- **POETRY BREAK** - Read your poetry or your favorite poet's work, 4-5pm.

## BRUNSWICK BRANCH

### 1 Thursday

- **FIREFIGHTER DAY** - Look at books on firefighters, 4-5:30pm

### 3 Saturday

- **ACTIVITY DAY** - Crafts and puzzles, 12-2pm.

### 6 Tuesday

- **GIRL TALK** - Girls get together and talk about their favorite subject, 4-5:30pm.

### 8 Thursday

- **PASSOVER BEGINS** - Discussion of Passover, 4-5:30pm.

### 10 Saturday

- **ACTIVITY DAY** - Games and chess, 12-2pm.

### 13 Tuesday

- **FAVORITE CHORE WEEK** - Children talk about their favorite chore, 4-5:30pm.

### 15 Thursday

- **STORY TIME** - Read your favorite story, 4-5:30pm.

### 17 Saturday

- **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** - Read books of your choice, 12-2pm.

### 20 Tuesday

- **SCIENTIST DAY** - View different famous scientists, 4-5:30pm.

### 22 Thursday

- **EARTH DAY** - Conversation, 4-5:30pm.

### 24 Saturday

- **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** - Crafts, 12-2pm.

### 27 Tuesday

- **TELL A STORY DAY** - Children tell their favorite story, 4-5:30pm.

### 29 Thursday

- **ZIPPER DAY** - See how zippers are made, 4-5:30pm.

## TOLLESTON BRANCH

### 5 Tuesday

- **BOOKS ABOUND** - Check out our new book displays, there is something for everyone here at the library, during library hours.

### **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK:**

#### **April 12 - 17**

- Come in and see what we're doing here at the Tolleston Library. Ask a staff member "What's Going On at the Tolleston Library?" Let us tell you what we have going here at your library and

we will enter your name in a drawing to win a prize, during library hours.

### 22 Thursday

- **LET'S TALK BOOKS** - Here is a good book....let us share with you some new and recent additions to our book collection, 3:30pm.

### 29 Thursday

- **B-I-N-G-O** - Bingo spells fun. Play bingo for fun and prizes, 3:30pm.

## WOODSON BRANCH

### 1 Thursday

- **CELEBRATE EASTER** - Make a basket, 3:30-4:30pm.

### 5 Monday

- **NATIONAL WEEK OF THE OCEAN** - Listen to a story about the ocean and color pictures of sea life, 2:30-3:30pm.

### 6 Tuesday

- **NORTH POLE DISCOVERY ANNIVERSARY** - Listen to a story about Robert Peary and color pictures of arctic animals, 2:30-3:30pm.

### 8 Thursday

- **HANK AARON HOME RUN RECORD ANNIVERSARY** - Find out about this and other baseball records, 3:30-4:30pm.

### 12 Monday

- **NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK** - Come enjoy reading at the Library, 2:30-3:30pm.

### 13 Tuesday

- **NATIONAL POETRY MONTH** - Hear poems read aloud and see what you can do, 2:30-3:30pm.

### 19 Monday

- **SKY AWARENESS WEEK** - Come see what books we have about clouds and rainbows, with pictures to color, 2:30-3:30pm.

### 20 Tuesday

- **NATIONAL KITE MONTH** - Make a kite you can hang on your wall, 2:30-3:30pm.

### 22 Thursday

- **EARTH DAY** - Find out how you can help save the planet, plus coloring pages, puzzles & website info, 3:30-4:30pm.

### 26 Monday

- **JOHN JAMES AUDUBON BIRTHDAY** - 225 years later, see the paintings he did of birds and animals, with pictures to color for yourself, 2:30-3:30pm.

### 27 Tuesday

- **CORETTA SCOTT KING BIRTHDAY** - Find out about this famous lady's life, color pictures, 2:30-3:30pm.

### 29 Thursday

- **EDWARD KENNEDY "DUKE" ELLINGTON'S BIRTHDAY** - Listen to some of his most famous music and color pictures, 3:30-4:30pm.

## Library Board of Trustees Meeting

Public Meeting - 4th Monday of each month immediately following the 5:30pm Executive Session, Main Library.

## Holiday Closings

All units of the Gary Public Library will be closed APRIL 2 for GOOD FRIDAY. Library hours of service resume Saturday, April 3.

# Wi-Fi

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## FREE @



**Main Library,  
Brunswick, Du Bois &  
Woodson Branch**

## Ongoing Programs

**ALZHEIMERS SUPPORT GROUP** - Join in the discussion with other caretakers as we share and gather information, *First Saturday of each month*, 10 - 11am Tolleston Branch

### **FREE BLOOD PRESSURE & BLOOD GLUCOSE SCREENINGS**

*Provided by The Northwest Indiana Black Nurses Association*

1st Saturday of each month @ 9am - 11am, Main Library. **March 6 / April 3**

### **MORNING BISHOP THEATRE PLAY-HOUSE**

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

**Jan. 23; March 27; May 22; July 24; Sept. 25; Nov. 27**

### **CHESS**

**Saturdays @ noon** Tolleston Branch

**Last Tuesday** of each month, Main Library, @ 4-6pm All ages welcome

### **GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**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.

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## Library Locations & Hours of Service

<b>MAIN LIBRARY</b>	<b>220 W. 5TH AVENUE</b>	<b>886-2484</b>
Monday-Thursday.....		9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....		9am-5pm
<b>BRUNSWICK BRANCH</b>	<b>4030 W. 5th AVENUE</b>	<b>944-9402</b>
Monday-Thursday.....		noon-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....		10am-5pm
<b>DU BOIS BRANCH</b>	<b>1835 BROADWAY</b>	<b>886-9120</b>
Monday-Thursday.....		noon-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....		10am-5pm
<b>KENNEDY BRANCH</b>	<b>3953 BROADWAY</b>	<b>887-8112</b>
Monday-Thursday.....		9am-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....		9am-5pm
<b>TOLLESTON BRANCH</b>	<b>1113 TAFT STREET</b>	<b>944-2795</b>
Monday-Thursday.....		noon-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....		10am-5pm
<b>WOODSON BRANCH</b>	<b>501 S. LAKE STREET</b>	<b>938-3941</b>
Monday-Thursday.....		noon-8pm
Friday & Saturday.....		10am-5pm
<b>BOOKMOBILE SERVICE</b>		<b>886-2484 ext. 329</b>
Extension Services		Schedule available

Monday-Thursday.....m  
Friday & Saturday.....m  
Temporarily closed until further notice for renovations. Please use any of our other branches.

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