

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 wishes to extend a special thank you to all who participated in our National Library Week activities last month. We also appreciate the support of our Friends of the Gary Public Library who donated refreshments for all library units during their Open House.

We are currently busy compiling the results of the National Library Week survey. We appreciate your time in telling us how you feel about your Gary Public Library.

From May 10 through 15, your Gary Public Library will conduct another important survey, a Community Assessment Survey, available at all units.

Your opinion matters to the Gary Public Library. It is our sincere hope that this survey will offer the community an opportunity to engage and participate in the process of sustaining a viable Library.

Please help us by filling out this survey and returning it to Library staff.

Technology Update

Fifteen additional public computers are now available for use in the Reference Services area of the Main Library. The computers are located in the recently enclosed computer commons area. For complete information on using the Gary Public Library's computers, pick up a copy of *Computer Usage at the Gary Public Library* at any library unit.

New technology for the vision impaired will soon be 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,



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Kennedy Branch to Open

The Kennedy Branch Library, 3953 Broadway, of the Gary Public Library will open for service on Monday, May 24 at noon.

Library hours will remain the same, Monday through Thursday, noon to 8pm; Friday and Saturday 10am to 5pm.

An official opening reception will be scheduled at a later date, watch for details. The Kennedy Branch was temporarily closed last June to undergo renovations including new lighting, electrical, front doors and flooring.

Summer Reading Program

Make a Splash - Read! is the theme of the 2010 Summer Reading Program at your Gary Public Library.

The public is invited to attend the free annual Summer Reading Program Kick-Off, Splash Water Carnival, Saturday, June 5 at 2pm at the Brunswick Branch.

Students, pre-school through 12th grade may register for the Gary Library's Summer Reading Program at the Kick-Off. The six-week program begins June 7 through July 17. Patrons are encouraged to pick-up sign-up sheets and rules available at all units.



Friends Video Sale

The Friends of the Gary Public Library will hold a used videocassette and DVD sale on Saturday, June 12 from 11am - 2pm at the Main Library.

VHS videos will be 6 for \$1.00 or 25¢ each, cash only.

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May is 'Get Caught Reading' Month!

Kids' Calendar

May

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MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1 Saturday

- SATURDAY AT MOVIES** - Watch a DVD; & make a frog puppet, 12-2pm.



4 Tuesday

- EVENING STORY TIME** - Stories, finger plays, games. Pre-school-K, theme: "Mother's Everywhere", 4-5pm.

6 Thursday

- NO SOCKS DAY** - Bring your old socks and make a puppet, 4-5pm.



8 Saturday

- MOTHER'S DAY FUN** - Make a card for your mother, 12-2pm.

10-14 Monday-Wednesday

- CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK FUN** - Make bookmarks, posters, and book covers of your favorite book. During library hours.

11 Tuesday

- CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK READ-IN** - Listen to stories, read aloud, and perform in a Reader's Theatre, 3-6pm.



15 Saturday

- SATURDAY AT THE MOVIES** - Read "Where the Wild Things Are" & watch the movie, 12-2pm.

18 Tuesday

- EVENING STORY TIME** - Stories, finger plays, games. Pre-School-K, theme: Frogs and Toads, 4-5pm.

20 Thursday

- SPRING TIME CRAFT AND MOVIE** - Make flowers out of recycled materials and watch a popular DVD, 4-6pm

25 Tuesday

- EVENING STORY TIME** - Stories, finger plays, games. Pre-School - K, theme: Circus Fun, 4-5pm.



26 Wednesday

- ARTHUR'S BIRTHDAY BASH** - Stories, movie, and games, 4-5pm.

29 Saturday

- MEMORIAL DAY CRAFT** - Make a patriotic pinwheel, 12-1pm.



24 Thursday

- READ TO ME** - Read stories, listen to stories read by our patrons, 2-3pm.

26 Saturday

- SUMMERTIME FUN** - Movie and a craft, 12-2pm.



29 Tuesday

- TEDDY BEAR PICNIC** - Stories, games, and craft. Don't forget to bring your teddy bear, 2-3pm.

June

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MAIN LIBRARY - CHILDREN'S SERVICES

10 Thursday

- READ TO ME** - Read stories, listen to stories read by our patrons, 2-3pm.

12 Saturday

- FLAG DAY FUN** - Learn about your flag, and make a craft stick flag, 12-2pm.

17 Thursday

- READ TO ME** - Read stories, listen to stories read by our patrons, 2-3pm.

19 Saturday

- FATHER'S DAY FUN** - Make a special card for your dad, 12-2pm.



22 Tuesday

- JUST FOR FUN** - Play board games and watch a popular DVD, 2-4pm.



Special of the Month

Summer Reading Program

ACTIVITY DAYS

Wednesdays

@ 2 - 3pm

June 9, 16, 23, & 30

At all units



for teens!

Technology Update - continued from front page

scanned documents 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 be available with large-sized text and icons for those with low vision. Date of availability to be announced.



Friends Video Sale - continued from front page

A small selection of DVDs will be available at 50¢ each. Videocassettes & DVDs are available on a first come, first serve basis, while supplies last. All items are previously viewed and are sold as is, all sales are final - no refunds, no returns, no exchanges.

A choice selection of books from the Friends' Bookstore will also be available for sale. Most are like new and in gently used condition.

The Friends Bookstore is temporarily closed while it is being relocated within the Main Library. It is expected to open in the fall with a greater selection of good books at low prices.

On Exhibit at Main Library

On exhibit at the Main Library Art Gallery through May is Wirt-Emerson Visual & Performing Arts Academy - End of the Year Show, featuring grades 6th through 12th. The young artists are exhibiting a variety of creations using pastels, colored pencils, markers, graphic pencils and pen & ink.

On exhibit at the Main Library Art Gallery June 14 through July 24 is artist, Dawn Diamanoupols. Her exhibit features pastel drawings and acrylic painting.

The Main Library Art Gallery is open during normal library hours.

Playaway

Playaways, pre-loaded digital audio books, are available from all units of the Gary Public Library.

The Playaway, an all-in-one product is a lightweight, compact, easy to use player that comes with one pre-loaded audio book.

Half the size of a deck of cards, Playaway is ready for immediate listening. Using clearly marked buttons, Playaway gives listeners the option of placing digital bookmarks. Additionally, Playaway has a universal headphone jack that works with almost any type of headphone or mobility accessory.

The library's collection of Playaways includes adult and juvenile fiction and non-fiction titles including *Purpose Driven Life* by Rick Warren; *Bridge to Terabithia* by Katherine Paterson; and *Learn Anywhere: Spanish - The Complete Language Course*.

Patrons must have a valid library card and may borrow one Playaway for 14 days. No reservations or renewal. Other guidelines apply.



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 **Monday, May 31** in observance of Memorial Day.

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.*
May 1 / June 5

MORNING BISHOP THEATRE PLAYHOUSE
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 @ 4-6pm
Main Library, 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.

FREE

Wi-Fi



Main Library,
Brunswick, Du Bois
& Woodson Branch

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GARY, IN 46402

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Library Locations & Hours of Service

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| MAIN LIBRARY | 220 W. 5TH AVENUE | 886-2484 |
| Monday-Thursday..... | | 9am-8pm |
| Friday & Saturday..... | | 9am-5pm |
| BRUNSWICK BRANCH | 4030 W. 5th AVENUE | 944-9402 |
| Monday-Thursday..... | | noon-8pm |
| Friday & Saturday..... | | 10am-5pm |
| DU BOIS BRANCH | 1835 BROADWAY | 886-9120 |
| Monday-Thursday..... | | noon-8pm |
| Friday & Saturday..... | | 10am-5pm |
| KENNEDY BRANCH | 3953 BROADWAY | 887-8112 |
| Monday-Thursday..... | OPEN FOR SERVICE MONDAY, MAY 24 @ NOON | noon-8pm |
| Friday & Saturday..... | | 10am-5pm |
| TOLLESTON BRANCH | 1113 TAFT STREET | 944-2795 |
| Monday-Thursday..... | | noon-8pm |
| Friday & Saturday..... | | 10am-5pm |
| WOODSON BRANCH | 501 S. LAKE STREET | 938-3941 |
| Monday-Thursday..... | | noon-8pm |
| Friday & Saturday..... | | 10am-5pm |
| BOOKMOBILE SERVICE | | 886-2484 ext. 329 |
| Extension Services | | Schedule available |

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