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

Sherri Ervin

Our community should be proud of the progress made at the Gary Public Library. We developed a strategic perspective with the primary goal of providing effective services for citizens, patrons and all members of the community. We presented goals and objectives in support of our visionary mission 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. We have expanded to create a strategic outreach approach in response to the current economic landscape by cultivating collaborative relationships for organizational efficiency via community engagement with other governmental organizations, sister agencies, community leaders, religious groups and libraries.

There have also been numerous accomplishments and improvements. As part of our organizational journey, we addressed the Senate Appropriations Committee concerning the economic impact of local property taxes on the Library's operating budget. It was an opportune moment to inform representatives and senators of the diverse, urban setting of Northwest Indiana library communities whereas proposed legislation relative to the Kernan-Shepard recommendation for consolidation was deterred. Now, the administration is more aware of enacted bills that affect the community due to legislative action as it applies to administrative policy and procedure.

We also recognized the importance of providing environmental-friendly buildings. We implemented extensive repairs, equipment replacement and asbestos abatement projects in conjunction with the renovation of the Main Library Office and Kennedy Branch. Today, we are so pleased to serve the community with a new Friends Group Bookstore and the Young Adult Teen Scene.

We also focused upon leadership. Team-building initiatives have enabled the administration

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Free Computer Classes

Computer classes for adults begin November 1 at the Main Library. All classes are from 10am - 12pm and registration is required. To register call 886-2484 ext. 358. Please - one sign up per class per month. Class sizes are limited. 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 Computers:

- Tuesday, November 1

Email:

- Thursday, November 3
- Thursday, November 10

Email Attachments:

- Tuesday, November 22
- Wednesday, November 23

Facebook:

- Tuesday, November 29
- Wednesday, November 30
- Thursday, December 1

Internet:

- Wednesday, November 2
- Tuesday, November 15
- Wednesday, December 7
- Thursday, December 8

Job Hunting:

- Thursday, December 15

Microsoft Excel:

- Wednesday, November 16
- Thursday, November 17

Microsoft Word:

- Wednesday, November 2
- Tuesday, November 15
- Tuesday, December 6

Mouse Hunting:

- Tuesday, November 1

Power Point:

- Tuesday, November 8
- Wednesday, November 9

Resume Writing:

- Tuesday, December 13
- Wednesday, December 14

New Library Board Member



The Board of the Gary Community School Corporation recently appointed Jonathan Boose to the Gary Public Library Board of Trustees.

Boose is currently a precinct committeeman and vice-captain of the Third District Precinct Organization. His public service extends outside the third district as host of his Saturday morning radio talk show on WLTH 1370am. The show's focus is quality of life issues.

Boose is the primary organizer for Gary's Juneteenth and Kwanza celebrations. As an advocate for cultural awareness, he feels that maintaining and preserving culture creates a more civil society. He also understands libraries are at a crossroads and that there must be continual technological upgrades. E-books, touch screens and multimedia should be accessible for library patrons, Boose states.

Jonathan Boose has also worked for municipal government and is currently a therapist at Edgewater Systems for Balance Living. He is a graduate of Gary Roosevelt High School and Indiana University Northwest.

Wirt Emerson Art Exhibit opens November 15 @ Main Library Art Gallery. Reception - November 15 @ 4 - 5:30pm.



Kids' Calendar



November

MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

Books to Bridge the Region 2011

- **SYSTEM WIDE** - A community reading event for Northwest Indiana. Featured Book for Children: "Boxes for Katje" by Candace Fleming. Story time and Craft, at all units, November 3 at 4 -5pm.

Movie Special

- **BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION** - Featured book for teens "The Boy in the Striped Pajamas" PG. November 5 at 1-3pm.

2 Wednesday

- **AUTUMN CRAFT** - Make a scarecrow puppet, 4-5pm.

22 Tuesday

- **THANKSGIVING CRAFT AND STORY** - Make a paper turkey, 4-5pm.

23 Wednesday

- **NATIONAL GAME AND PUZZLE DAY** - Play your favorites, 4-5pm.

BRUNSWICK BRANCH

3 Thursday

- **BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION STORY & CRAFT** - Bring in a box and we will decorate it. Also *Boxes for Katje* by Candace Fleming, 4pm.

5 Saturday

- **BOOKS TO BRIDGE THE REGION SELECTION** - Movie special *The Boy in the Striped Pajamas*, rated PG, 1pm.

15 Tuesday

- **AMERICA RECYCLES DAY** - Learn about recycling, 3:30pm.

17 Thursday

- **CRAFT AND A STORY** - 3:30pm.

22 Tuesday

- **THANKSGIVING FUN** - Enjoy a craft and story, 3:30pm.

29 Tuesday

- **JUST FOR FUN** - Play table games, 3:30pm.

30 Wednesday

- **SCRABBLE** - Learn to play and have some fun, 3:30pm.

WOODSON BRANCH

Nov. 21-26 (Mon. -Sat.)

- **NATIONAL GAMES AND PUZZLE WEEK** - 4pm.

3 Thursday

- **NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH** - Meeting of writers participating in National Novel Writing Month. All ages welcome, 5:30-7:30pm.

3 Thursday

- **BOXES FOR KATJE** - Story and craft, 4pm.

5 Saturday

- **MOVIE TIME** - *The Boy In The Striped Pajamas*, 1pm.

10 Thursday

- **NATIONAL NOVEL WRITING MONTH** - Meeting of writers participating in National Novel Writing Month. All ages welcome, 5:30-7:30pm.

December

MAIN LIBRARY CHILDREN'S SERVICES

1 Tuesday

- **HOLIDAY CRAFT** - Make a ornament for the tree, 4-5pm.

9 Friday

- **STORY HOUR** - It's snowing: Stories finger plays and craft, 10-11am.

BRUNSWICK BRANCH

1 Thursday

- **CRAFTING FUN** - 3:30pm.

6 Tuesday

- **HOLIDAY CRAFTING** - We're making holiday cards, 3:30pm.

8 Thursday

- **HOLIDAY STORYTIME** - You choose our holiday stories, 3:30pm.

13 Tuesday

- **CRAFTING FUN** - Let's make tree ornaments, 3:30pm.

15 Thursday

- **HOLIDAY CRAFTING** - Make a holiday wreath, 3:30pm.

27 Tuesday

- **BINGO CHALLENGE** - Join us play bingo for fun, 3:30pm.

29 Thursday

- **SCRABBLE** - Learn to play and have some fun, 3:30pm.

WOODSON BRANCH

1 Thursday

- **PARTY** - Celebrating end of National Novel Writing Month, 5:30-7:30pm.

8 Thursday

- **NaNoWriMo** - Meeting of writers ready to edit their novels, 5:30-7:30pm.

8 Thursday

- **WINTER CRAFTS** - 4pm.

12 Monday - 15 Thursday

- **CHRISTMAS PAPER CRAFTING** - Learn to make cards, boxes and other paper ornaments and crafts, 2-4pm.

15 Thursday

- **WINTER CRAFTS** - 4pm.

Mitten Tree

Help decorate the "Mitten Tree" sponsored by the Gary Public Library at all Gary Public Library units, November 28 through December 17.

Patrons may donate knitted items such as hats, scarves, mittens, and booties for those in need of all ages.



Gary Public 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*

- Friday, November 11 - Veterans' Day
- Thursday & Friday, November 24 & 25 - Thanksgiving
- Saturday & Monday, December 24 & 26 - Christmas
- Saturday & Monday, December 31 & January 2 - New Years

Meet The Authors & Attend Book Bazaar

The public is invited to a book talk and book signing as part of the Friends of the Gary Public Library's Fall Meeting, Saturday, November 12 at 9am at the Main Library, outside of the Friends book store.

The Friends will hold a brief business meeting at 9am followed by a book talk from local authors, Gloria Ford, *Christina*; Denise Jones - *Who Said It Couldn't Be Done*; and Elliott Barnes, *Life Lessons: A Book of Poems*. Tennessee author, John Mask will also share his book, *One Man's Mind*.

The Friends book store will also be open to the public on November 12 at 10am immediately following the authors' program. All items will be half price.

The Friends Book Bazaar is back! The book sale is scheduled for the first weekend in December and will be held outside the Friends Store. Friends Night (a pre-sale for members only) is Thursday, December 1 at 4pm. The sale is open to the public on Friday and Saturday December 2 & 3 from 10am to 4:30pm.

The Book Store will be open on December 10 as scheduled. Watch for information on Book Store dates and times for 2012.

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.

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in reaching their potential to serve as viable assets to the organization. We cleaned up our fiscal act of efficient recordkeeping in accordance with standards set forth by the DGLF and the SBOA. We sought to collaborate with collective bargaining agreements in the interest of all library employees that provide consistent services supportive of critical community engagement, information literacy including program initiatives for adult, young adults, children and their families. We also improved our technology infrastructure. The Computers Commons offers increased Internet access, assistive technology for the visually challenged including bibliographic and classroom instruction for our school age children, teenagers and senior citizens.

I will continue to support and work to the best of my ability for the success of the Gary Public Library. It has been a wonderful experience to return home and serve as your Director. Thank you again for the opportunity and your support in providing professional public library services to the citizen of Gary.

Editor's Note: The Gary Public Library Board of Trustees recently appointed Otis D. Alexander to serve as the Library's new Director effective November 26, 2011.

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, November 19/December 17
@ 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

November 5 / December 3

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

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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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. 329
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 - 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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