

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For children, teens and adults

March / April 2026

LOCATIONS & HOURS

**GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
AND CULTURAL CENTER**
220 W. 5th. Ave. 886-2484
Monday - Thursday.....9am - 8pm
Friday & Saturday.....9am - 5pm

TECHMOBILE
(219) 886-2484 x 358
Monday - Friday.....9am - 4pm

MAKERSPACE
(219) 886-2484 x 332 CALL FOR INFO

NEW WINTER BRANCH HOURS
for Kennedy & Woodson

KENNEDY BRANCH
3953 Broadway 887-8112
Monday - Thursday 10am - 6pm
closed: Friday & Saturday

WOODSON BRANCH
501 S. Lake Street 938-3941
Monday - Thursday 10am - 6pm
closed: Friday & Saturday

ALL UNITS OF THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED: FRIDAY, April 3, 2026 in observance of GOOD FRIDAY
HOURS WILL RESUME ON SATURDAY, APRIL 4

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS A

BOOK SIGNING

Featuring Gary Native

● **VENTRESS JACKSON**



**Thursday,
March 12, 2026
5 - 7pm**

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY AND CULTURAL CENTER
220 W. 5TH AVENUE, GARY, IN

Ventress Jackson holds a bachelor of science in political science and a minor in economics and public administration. He has been involved with youth development and team sports for over thirty years in his hometown of Gary, Indiana. He also enjoys mentoring local youth, volunteering at the local food bank and takes great pride in being a role model and youth advocate.

Ventress enjoys traveling, exercise, reading, writing and coaching Little League baseball and Bidy basketball; along with spending time with his family.

TROPHIES



**FREE!
REFRESHMENTS
SERVED!**

WWW.GARYPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG/EVENTS



Celebrate NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

April 19-25, 2026

ALA American Library Association Library Champions

Art ©2026 by Lorraine Nam from I'm So Happy You're Here

Award-winning librarian, author, and new host of the children's program "Reading Rainbow" Mychal Threats will serve as Honorary Chair of National Library Week. "Find Your Joy," is an invitation for people of all backgrounds to explore and discover what sparks joy in them at the library. The theme amplifies a message that is ever-present in Threats' recurring viral videos about the innumerable ways people can find joy in the library, and in his debut picture book, *I'm So Happy You're Here: A Celebration of Library Joy*.

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

SATURDAY CHESS TOURNAMENTS

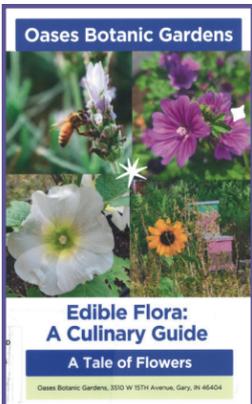
March 14,
& April 11, 2026
from 10am - Noon

- All ages welcome!
(Not USCF sanctioned)
- Walk-ins welcome
- 30 minute games
- Free!
- Registration is encouraged but not required
- Email: weind@garypubliclibrary.org



at Gary Public Library and Cultural Center, 220 W. 5th Avenue, Gary, IN

Meet the Author & Book Talk



**Tuesday,
March 10 & 17, 2026
@ 5 - 6pm**

Gary Public Library
and Cultural Center
220 W. 5th Avenue

FREE

Presented by chaplain, educator, and garden/ farmHer, Carmen McKee, a cultivator of both soil and soul. She blends pastoral care with regenerative agriculture to nourish communities and serves as the co-founder of Oases Botanic Gardens in Gary, IN.

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY & THE GREATER GARY AMERICAN JAZZ ASSOCIATION PRESENT THEIR MONTHLY

SUNDAY JAZZ CONCERTS

March 15 & April 19, 2026
@ 3 - 5pm

Gary Public Library and Cultural Center - 2nd Floor
FREE ADMISSION & PARKING



Gary Public Library presents

CLASSICAL SUNDAY CONCERT

co-sponsored by the
Gary Civic Symphony Orchestra
and the Gary Historical & Cultural Society, Inc.

**SUNDAY, MARCH 29, 2026
3 - 5PM**

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY & CULTURAL CENTER

Free admission & parking. Entrance & parking on the north side only. Library will be closed, no library service available.

The Gary Public Library Senior Citizens Friendship Club

Wednesdays at 1pm - beginning March 4 @ Main Library




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www.garypubliclibrary.org/events Print copies available at all library locations.

Children's Programs in March

2 Monday

- Dr. Seuss' Birthday Activity - Featuring stories and a craft, 4 - 6pm @ **Children's Services**
- Read Across America Story Time - Let's read Dr. Seuss books 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

4 Wednesday

- Collage Craft - Let's make a spring collage, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

6 Friday

- Board Game Day, 10am - 12pm @ **Children's Services**

9 Monday

- Beetle Bug Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

10 Tuesday

- Movie Day, 2 - 4pm @ **Children's Services**
- Animal Tracks Activity - Guess which animal made the tracks, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

12 Thursday

- Women's History Month Story Hour - Let's celebrate with stories about women who helped shape our country, 10 - 11am @ **Children's Services**



16 Monday

- St. Patrick's Day Activities, 1 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**
- Spring Break Activities, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

17 Tuesday

- St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt, 1 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**
- St. Patrick's Day Craft - Let's make four leaf clovers, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

19 Thursday

- Spring Break Games Galore, 10am - 12pm @ **Children's Services**

20 Friday

- Choose-Your-Path Story Time - Read stories in which you choose the path, 10:30am - 12pm @ **Children's Services**

23 Monday

- Pot of Gold Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

24 Tuesday

- "Charmed, I'm Sure" Etiquette Program - Join us for a lesson in etiquette presented by Ms. Shakinah Bullock, 5 - 6pm @ **Children's Services**
- Game Day, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**



26 Thursday

- Women's History Month Story Hour, 2:30 - 3:30pm @ **Children's Services**

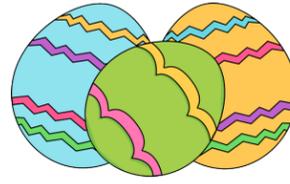
30 Monday

- Easter Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ **Children's Services**
- Free Day - Let's play games and puzzles, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

Children's Programs in April

1 Wednesday

- Easter Basket Activity, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**



2 Thursday

- Easter Basket Activity, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

4 Saturday

- Easter Egg Hunt - For children ages 12 and under only, 1:30 - 3:30pm @ **Children's Services**

7 Tuesday

- Movie Night, 5 - 7pm @ **Children's Services**

8 Wednesday

- Birds' Nest Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

9 Thursday

- Story Hour, 10 - 11am @ **Children's Services**

13 Monday

- Story Hour, 5 - 6pm @ **Children's Services**

14 Tuesday

- "Charmed, I'm Sure" Etiquette Program - Join us for a lesson in etiquette presented by Ms. Shakinah Bullock, 5 - 6pm @ **Children's Services**
- Rain Drop Activity, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

16 Thursday

- Cotton Cloud Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

20 Monday

- National Library Week - Featuring Right to Read Day and Earth Day Story Hour. Read a book and get a prize. (*Earth Day Story Hour participation is required. Prizes are limited*), 5 - 6:00pm @ **Children's Services**



21 Tuesday

- National Library Week Tour, 5 - 6pm @ **Children's Services**

22 Wednesday

- National Library Week: STEM program, 1 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**
- Garden Activity - Let's plant flower seeds, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

23 Thursday

- National Library Week Games Galore - Let's "Find Your Joy" by hanging out and play games together at the Library, 1 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**
- Movie Time - Let's watch a spring movie 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

27 Monday

- Mother's Day Story Hour, 5 - 6pm @ **Children's Services**
- Free Day - Games and puzzles, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

29 Wednesday

- Garden Activity - Let's plant flower seeds, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**



30 Thursday

- Free Day - Let's play games and puzzles, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy Branch**

Please check www.garypubliclibrary.org/events for added programs or changes to this schedule.