

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For children, teens and adults

September / October 2026

LOCATIONS & HOURS

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

KENNEDY BRANCH
3953 Broadway 887-8112
Monday - Thursday
10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
closed: Friday

TECHMOBILE
(219) 886-2484 x358
Monday - Friday.....9am - 4pm

MAKERSPACE
(219) 886-2484 x332 Call for more info.
Current schedule available at all locations.

WOODSON BRANCH
501 S. Lake St. 938-3941
Monday - Thursday
10am - 6pm
Saturday 10am - 2pm
closed: Friday

ALL UNITS OF THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:

Monday, September 7 in observance of Labor Day HOURS WILL RESUME ON Tuesday, September 8



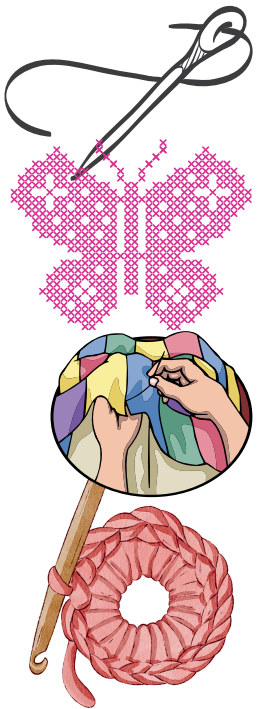
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September is LIBRARY
CARD SIGN-UP MONTH

PROGRAMS FOR TEENS & ADULTS

Oral History for Beginners (for ADULTS)

Tuesdays, September 8, 15, 22 and 29
@ 4:45 - 5:45pm. Join us for a four week
workshop series with writer, producer and artist
Sam Love. Workshop will feature planning, executing and
archiving for conducting oral history - style interviews.
Discover how they can be used in local history, family history
and storytelling @ **Woodson Branch**



Handwork & Hangout

Saturday, September 12 and October 10
@ 11am - 1pm
Join local fiber artist **Jane Whedbee** in
crafting and connecting with other fiber art
enthusiasts at the library. Bring your
lunch and a portable, non-messy handwork
project—knitting, crochet, embroidery, cross-
stitch, quilting, felting, and more—for an
informal gathering of makers. All skill levels
are welcome to relax, create, share ideas,
and enjoy creative company. @ **Woodson
Branch**

Sign Up For Your New Gary Public Library Library Card

Open a Book, Open a World

Available Now! For Adults, Children & Teens

Switch to our new card for free. A new card number and PIN will be provided. Lost cards are \$2.00. Or keep using your current library card until it expires two years from the date you received it.

To get your first library card, valid identification bearing the current street address within our library district is required when filling out an application for a library card. The signature of a parent, guardian or caregiver is required for a patron under the age of 18 years to process the application. Signature must be provided in person. Parent, guardian or caregiver must present picture identification with the current address. If the identification does not have a current address, the individual must also provide a valid document with the present resident home address. The first library card is issued at no charge. The card will be issued immediately, if everything is valid. For more information contact Circulation Services 219-886-2484 ext. 102 or 103.

HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH

September, 15 - October, 15

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

SATURDAY CHESS TOURNAMENTS

September 19
October 11, 2026
from 10am - Noon

- All ages welcome!
(Not USCF sanctioned)
- Walk-ins welcome
- 30 minute games
- Free!
- Registration is encouraged but not required
- 219-886-2484 for more info.

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



MakerSpace schedule coming soon!



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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN SEPTEMBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 It's National Crime Prevention Week - Gary Police will visit with a safety talk, 4 - 6pm @ Children's Services	2	3	4 Story Hour - Featuring safety themed stories, 2 – 4pm @ Children's Services	5
7	8 Coloring Team Project , 4 – 6pm @ Children's Services Fun Day , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	9 Apple Buddy Craft - Let's make a walking apple using pipe cleaners, 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	10 Animal Bookmark Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	11 Story Hour - Featuring a holiday themed story, 3 – 4pm @ Children's Services	12 
14 Pinecone Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	15 “Charmed, I’m Sure” , 5 – 6pm @ Children's Services Hedgehog Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	16 Apple Buddy Craft - Let's make a walking apple using pipe cleaners, 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	17 Fall Coloring Activity , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	18	19 Story Hour - Featuring Hispanic Heritage Month stories, 2 – 3pm @ Children's Services
21 Tour Day , 1 – 3pm @ Children's Services Fall Puzzle Activity , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	22 Leaf Hedgehog Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch 	23 Ice Cream Cone Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	24 Story Hour - Hispanic Heritage Month, 10 – 11am @ Children's Services Fall Movie Day , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	25	26
28 Apple Dot Activity , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	29 Halloween Movie Night , 5 – 7pm @ Children's Services Free Day - It's your choice, 1-3pm @ Kennedy Branch	30 Computer Day - Let's explore the computer, 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	 Popsicle Stick Collaborative Art Project - In celebration of National Library Card Sign-up Month. Stop by the Woodson branch library during the month of September to put your unique design on a popsicle stick. Share why you value the library. We'll combine everyone's creations into a one-of-a-kind art display, September 1-30, 2026 @ Woodson Branch		

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN OCTOBER

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Story Hour , 10 – 11am @ Children's Services	3
5 Story Hour , 4 – 5pm @ Children's Services Acorn Paper Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	6 Corn Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch 	7 Pumpkin Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	8 Handy Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	9	10 
12 Craft Day , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	13 "Charmed, I'm Sure" etiquette program , 5 – 6pm @ Children's Services Paper Tree Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	14 Free Day - Let's play puzzles and games of your choice, 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Day	15 Bead Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Day	16	17 Halloween Bookmark Craft , 10 – 12pm @ Children's Services
19 Halloween and Fall Story Hour , 4 – 5pm @ Children's Services Free Day , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	20 Scarecrow Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	21 Sunflower Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	22 Free Day - Let's play puzzles and games, 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch Pumpkin Fun - Bring your own pumpkin, materials will be supplied, 4 - 5pm @ Woodson Branch	23 	24 Halloween Fun - Featuring games and movies, 1:30 – 3:30pm @ Children's Services
26 Halloween Story Hour , 4 – 5pm @ Children's Services Movie Day , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch Halloween Story Time & Craft , 4pm @ Woodson	27 Craft Day , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	28 Let's Color , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch 	29 Leaf Lion Craft , 1 - 3pm @ Kennedy Branch	30	31 Trick or Treat - Treats available while supplies last. Costumes not required. Pre K - 8 th grade, 12 - 2pm @ Woodson Branch

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