GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY

PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For children, teens and adults

November / December 2026

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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 x358
Monday - Friday.....9am - 4pm

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

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

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

Holiday Closings

ALL UNITS OF THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED:

Wednesday, **November 11** in observance of **Veterans Day**
Thursday, **November 26** & Friday, **November 27**
in observance of **Thanksgiving**
Thursday, **December 24** in observance of **Christmas Eve**
Friday, **December 25** in observance of **Christmas Day**
Thursday, **December 31** in observance of **New Year's Eve**
Friday, **January 1, 2027** in observance of **New Year's Day**

Salute to Veterans Exhibit

Curated by the Gary Historical and Cultural Society.
Main Library Art Gallery through November.



Sunday Concerts 3-5pm Main Library - FREE!

JAZZ - Nov. 15 / Dec. 20

Handwork & Hangout

Saturday, Nov. 7 & Dec. 5
11am - 1pm @ Woodson

Join local fiber artist Jane Whedbee in crafting and connecting with other fiber art enthusiasts at the library.

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY CHASE FINANCIAL HEALTH

2026 WORKSHOPS - FREE!

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NOVEMBER 4 WEDNESDAY

WAYS TO HELP AVOID FRAUD AND SCAMS
With fraud and scams on the rise, it's important to educate yourself. In this workshop, you'll learn how keeping organized can help keep you safe, how to spot common scams and help protect yourself, and what to do if you or a loved one is impacted by fraud or identity theft,
11am - 12pm @ Woodson Branch

NOVEMBER 5 THURSDAY

VALUABLE MONEY LESSONS FOR FAMILIES
This workshop, created for parents and children to attend together, teaches families valuable money lessons, including how to establish good money habits, make sound money decisions and learn from everyday experiences, **3 - 4pm @ Children's Services**

NOVEMBER 19 THURSDAY

SAVING AND SPENDING: FOR K - 5TH GRADE
In this fun and interactive workshop, kids will learn about saving and spending money. This session is broken into two activities: K-2nd, and 3-5th, **3 - 4pm @ Children's Services**

NOVEMBER 23 MONDAY

IMPROVING CREDIT AND MANAGING DEBT
In this interactive workshop, you'll learn how to improve your credit and better manage any debt you may have, including building a positive credit history, reducing your credit utilization and dealing with delinquent debts, **11am - 12pm @ Woodson Branch**

DECEMBER 8 TUESDAY

WAYS TO HELP PROTECT YOUR FINANCES AS YOU AGE
In this workshop, you'll learn simple tips to help protect your accounts and finances and how to plan for the future, including creating a financial care plan,
11am - 12pm @ Woodson Branch

DECEMBER 10 THURSDAY

FINANCIAL GOALS: FOR 5TH – 8TH GRADE
This workshop will identify and explain needs and wants, identify their own financial values and apply those values to their financial goals, create a financial goal and develop the process to achieve it, understand and explain the importance of creating financial goals, **3 - 4pm @ Children's Services**

DECEMBER 15 TUESDAY

HOW TO SET GOALS, BUILD A BUDGET AND SAVE
In this interactive workshop, you'll learn how to set goals based on your values, build a budget that works for you and save for the future.,
11am - 12pm @ Woodson Branch

NEW DATE!



Saturday, December 19 @ 12pm
Visit some friendly wildlife animal ambassadors. Learn about the native wildlife of Northwest Indiana and how the staff of Humane Indiana care for it. For animal fans of all ages. @ WOODSON BRANCH

SATURDAY CHESS TOURNAMENTS

November 14
December 5, 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



Meet the Author

Dawn Michelle Robinson
The Blueprint I Broke
Sat., Nov. 7 @noon-3pm
Main Library

Meet the Author

Glendal Wallace
The Words We Wear
Sat., Dec. 5, @ 1-3pm
Main Library



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www.garypubliclibrary.org

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

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN NOVEMBER

Wednesdays in November
Kids LEGO Club, 4-5pm @ Woodson



10 Tuesday
- Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ Children's Services

14 Saturday
- Movie Day, 1 – 3pm @ Children's Services

16 Monday
- Thanksgiving Story Hour, 4 – 5pm @ Children's Services

23 Monday
- Thanksgiving Placemat Craft, 1:30 - 3:30pm @ Children's Services

28 Saturday
- Story Hour, 4 – 5pm @ Children's Services

30 Monday
- Board Game Day, 5 - 7pm @ Children's Services

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS IN DECEMBER

Wednesdays in December
Kids LEGO Club, 4-5pm @ Woodson



4 Friday
- Story Hour, 3 – 4pm @ Children's Services

8 Tuesday
- Christmas Ornament Craft, 5 – 7pm @ Children's Services

15 Tuesday
- Thanksgiving Story Hour, 4 – 5pm @ Children's Services

19 Saturday
- Christmas Card Craft, 1 – 3pm @ Children's Services

21 Tuesday
- Let's Make Christmas Ornaments - One will go on our tree, the other goes home with you, 5 – 7pm @ Children's Services

26 Saturday
- *New Year's* Story Hour, 4– 5pm @ Children's Services

29 Tuesday
- New Year's Bookmark Craft, 2 - 4pm @ Children's Services

TEEN ZONE in the Makerspace

Anime Club - Watch episodes from an anime series. We'll also have art and craft supplies for art creation. Light refreshments will be served. Ages 13 and up. Wednesday, Nov. 18 @ 5:30 - 7pm

The Checkmators Chess Club - Our monthly program to discover the ultimate game of strategy at The Checkmators Chess Club! This program provides a supportive community to sharpen your skills, practice new tactics, and enjoy friendly competition. Ages 10 and up. Saturday, Nov. 14 / Dec. 12 @ 10 - 12pm.

Craft: Gratitude Journal - Create and decorate your own gratitude journal just in time for the holidays. There will be snacks. Supplies will be provided. Space is limited. Registration required. Ages 12 and up. Thursday, Nov. 19 @ 5:30 - 7pm.

YA Book Club & Café Night - Join our Teen Book Club for a relaxed hangout where you can chat about great reads, share your thoughts, and hear what others are loving. It's a fun, low-pressure way to discover new books and connect with fellow readers. Ages 13 and up. Thursday, Nov. 5 @ 5:30pm - 7pm.

Craft: Festive Ornaments - Join us at the Gary Public Library to learn how make and print a custom festive ornament on the 3D printers. All supplies will be provided. Registration is required. Ages 12 and up. Wednesday, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9 @ 3 - 4:30pm.

Craft: Happy Holiday Cards - Join us at the Gary Public Library Makerspace in writing and decorating cards for the holiday season using a variety of materials and machines including the Cricut! Space is limited. Registration is required. Thursday. Dec. 10 @ 3 - 5:30pm.

Hang Out - Come hang out in the Makerspace for games & crafts. Ages 13 - 19. Mondays, Nov. 2, 9 & 16 /Dec. 14 @ 3 - 4:30pm.

Hobby Hour - Come to Makerspace with your hobbies and crafts. Share ideas and meet others for a good old fashioned hang out! Ages 12 and up. Thursday, Nov. 12 @ 5:30 - 7pm.

Gift Wrapping How-To's - Stop by to learn different ways to wrap gifts, both with boxes and without. Wrapping paper provided, please bring boxes and gifts. Ages 13 & up. Wed., Dec. 16 @ 3-5:30pm

Spooky Movie Night - Watch a scary movie about a mysterious Thanksgiving event and the terrorizing of Plymouth, Massachusetts. Light refreshments will be served. Ages 12 and up. Friday, Nov. 13 @ 3 - 5pm.

Movie Night - Watch a movie about an attack on an estate of a wealthy family on Christmas Eve and Santa must save Christmas. Space is limited. Registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. Ages 13 and up. Wed., Dec. 9 @ 5:30- 7:30pm.

Movie Night & New Years Party Night - Watch a movie about the last night of 1999, high schoolers crash a New Year's Eve party and have to fight for their lives when the terror of Y2K becomes a reality and all machines rise up against humanity. Space is limited. Registration is required. Light refreshments will be served. Ages 13 and up. Monday, Dec. 28 @ 5:30- 7:30pm.

STEAM Club - Our monthly program featuring activities in the area of science, technology, engineering, arts, and math with different themes in the Makerspace. Ages 10 - 19, Saturday, Nov. 21 & Dec. 5 @ 10am - 12pm.

Teen Advisory Board & Midday Games - The Library is YOUR library. Join GPL's first Teen Advisory Sessions and help your local library create upcoming teen programs and initiatives that help and interest you for the next coming year! Light refreshments will be served. (Parents of teens and tweens welcome), Monday, Nov. 30 @ 3 - 4:30pm.

OFF THE HOOK: Knitting & Crochet Club - Come to Makerspace with your yarn, hooks and needles from home and join us to knit and crochet with fellow crafters while working on your project without the interruptions of home. All are welcome. Ages 12 - 19. Wednesday, Nov. 4 @ 5:30pm - 7pm.

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