

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For children, teens and adults

July / August 2025

LOCATIONS & HOURS
(Summer Hours June 2 - August 9)

**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 - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm
closed Friday

WOODSON BRANCH
501 S. Lake St. 938-3941
Monday - Thursday 10am - 4pm
Saturday 10am - 4pm
closed Friday

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

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

ALL UNITS OF THE GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY WILL BE
CLOSED: FRIDAY, July 4, 2025 in observance of Independence Day
HOURS WILL RESUME ON Saturday, July 5

Programs for Adults @ Woodson Branch

**BUSINESS BASICS with
JACKIE DEROSA - Tuesdays
@ 2-3pm**

July 8 - So You Want To Start a Business?

July 15 - What Every New Business Needs to Know - Explore key things like business planning, funding, and what makes a business successful.

July 22 - Getting Set Up: Licenses, Names & More - Find out what you need to get legally set up and ready to go.

July 29 - Ask Jackie: Real Talk Q&A - Bring your ideas, challenges, and questions for a laid-back session with someone who's been there.

**DIGITAL LIBRARY MONDAYS @
2:30 - 3:30pm**

Join us every Monday afternoon for a hands-on workshop series designed to help patrons explore the free Libby and Hoopla apps offered by the Gary Public Library. Learn how to access eBooks, audiobooks, right from your phone, tablet, or computer.

July 7 - Introduction to Libby

July 14 - Libby Deep Dive

July 21 - Introduction to Hoopla

July 28 - Hoopla Deep Dive - Go beyond the basics!

August 4 - Libby vs. Hoopla: What's the Difference?

August 11 - Troubleshooting & Tips - Stuck on something? Bring your device and questions! We'll cover common issues, app updates, and how to get tech support!

August 18 - Set Up Your Device One-on-One - Need help downloading an app or signing in? Get personalized assistance from library staff to get your device fully connected.

August 25 - Digital Library Challenge & Certificate Day - Celebrate your progress with a mini challenge! Complete simple tasks using Libby or Hoopla.



**REAL TALK THURSDAYS @ 2:30 -
3:30pm**

July 10 - Smart in Different Ways - What it really means to be smart, school smart, street smart, people smart, let's break it down.

July 17 - Watch Your Mouth! - We'll talk about how the words we use, at school, at home, and online, can help or hurt. Words matter!

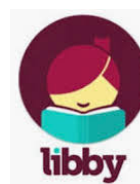
July 24 - Books Can Help You Feel Better - Find out how reading, writing, or even just talking can help you calm down, feel better, and think clearer.

July 31 - How to Help Your Kids at School - We'll keep it real about what parents and caregivers can do to support their kids and themselves, when school gets stressful.

August 7 - Being Yourself Without Apologizing - Talk about how to be yourself without trying to fit in all the time. No fake stuff, just real talk.

August 21 - It's Never Too Late to Learn - Talk about learning at your own pace, no matter your age. No shame, just growth.

August 28
What Do You Want to Leave Behind?
- What kind of example or legacy do you want to leave for your kids or community.



hoopla
audiobooks, music, video & ebooks

*Classical
Sunday*
CONCERT SERIES

**SUNDAY,
AUGUST 31 @ 3-5PM**

Gary Public Library and Cultural Center
- 2nd Floor

FREE ADMISSION & PARKING

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

**GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY
MakerSpace**
JULY 2025 SCHEDULE

Main Library 220 W. 5th Ave. Must Register at 219-886-2484 ext. 332
Sessions start promptly at scheduled time.

3D PRINTING Wednesdays 4 - 6:30pm
July 9, 16, 23, 30

ARTS Mondays & Wednesdays 1 - 2pm
July 7 & 9; 14 & 16; 21 & 23; 28 & 30

CRICUT (Advanced Session) Tuesdays 3 - 4:30pm
July 8, 15, 22, 29

CRICUT (Beginners/Intermediate Session)
Thursdays, 3:30- 6pm July 10, 17, 24, 31

OPEN LAB Friday & Saturday 1 - 4pm
Sat., July 12, 26 Fri. July 18

SEWING Tuesdays & Thursdays 1 - 3pm
July 8 & 10; 15 & 17; 22 & 24; 29 & 31

SMALL CIRCUITS Mondays 3 - 4:30pm
July 7, 14, 21, 28

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The MakerSpace Lab was made possible in part (or in whole) by a grant from the Legacy Foundation, U.S. Steel, the City of Gary, and the John S. and James L. Knight Donor Advised Fund held at the Legacy Foundation.

Gary Public Library presents a
Save the Dunes Talk

**Thursday,
July 24, 2025
5 - 6:30pm**

Presented by Em Racine of the Save the Dunes organization. Learn more about the Indiana Dunes National Park and the Save the Dunes program.

FOR MORE INFO EMAIL
WEIND@GARYPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG

VISIT: GARYPUBLICLIBRARY.ORG
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Gary Public Library and Cultural Center 220 W. 5th Avenue

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

**SATURDAY
CHESS
TOURNAMENTS**

**JULY 12 AND
AUGUST 9, 2025
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



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| <p>1 Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Enviromobile - Featuring the Lake County Solid Waste Management District. Space is limited, 10:30 - 11:30am @ Children's Services <p>3 Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Themed Scavenger Hunt, 2 - 4pm @ Children's Services <p>7 Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Hour - Stories count toward reading logs, 3 - 4pm @ Children's Services <p>14 Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Hour, 2 - 3pm Children's Services <p>15 Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oregon Trail Simulator - Come and explore the colorful, historical, and harsh environment of the era. Make choices to get to the destination, 10am - 12pm @ Children's Services | <p>17 Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Save the Dunes - Learn about various ecosystems and colorful pollinators, 10am - 12pm @ Children's Services <p>21 Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Hour - Stories count toward reading logs, 2 - 3pm @ Children's Services <p>24 Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Enviromobile - Featuring the Lake County Solid Waste Management District. Space is limited, 10:30 - 11:30am @ Children's Services <p>26 Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Reading Program Closing Celebration - Featuring prizes, food and fun. All Summer Reading entries are due Saturday, June 26 by 12pm. No exceptions. 1 - 3pm @ Children's Services |
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Gary Public Library - Children's Services presents

"Charmed, I'm Sure" Etiquette Program

Tuesday, July 8, 2025 @ 10 - 12pm


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

Join us for basic lessons in etiquette presented by Shakinah S. Bullock, CEO of the Charmed I'm Sure Etiquette Program. Lessons will feature table setting, in school manners, a discussion about the relevance of such skills, courtesy, and more. For grade school and middle school students. Space is limited to 25 participants.



For more info
call 886-2484 x104

Visit garypubliclibrary.org for more events!



August Programs for Children

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| <p>5 Tuesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Choose-Your-Path Story Hour - Enjoy stories with multiple paths and work together to get to the end, 10 - 12pm @ Children's Services <p>6 Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Day - Come visit the Children's Area and enjoy a nice coloring/activity sheet. 2:00 - 3:00 pm @ Children's Services <p>9 Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Paper Airplane Craft - The old classic has returned! Let's make some paper airplanes and have some fun games with them! Will you make something classic, or maybe something unique? 2 - 4pm @ Children's Services <p>11 Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Hour - Join us for a story for younger patrons. Parents' or teachers' supervision is required, 10 - 11am @ Children's Services <p>13 Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Game Night, 5 - 7pm @ Children's Services | <p>14 Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summer Vacation Sharing - Join us to share and discuss anything special that you might have done during the summer, 4 - 5pm @ Children's Services <p>18 Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ Children's Services <p>21 Thursday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Night, 5 - 7pm @ Children's Services <p>22 Friday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Game Day - Parents' or teachers' supervision is required, 10 - 11:30am @ Children's Services <p>25 Monday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • After School Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ Children's Services <p>27 Wednesday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coloring Day - 1pm @ Children's Services <p>30 Saturday</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Movie Day, 2 - 4pm @ Children's Services |
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Gary Public Library-Children's Services
presents

WATER SAFETY TALK

with special guest



Mary Ann Best
Executive Director,
Blue Flow Great Lakes
Creating a culture of being in
and on the water safely

THURSDAY, JULY 10, 2025
10AM - 12 NOON
Main Library
220 W. 5th Avenue

In conjunction with the Gary Public Library's 2025 Summer Reading Program -



Read three books from the special Water & Water Safety reading list, available at the Main Library, and receive a prize from Blue Flow Great Lakes. A grand prize will be awarded for the most books read from the list. For participants registered at Main only.

Gary Public Library Children's Services
presents

Save the Dunes Fun!



in conjunction with the
Summer Reading Program

Thursday, July 17, 2025
10am - 12pm

Stories, slide show and activities for children presented by a representative of the Save the Dunes organization.

Main Library 220 W. 5th Avenue

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