

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PROGRAMS & EVENTS

For children, teens and adults

May / June 2025

LOCATIONS & HOURS

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

WOODSON BRANCH
501 S. Lake St. 938-3941
Monday & Thursday.....noon - 8pm
Tuesday.....10am - 6pm
closed Wednesday, Friday & Saturday

KENNEDY BRANCH
3953 Broadway 887-8112
Monday.....10am-6pm
Wednesday & Thursday.....noon - 8pm
closed Tuesday, Friday & Saturday

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: Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day HOURS WILL RESUME ON TUESDAY, MAY 27

CLOSED: Thursday, June 19 in observance of Juneteenth HOURS WILL RESUME ON FRIDAY, JUNE 20

MAKERSPACE RESERVATIONS ARE AVAILABLE. 219-886-2484 ext. 332. Space is limited! Schedules available online and at any Gary Public Library location.

Register Your Child for

FREE BOOKS

Available through your Gary Public Library!

Learn more at ImaginationLibrary.com

GARY PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS

SATURDAY CHESS TOURNAMENTS

MAY 10 AND JUNE 21, 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

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

SUNDAY JAZZ CONCERTS

May 18, 2025 @ 3 - 5pm

PERFORMANCE BY
THOMAS A F MATECKI BAND

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

Classical Sunday CONCERT SERIES

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2025 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.

Programs for Adults in May

- Thursday 8**
- Real Talk Thursdays: What Does "Community" Really Mean Today? - Unfiltered discussion about connection, change, and trust in 2025, 6 - 7pm @ **Woodson**
- Thursday 15**
- Creators' Lounge: Voices from the Region - Local authors, poets, and artists share work and stories, 6 - 7pm @ **Woodson**
- Thursday 28**
- Level Up Thursdays: Building Habits that Stick - Inspired by *Atomic Habits*, this workshop helps set realistic personal goals, 6 - 7pm @ **Woodson**
- Thursday 30**
- Get Lit(rary): Favorite Quotes & Soulful Sounds - Share your favorite quote while vibing to mellow jazz in a relaxed setting, 6 - 7pm @ **Woodson**

Programs for Adults in June

- Thursday 5**
- Speak On It! Public Speaking Without the Pressure - Practice speaking in a fun, supportive setting and grow your confidence, 6 - 7pm @ **Woodson**
- Thursday 12**
- Manifestation Lab: Mindset & Vision Binder Discussion - Journal, reflect, and create vision binders. Supplies provided, 6 - 7pm @ **Woodson**
- Monday 16**
- Free Health Screenings - Vitals and blood glucose screenings conducted by Community Health Network, 12 - 1:30pm @ **Main Library**
- Thursday 19**
- Gratitude Circle: Slow Down & Reflect - Bring a journal and write down what's good in a circle of mindfulness and care, 6 - 7pm @ **Woodson**
- Monday 23**
- Free Health Screenings - Vitals and blood glucose screenings conducted by Community Health Network, 12 - 1:30pm @ **Main Library**
- Thursday 26**
- Real Talk Thursdays: Social Media & the Art of Logging Off - Discuss digital overwhelm and explore strategies for peace and balance @ 6 - 7pm @ **Woodson**

Learn About Hoopla & Libby Apps - Mondays @ Woodson

- May 5**
- Intro to Hoopla: Watch, Listen, Read from Anywhere - Learn how to stream free books, audiobooks, using your library card @ 5 - 6pm
- May 12**
- How to Set Up Libby: Free Books & Audiobooks on the Go. Step by step help to access thousands of free titles on your phone or tablet @ 5 - 6pm
- May 19**
- Intro to Hoopla: Watch, Listen, Read from Anywhere @ 5 - 6pm
- June 2**
- How to Set Up Hoopla & Use It With Your Tablet or Phone @ 5 - 6pm
- June 9**
- Libby Literacy: Bookmarks, Tags & Audiobook Tips @ 5 - 6pm
- June 16**
- How to Set Up Hoopla & Use It With Your Tablet or Phone @ 5 - 6pm
- June 23**
- Libby for Seniors: Watch, Listen, Read from Anywhere @ 5 - 6pm



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

MAY - Children's Programs

- 1 Thursday
- Coloring Day, 4 - 5pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Mother's Day Activity, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 3 Saturday
- Movie Night, 2 - 4pm @ **Children's Services**
- 5 Monday
- Mother's Day Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Cinco De Mayo Activity, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 6 Tuesday
- Coloring Day, 4:00 - 5:00 pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Popsicle Stick Sun Craft - Let's create cheerful sun designs with popsicle sticks, markers, and paper, 3 - 5pm @ **Woodson**
- 7 Wednesday
- Mother's Day Craft - Let's make a fun card, 4:30 - 6:30pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Fingerprint Bug Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 8 Thursday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 2pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Mother's Day Craft - Let's make a fun card, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 10 Saturday
- Mother's Day Craft - Let's make a fun card, 2 - 4pm @ **Children's Services**
- 12 Monday
- Summer Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Popsicle Stick Sun Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**

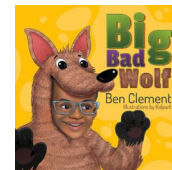


- 13 Tuesday
- Coloring Day, 4 - 5pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Rainbow Art Day - Let's color vibrant rainbows and explore weather-related fun facts, 3 - 5pm @ **Woodson**
- 14 Wednesday
- Board Game Day - Come and enjoy classic board games. Parent or teacher supervision is required, 10 - 11am @ **Children's Services**
 - Let's Talk, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 15 Thursday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 2pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Game Day - Play games of your choice, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 19 Monday
- Summer Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Rainbow Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 20 Tuesday
- Chat & Craft - featuring Northshore Health Center, 4 - 6pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Bug Mobile Craft - Let's create a mobile of colorful bugs using paper, string, and stickers, 3 - 5pm @ **Woodson**



- 21 Wednesday
- Bug Mobile Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**


- 22 Thursday
- Movie Night - Enjoy a fun movie with refreshments, 5 - 7pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Puffer Fish Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**



Story Hour & Author Visit - Featuring children's author Ben Clement, 5pm @ **Woodson**

- 24 Saturday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 2pm @ **Children's Services**
- 27 Tuesday
- Summer Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Mother's Day Card Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Woodson**
- 28 Wednesday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 2pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Free Day - Let's use computers, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 29 Thursday
- Board Game Night - Come and enjoy classic board games, 5 - 7pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Free Day - Activity of your choice, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**





Summer Reading Kick - Off Event
Saturday, June 14
@ 11 - 1pm - Main Library

Complete Rules and sign-up sheet available at all locations or at www.garypubliclibrary.org

16 Monday

- Story Hour - Stories will count toward reading logs, 2 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**

17 Tuesday

- Paper Airplane Craft, 10am - 12pm @ **Children's Services**

23 Monday

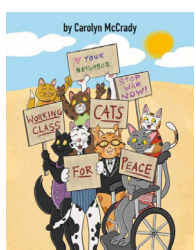
- Story Hour & Author Visit - Featuring local author, Carolyn McCrady. Afterwards, we will have a short discussion and an activity. Will count toward reading logs 10am - 12pm @ **Children's Services**

25 Wednesday

- Sand Art Craft, 1 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**

30 Monday

- Story Hour - Stories will count toward reading logs, 10 - 11am @ **Children's Services**



Story Hour & Author Visit - Featuring local author, Carolyn McCrady. Afterwards, we will have a short discussion and an activity. Will count toward reading logs 10am - 12pm @ **Children's Services**

MORE Children's Programs in JUNE

- 2 Monday
- Father's Day Story Hour, 4 - 5pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Palm Tree Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 3 Tuesday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Palm Tree Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Woodson**
- 4 Wednesday
- Father's Day Card Craft, 5 - 7pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Free Day - Your choice of activity, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 5 Thursday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Butterfly Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 6 Friday
- Movie Day, 2 - 4pm @ **Children's Services**
- 9 Monday
- Water Safety Talk - Featuring Blue Flow Great Lakes Organization. Learn how to be safe around water while having fun, 2 - 4pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Free Day - Let's use computers, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 10 Tuesday
- Board Game Day - Come and enjoy classic board games, 1 - 3pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Caterpillar on a Leaf Craft, 3pm - 5pm @ **Woodson**
- 11 Wednesday
- Father's Day Card Craft, 3:30 - 5:30pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Pelican Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 12 Thursday
- Free Day - Your choice of games and puzzles, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 16 Monday
- Caterpillar Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 17 Tuesday
- Pelican Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Woodson**
- 18 Wednesday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 2pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Let's Talk About Juneteenth, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 23 Monday
- Computer Day, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 24 Tuesday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 2pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Paper Plate Butterfly Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Woodson**
- 25 Wednesday
- Free Day - Your choice of games and puzzles, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 26 Thursday
- Coloring Day, 1 - 2pm @ **Children's Services**
 - Computer Day, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**
- 30 Monday
- Paper Watermelon Craft, 3 - 5pm @ **Kennedy**

