



defiance public library system

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Defiance Public Library System rolling out Bookmobile

[Defiance, Ohio, June 11, 2020] -- In an effort to bring library services to all corners of the county, the Defiance Public Library System's bookmobile will be hitting the streets June 17.

"We haven't done anything with a van like this before," said Sherwood Branch Manager Kathy Holtsberry. "This is something totally new, and we're very excited about it."

The van will be stocked with a small mobile print collection, with an assortment of reading materials for adults, teens, and children.

The first-ever bookmobile—a horse-drawn cart carrying 12,000 books—is believed to have appeared on the streets of Warrington, England, in the late 1850s. DPLS's modern version is sans horses, but *will* serve as a mobile WiFi Hotspot for those who need to connect to the internet.

"You'll be able to check out books at the van just like you would at your library," Holtsberry said.

Visitors also can place holds on library materials at the van and specify a location for pickup. Those who would like to sign up for a library card can do so right at the van, and obtain their cards at either the Defiance, Sherwood, or Hicksville library locations.

Additionally, Summer Reading Program game cards can be exchanged for prizes at the van sites.

One stop each day will coincide with the Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission's (NOCAC) Summer Food Grab and Go, which offers free takeaway lunches to those ages 1-18 (or up to age 21 with a valid IEP). No registration is necessary for the lunches.

The Defiance Mobile Express Route is subject to change based on attendance, and physical distancing will be practiced at all van sites. Visit defiancelibrary.org to check the route.

