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## February Events at Defiance Public Library System

[DEFIANCE] – Defiance Public Library System is inviting you to warm up your winter with activities and events for all ages during the month of February.

For a complete listing of February events at DPLS, and information on any cancellations, visit [defiancelibrary.org/calendar](http://defiancelibrary.org/calendar). Registration is not required unless otherwise noted.

### Virtual or System-wide Events

#### 'Teen Winter Craze' Reading Challenge (Feb. 1-28)

A Beanstack Winter Reading Challenge just for teens (grades 6-12), taking place Feb. 1-28. Log reading and book reviews to be entered into weekly prize drawings and earn tickets for the grand-prize drawing for a mystery box! Register at [defiancelibrary.beanstack.org](http://defiancelibrary.beanstack.org).

#### Take Your Child to the Library Day (Feb. 5)

Stop by any DPLS library on Saturday, Feb. 5, to celebrate Take Your Child to the Library Day. Enjoy everything our Defiance County libraries have to offer, then spin the prize wheel before you leave (grades K-6). (The libraries are open 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays.)

#### Virtual Class: Beaded Heart Earrings (Feb.11)

Join the Defiance Public Library System MakerSpace virtually on Feb. 11 at 5:30 p.m. for a free Zoom class and learn how to make beaded, heart-shaped earrings to keep or gift for Valentine's Day. Registrants will be contacted to arrange supply pickup. Register at [defiancelibrary.org/hearts](http://defiancelibrary.org/hearts). Geared to adults/teens, but all are welcome.

#### Virtual Class: Decoding Cats (Feb. 17)

Join DPLS and Feline Behaviorist Stephen Quandt, FFCP, (Animal Care Centers of NYC, ASPCA.org) Feb. 17 at 6 p.m. for an informational Zoom webinar all about feline behavior. During this free 60-minute webinar for adults, Quandt explains cat behavior from the perspective of the evolutionary and adaptive forces that help shape their lives. Register at [defiancelibrary.org/cats](http://defiancelibrary.org/cats) or by calling 419-782-1456.

Registrants will receive a Zoom link via email.

## **Defiance Public Library**

### **For Kids:**

#### Read, Rhyme + Romp and Storytime at Northtowne Mall

From Jan. 31 through April 5, join Defiance Public Library every Monday at 5:30 p.m. or Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. for Read, Rhyme + Romp in the Northtowne Mall Community Room, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance, where we'll share rhymes, books, finger plays, and more. Read, Rhyme, and Romp is geared to babies and toddlers. For those with older children, Storytime for ages 2-6 immediately follows, at 6 p.m. on Mondays and 11 a.m. on Tuesdays.

#### Innovation Play (Feb. 1 & 3)

Hands-on STEAM activities for grades K-6 at Defiance Public Library. Choose a morning or evening session. Tuesday evening sessions are Feb. 1, March 1, and April 5 from 4-6 p.m. Thursday morning sessions are Feb. 3, March 3, and April 7 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. Themes: February, engineering; March, 3D drawing; April, robotics.

#### Kaleidoscope: Kids' Trivia (Feb. 8 & 10)

Join Defiance Public Library for Kaleidoscope: a series of free events at the library for grades K-6, with Tuesday evening (4-6 p.m.) or Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.-noon) sessions available. February is Kids Trivia (Feb. 8 & 10), March is a Bottle Flip Challenge (March 8 & 10), and April is Miniature Putt-Putt through the Pages (April 12 & 14).

#### Lego Club (Feb 15 & 17)

Build, play, and connect at Defiance Public Library's Lego Club for grades K-6. Club meets in the Children's Room. Tuesday evening (4-6 p.m.) sessions are Feb. 15 and March 15. Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.-noon) sessions are Feb. 17 and March 17.

#### Out-of-the-Box Art Series (Feb. 22 & 24)

Come discover what's in the box! Grades K-6 are invited to visit Defiance Public Library to explore various art techniques and the people who pioneered them, plus learn about techniques and supplies for young artists. Tuesday evening (4-6 p.m.) sessions are Feb. 22 and March 22. Thursday morning (10:30 a.m.-noon) sessions are Feb. 24 and March 24.

### **For Teens:**

#### Teen Night Thursday (Feb. 3, 10, 17, & 24)

Every Thursday is Teen Night in the teen space at Defiance Public Library from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Grades 6-12 are invited to hang out and socialize, use the gaming systems, or take part in various activities including scavenger hunts, crafts, trivia challenges and games.

#### Teen Gaming League (Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28)

Gaming League takes place in the Teen Space in Defiance Public Library every Monday of each month from 4:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Grades 6-12 are invited to hang out and play video games, tabletop games, or card games.

#### Coloring Live (Feb. 8, 15, 22)

Defiance Public Library will host 'Coloring Live' for ages 13+ on 3 Tuesdays in February: Feb. 8, 15, & 22, from 6-7 p.m. in the Teen Space. Come enjoy coloring and music. Supplies are provided, and we'll be sharing a video of the fun on our DPLS YouTube page.

### **For Adults:**

#### Readers' Circle Book Club (Feb. 10)

The Readers' Circle Book Club for adults meets on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 10 a.m. at Cabin Fever Coffee in downtown Defiance. New members are welcome. For more information, call Renee at 419-782-1456 ext. 1301.

#### Mysteries & More Book Club (Feb. 10)

Mysteries + More book club for adults meets on the second Thursday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. February's meeting will be held in the Community Room at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance. New members are always welcome. For more information, contact Gail at 419-782-1456 ext. 1306 or [grutherford@defiancelibrary.org](mailto:grutherford@defiancelibrary.org). Copies of each month's book are available for checkout at Defiance Public Library. February's book is The Dead Will Tell, by Linda Castillo.

#### Writers' Workshop (Feb. 22)

Join Defiance Public Library and Defiance College Professor Emerita MC Harper for a special, free writers' workshop for adults on Feb. 22 from 5:30-7 p.m. in the fiction wing at Defiance Public Library. Space is limited and registration is required. Read more & register at [defiancelibrary.org/writing](http://defiancelibrary.org/writing).

#### Knit and Crochet Club (Feb. 8)

Visit the Defiance Public Library System MakerSpace on the second Tuesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. for Knit and Crochet Club. Bring your own project to work on while you socialize or use our supplies and start learning to knit or crochet. All are welcome.

### **Sherwood Branch Library**

#### Storytime Tribe (Thursdays in Feb, March)

All are invited to join Sherwood Branch Library every Thursday at 4:30 p.m. in the Community Room through February and March for Storytime! Geared to ages 0-6.

#### Anime Club (Feb. 14)

Anime lovers in grades 6-12 are invited to join Anime Club at Sherwood Branch Library. The club meets on the second Monday of each month from 4-5 PM in the community room for anime viewing, discussion, games, and crafts.

#### Bookworms Book Club (Feb. 15)

The Bookworms Book Club for adults meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Sherwood Branch Library. New members are welcome.

#### 'Love is in the Air' Craft (Feb. 19)

Visit Sherwood Branch Library on Feb. 19 at 10 a.m. to paint a mason jar of hearts on a wooden canvas. Fill your jar with loved ones' names! Class and supplies are free, and registration is required. Register by calling 419-899-4343 at [defiancelibrary.org/jar](http://defiancelibrary.org/jar). Geared to adults and teens.

### **Johnson Memorial Library (Hicksville)**

Anime Club (Feb. 1)

Anime lovers in grades 6-12 are invited to join Anime Club at Johnson Memorial Library. The club meets on the first Tuesday of each month from 4-5 PM in the Community Room for anime viewing, discussion, games, and crafts. New members are always welcome.

Minecraft League (Feb. 11 & 25)

Visit Johnson Memorial Library (Hicksville) every other Friday from 3-5 p.m. for Minecraft League. All are welcome. For more information, call 419-542-6200.

Kids' Bingo (Feb. 14)

Visit Johnson Memorial Library for Kids Bingo: Valentine's Day Edition on Feb. 14 from 6-6:45 p.m. in the Dr. Allen R. Hilbert Community Room.

Hooked on Books Book Club (Feb. 15)

The Hooked on Books Book Club for adults meets on the third Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Room at Johnson Memorial Library. For the Feb. 15 meeting, the club will discuss "This Side of Murder" by local-native author Anna Lee Huber, who will join the group via Zoom. All are welcome.

Beaded Heart Earrings (Feb. 28)

Visit Hicksville's Johnson Memorial Library on Feb. 28 at 5 p.m. to make a cute pair of beaded heart earrings to keep or gift for Valentine's Day. Registrants will be contacted to arrange supply pickup. Register at [defiancelibrary.org/beads](http://defiancelibrary.org/beads) or by calling 419-782-1456 ext. 1108. Geared to adults/teens, but all are welcome.