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NOCAC Series at Defiance Public Library Teaches Valuable Skills

[DEFIANCE] – The Northwestern Ohio Community Action Commission's (NOCAC) Financial Opportunity Center is offering a series of useful, free classes in 2023 in conjunction with Defiance Public Library.

All classes will take place in the Nellie Gary Reading Room at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., Defiance, from 2-3 p.m. The courses are geared to adults. No registration is required.

The series kicks off Jan. 24 with Taxes 101 with Keri Reinman, who will discuss the basics of tax preparation, types of taxes, why we pay, and where our money goes. Attendees will learn about resources to assist in filing, as well as tax credits and how to qualify.

Other classes in the series include:

- March 28: Cybersecurity: Staying Safe in the Digital Age, with
 Rachael Beardsley. This class looks at personal cybersecurity and
 the steps we can take to keep ourselves safe from identity theft,
 scams, data breaches, and other digital bad actors. Participants
 will have a crash course in social engineering and digital hygiene,
 with an eye toward keeping their data and finances secured.
- April 25: Budgeting: 50 Money Tips, with Amy McMaster. This
 budgeting class will help you focus on your future and take the
 pain out of budgeting. Learn how to create a spending plan that
 will keep you out of debt or help you work your way out.
- May 23: Digital Skills Needed for the Workplace, with Joel
 Johnson. Johnson will discuss several applications and digital
 skills, including Microsoft Excel, Gmail, Zoom, and more, to

demonstrate how they can be applied in new and possibly surprising ways in the workplace.

• **June 27: Emotional Bank, with Kaylea Scott.** Participants will examine emotional capacity in themselves and others.

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