

SHELF LIFE

A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New movies available to DPLS patrons include "Reacher: Season One," "House of the Dragon: The Complete First Season," and "Finn's Fun Trucks: Volume 2."

Click below and we'll deliver a weekly roundup of our newest materials right to your inbox. Start your Amazon shopping at [wowbrary.org/defiance](https://www.wowbrary.org/defiance) and DPLS receives a commission!

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DEFIANCE MAKERSPACE
ADDS JANUARY OPEN-
MAKE HOURS

This Month, Experience 'All the Feels'

Winter Reading Challenge is Jan. 1–31

From January 1–31, Defiance Public Library System will take part in Beanstack's 6th annual **Winter Reading Challenge**.

The challenge theme this year is “All the Feels,” encouraging readers to feel, experience, and dive into how reading enlivens our emotions—all while earning badges on a virtual Bingo card. Participants will earn fun, emoji-themed badges, and entries into a **weekly prize drawing** for logging minutes or books read, completing activities, submitting book reviews, and earning Bingo.

The challenge is open to all ages, and any reading counts (no, it does not have to be a library book). Register for the challenge any time at defiancelibrary.beanstack.org, or using the handy Beanstack Tracker app, available in the Apple and Google Play stores. Thousands of libraries and schools across the nation are encouraging their communities to reach their reading target. Top-performing libraries and schools will earn a cash prize from Beanstack. **The Winter Reading Challenge is supported by the Friends of Defiance Public Library.** For more information, visit your library or call 419-782-1456.

SAVE THE DATE FOR DEFCOM 8

HEY, THAT
RHYMES!

Defiance Public Library System is excited (& busy preparing) to bring **DefCom** back to Northtowne Mall! DefCom 8--Defiance's own mini comic, art, & pop culture convention--is set for **May 6, 2023, from 10:00AM–4:00PM** at the mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance. We've got dozens of outstanding vendors, we've got the return of **KDog's Arcade**, and yes, the **Ohio Garrison 501st Legion** Star Wars costuming club will be on hand so you can meet your favorite characters. DefCom is fun for the entire family, with kids activities, an all-ages cosplay contest, and more. Follow @DPLSDefCom on Facebook for updates!



Feb. 11-12 is Friends of DPL Book Sale

Build up your to-be-read pile at the Friends of Defiance Public Library's next used book sale, taking place February 11 from 9AM-7PM February 12 from noon-4PM at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance. A wide range of genres will be available. Proceeds from the sale benefit Defiance Public Library. We hope to see you there!



Charlie Cart Rolls into JML!



Thank you to the Village of Hicksville employees who helped us unload the Cart!

Let's get cooking! On December 28, Hicksville's Johnson Memorial Library received a **very** special delivery: Our **Charlie Cart** mobile kitchen arrived!

In November, the **Friends of Johnson Memorial Library** held a matching fundraiser to acquire the \$15,000 needed to purchase this unique educational tool. The Friends of JML agreed to match up to \$7,500 in donations received during the month. Thanks to the **generosity** of our patrons, friends, & community, we met our goal & placed the order.

From bread-making to veggie-tasting parties for toddlers, ideas for food-related programming are flowing--and the Cart came with its own giant, all-ages curriculum too!

We can't wait to get cooking with you all!



Photo: Ohio Library Council



Charlie has entered the building!

Happy New Year!

A LOOK BACK AT 2022



Big progress was made on the Worthington Cemetery Project. Read more at defiancelibrary.org/blog.



Youth Services Associate Sydni brought Storytime to Good Samaritan School in Defiance.



'Sun Rays' by Lanisley P. won our TeenTober Photography Contest.



Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine stopped by to tell us about Dolly Parton's Imagination Library.



A wide variety of programming kept families entertained all summer long! Left: The Dinomobile, Right: Defiance Soil & Water's Sea Level Lab.



Happy New Year!

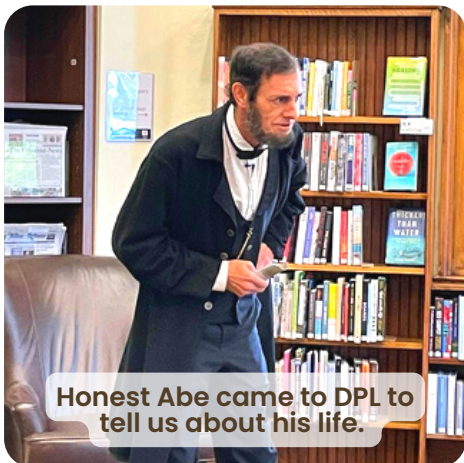
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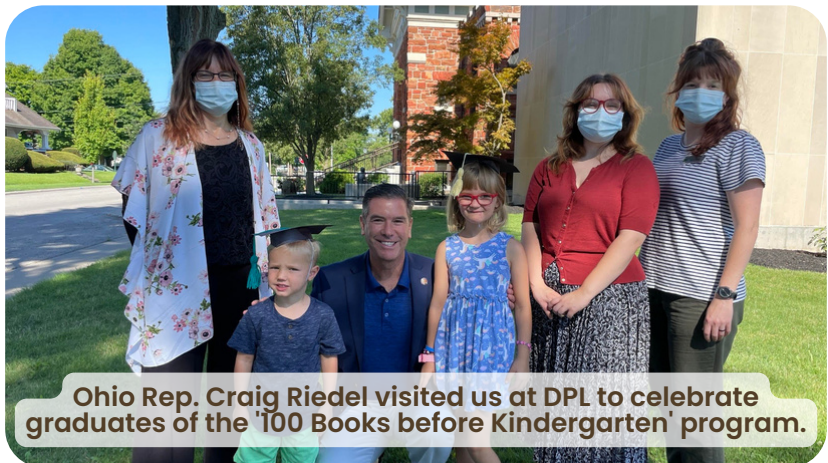
Adult & Technical Services Manager Renee & JML Branch Manager Angela celebrate another successful DefCom!



Mess Fest was a messy success at Johnson Memorial!



Honest Abe came to DPL to tell us about his life.



Ohio Rep. Craig Riedel visited us at DPL to celebrate graduates of the '100 Books before Kindergarten' program.



As always, we had tons of fun preparing for and walking in the Lions Club's annual Halloween Parade through downtown Defiance.



Couples Painting Night at Sherwood Branch invited pairs to unwind & get creative.

COMING UP NEXT:



Defiance Public
Library System presents:

Attending to the End

with Jacki Mann, CHPN



Join us for this
special, 3-part
series on
end-of-life care.



Mann is a Certified
Hospice & Palliative
Nurse (CHPN), end-of-life
doula, & author of
"Attending to the End: A
Good Death Guidebook."

Sessions
January 23
February 13
March 13

All sessions are 6:30-7:30 PM

Watch with us at Defiance Public OR
Sherwood Branch Library, or register to
receive a virtual event link & join from home.

Register: defiancelibrary.org/care
(No registration needed if you are joining in person!)

Supported by the Friends of Sherwood Branch Library



Crafty Kids

WEDNESDAYS IN FEBRUARY

11:00 AM

Sherwood Branch Library

TRY A NEW, SIMPLE CRAFT EACH WEEK!

Geared to toddlers & preschoolers.
No registration needed, but
parent/guardian attendance &
assistance is required!

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENTS:

PERLER WINE & MARTINI CRAFT FOR ADULTS (21+)

Why should kids have all the fun?

JANUARY 31
5:00 – 6:30 PM

Johnson Memorial Library

No registration needed.

Children's room will be
visible from the crafting
area so kids can play
while you create!



DEFIANCE PUBLIC
LIBRARY PRESENTS:

KIDS EXPLORE

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TRY SOMETHING NEW WITH US!

IN THE CHILDREN'S ROOM AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

DIY Mini Chalkboards
Feb. 7 at 4:30 PM & Feb. 9 at 10:30 AM

Marble Crawl
(Build the most detailed marble run you can!)
Feb. 21 at 4:30 PM & Feb. 23 at 10:30 AM

Shrinky Dink Keychains
March 7 at 4:30 PM & March 9 at 10:30 AM

Minute to Win It
March 21 at 4:30 PM & March 23 at 10:30 AM

**GEARED TO GRADES 1-6
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**

**ALL ACTIVITIES
AVAILABLE WHILE
SUPPLIES LAST!**

ODDS + ENDS

All DPLS locations will be closed Mon., Jan. 16 to observe Martin Luther King Day. Defiance Public Library will close early, at 4PM, on Jan. 19 to accomodate a Chamber after-hours event (event is open to all).

Visit events.yodel.today/defiance to check out the new countywide community calendar! While you're there, be sure to "favorite" Defiance Public Library System!

Drop into the library and use the MakerSpace during our January Open Make hours. **Find them at defiancelibrary.org/makerspace.**

COMMUNITY PICKS



The results are in, and these are our **most frequently borrowed books of 2022**: "The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave, "American Dirt" by Jeanine Cummins, "Book of Lost Names" by Kristin Harmel, "The Summer Cottage" by Viola Shipman, & "Run Rose Run" by Dolly Parton & James Patterson.

Here's wishing our patrons many happy hours spent reading your favorite authors in 2023!

[http://](http://defiancelibrary.org)


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Defiance Public Library
320 Fort Street
Defiance, Ohio 43512
419-782-1456

Johnson Memorial Library
116 W High Street
Hicksville, Ohio 43526
419-542-6200

Sherwood Branch Library
117 N Harrison Street
Sherwood, Ohio 43556
419-899-4343

January at Defiance Public Library

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY WINTER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS! DETAILS ON BACK	2 DPLS CLOSED	3 4:00-6:00PM: CHESS CLUB BOOK BUNDLES RETURN! DETAILS ON BACK.	4	5 4:00-7:30PM: TEEN NIGHT	6	7
8 	9	10 4:00-7:00PM: FIBER ARTS CLUB	11	12 10AM: READERS CIRCLE BOOK CLUB 4:00-7:30PM: TEEN NIGHT 6PM: MYSTERIES & MORE BOOK CLUB	13	14
15	16 DPLS CLOSED FOR MLK DAY	17 PAPER WREATH TAKE & MAKE, WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! SNOWFLAKE SCAVENGER HUNTS DETAILS ON BACK	18	19 DPL CLOSSES AT 4:00PM FOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS AFTER-HOURS	20 	21
22	23 4PM: STAINED GLASS SNOWFLAKES** 4PM: POTIONS & PJ'S (GRADES 6-12) 6:30PM: ATTENDING TO THE END	24 2PM: INFO ON FILING INCOME TAXES WITH NOCAC 6:00 PM: PRIDE & NO PREJUDICE LGBTQIA+ BOOK CLUB (AGES 18+)	25 5:00 PM: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (DPL)	26 4:00-7:30PM: TEEN NIGHT 5-7PM: DIY TODDLER QUIET BOOK PAGE**	27	28
29 	30 4:30-6:30: EXPLORATORIUM (AGES 0-6)	31 10:30A-12:30P: EXPLORATORIUM (AGES 0-6) 4:30PM: LEGO CLUB	1 TEEN WINTER CRAZE BEGINS TAKE & MAKE FELT VALENTINES WHILE SUPPLIES LAST	2 10:30AM: LEGO CLUB 4:00-7:30PM: TEEN NIGHT 5PM: GLASS ETCHING**	3	4 






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OR BY CALLING THE LIBRARY.

@dplslibraries on:



January at Sherwood Branch Library

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY WINTER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS! DETAILS ON BACK	2 DPLS CLOSED	3	4	5 4PM: NEW YEAR'S WISH BOX**	6	7 10AM: PERLER BEAD PARTY!
8 	9	10 7PM: FRIENDS OF SHERWOOD BRANCH MEETING	11	12	13	14 10AM: PERLER BEAD PARTY
15 	16 DPLS CLOSED FOR MLK DAY	17 1:30PM: BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB 5PM: LEGO FUN NIGHT	18	19	20 	21 10AM: BOOK BINGO BASH
22	23 6:30: ATTENDING TO THE END, WITH JACKI MANN (DETAILS ON BACK)	24 5:00 PM: GLASS ETCHING**	25 5:00 PM: BOARD MEETING (DPL)	26	27	28 10:00 AM: COOKIES & CANVAS**
29 	30	31 5:30PM: HEART HOLDER CRAFT**	1 TEEN WINTER CRAZE BEGINS 11:00AM: CRAFTY KIDS	2	3	4 

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January at Johnson Memorial Library

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY WINTER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS! DETAILS ON BACK	2 DPLS CLOSED	3	4	5	6	7
8 	9 6:00-6:45PM: KIDS BINGO	10	11	12	13 3:00-4:45PM: ROBLOX	14
15	16 DPLS CLOSED FOR MLK DAY	17 10:30AM: HOOKED ON BOOKS BOOK CLUB	18	19	20 	21
22	23 6:30PM: FRIENDS OF JML MEETING	24 4:00-5:30PM: LEGO CLUB	25 5:00 PM: BOARD MEETING (DPL)	26	27 3:00-4:45PM: ROBLOX	28
29 	30 4:00-6:00PM: POTIONS, PAJAMAS, PILLOWS & POPCORN (GRADES 6-12)	31 5:00PM: ADULT PERLER BEADS	1 TEEN WINTER CRAZE READING CHALLENGE BEGINS	2	3	4 

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