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Defiance Public Library & partners offer free programs for parents

[DEFIANCE] – Parents of young children will find a wealth of free resources at Defiance Public Library in the coming months.

On March 7 at 10 a.m. and March 20 at 5 p.m., Dennis Myers, director of Early Intervention at the Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities, will visit the Nellie Gary Reading Room at Defiance Public Library to discuss the board's Early Intervention program.

Early Intervention (EI) is a voluntary program for children from birth through age two that uses a family approach to address child development issues. El services are individualized and take place in the child's natural environment. El is a free service to area families and does not have income guideline requirements.

Additionally, Defiance Public Library will host Early Childhood Safety and Wellness events on March 21 and April 4 from 10 a.m.-noon.

During the events, a health promotion specialist and a public health nurse from Defiance County Public Health will be available at the library (in the Children's Room) to answer questions parents may have about their child's health and development. They also will speak briefly (prior to Read, Rhyme, & Romp at 10:30 a.m.) about Women, Infants & Children (WIC), child passenger safety, and safe sleep. This event is geared to parents of children ages 0-5.

Both the EI and Child Wellness programs are free & open to all. No registration is needed.

For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.