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Toledo Opera on Wheels Rolling into Defiance

[DEFIANCE] – The Toledo Opera on Wheels will be rolling into Defiance in May, and making a special stop at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., in Celebration of Children's Book Week (May 1-7).

On May 2 at 6:30 p.m., families are invited to attend a free production of Gilbert and Sullivan's *The Pirates of Penzance* in the library's Nellie Gary Reading Room. This family-friendly show is geared to grades K-6, and no registration is needed.

Set in the 19th century, the story concerns Frederic, who, having completed his 21st year, is released from his apprenticeship to a band of tenderhearted pirates. He soon falls in love, but then learns he was born on the 29th of February and only has a birthday once each leap year. This, despite a contract that specifies he is to remain apprenticed to the pirates until his "21st birthday."

This version of *The Pirates of Penzance* will explore conflict resolution, duty, and growing up.

For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456. This program is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library.