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## **Celebrate National Library Week at DPLS**

[DEFIANCE] – National Library Week (April 23–29) is a time to celebrate our nation’s libraries, library workers’ contributions, and promote library use and support.

First held in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries—school, public, academic, & special—take part.

The theme for National Library Week 2023 is “There’s More to the Story,” illustrating the fact that in addition to the books in library collections (available in a variety of formats), libraries offer so much more, from community-building programs to non-traditional items for checkout (for more on that, visit [defiancelibrary.org/things](http://defiancelibrary.org/things)).

### **How Defiance Public Library System is Celebrating**

In Defiance, pick up a take-and-make Little Library beginning April 24, while supplies last. Also April 24, join us in the Children’s Room at 5:30 p.m. for “Bugs Don’t Bug Me,” presented by the Defiance County Soil & Water Conservation District. Stop in any time during open hours between April 24 and May 27 for Mail Time: Visit the craft area in the Children’s Room and write a letter to your favorite storybook character to receive a reply.

In Sherwood, check out Family Storytime Tribe on April 27 beginning at 5:30 p.m., plus, book-themed crafts and activities will be available throughout the week.

In Hicksville, join Johnson Memorial Library for Lego Club on April 25 from 4:00–5:30 p.m., or Charlie Cart Storytime on April 26 at 10:30 a.m.

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**Johnson Memorial Library**  
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**Sherwood Branch Library**  
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Sherwood, OH 43556  
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Additionally, all patrons are invited to participate in the "Found Poetry Contest," taking place April 24-29. Simply "write" a three-line poem using book titles, snap a picture of the book spines, and send it to [adultservices@defiancelibrary.org](mailto:adultservices@defiancelibrary.org) for a chance to win a \$5 gift card to Biggby Coffee.