

# SHELF LIFE

*A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System*



## NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers include "Fourth Wing," "The Book of Charlie: Wisdom from the Remarkable American Life of a 109-Year-Old Man," and "The Rachel Incident." New movies include "Big George Foreman," "The Wedding Veil Journey," and "The Wedding Veil Inspiration."

To get a weekly roundup of our new materials delivered to your inbox, visit [Wowbrary.org](https://www.wowbrary.org).



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# News from Hoopla

## New Flex Titles Added in July

At the start of the year, Defiance Public Library System launched a new service within hoopla called hoopla Flex, in an effort to reduce the amount of time you spend waiting for your favorite titles.

In addition to the 8 hoopla Instant borrows you receive each month with your library card, you now have hoopla Flex borrows (up to 8 at once) that you can use on specially marked hoopla Flex materials. Read more at [defiancelibrary.org/flex](https://defiancelibrary.org/flex).

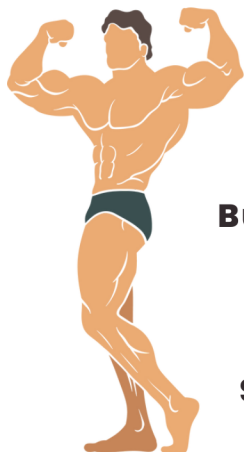
New titles you'll see added to hoopla Flex this month include:

### Audiobooks:

**An Evil Heart by Linda Castillo (7/11)**  
**Hello, Stranger by Katherine Center (7/11)**  
**One Of Us Is Back by Karen M. McManus (7/25)**

### Ebooks:

**An Evil Heart by Linda Castillo (7/11)**  
**Business or Pleasure by Rachel Lynn Solomon (7/4)**  
**Fourth Wing by Rebecca Yaros**  
**Hello, Stranger by Katherine Center (7/11)**  
**Icebreaker by Hannah Grace**  
**Same Time Next Summer by Annabell Monaghan**  
**The 23rd Midnight by James Patterson**



# Introducing: CultureGrams

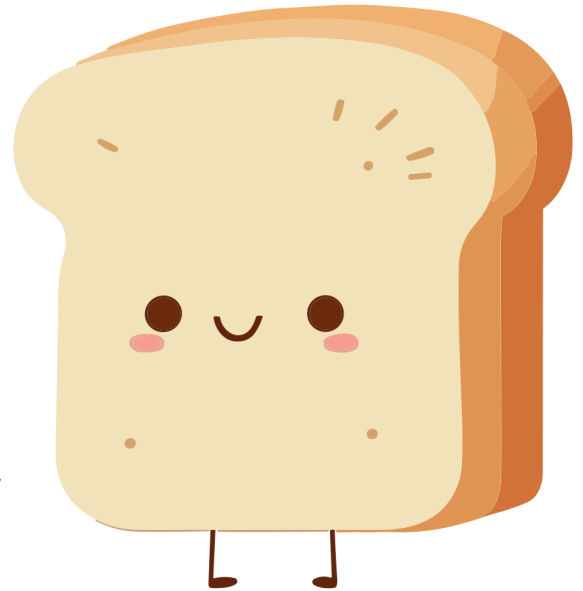
## Explore the world with your library card

Beginning July 1, your DPLS library card will grant access to CultureGrams, a leading reference resource for reliable cultural information on countries around the world. CultureGrams goes beyond basic facts and figures, with local perspectives on more than 200 countries and territories. From Afghanistan to Zimbabwe, each concise, reliable and up-to-date report is written and reviewed by local experts, providing users with unique, intimate cultural details from a real insider's perspective. Get a kid's-eye view of daily life in places around the world, explore all the U.S. states in colorful, engaging reports, and much more! **Access CultureGrams on our digital resources page at [defiancelibrary.org/digital](https://defiancelibrary.org/digital).**

# Summer Lunches at Sherwood Branch

Sherwood Branch Library is offering free summer lunches for kids now through July 27, Mondays through Thursdays, from 12:15–12:45 p.m. Lunches are available in the Community Room to those ages 1–18, or 19–21 with a disability. Lunches will also be distributed at Ney Community Park (near the splash pad).

The 2023 summer lunch program is supported by Hearts & Hands (Farmer Methodist Church), Fairview Elementary School, St. John Lutheran, Sherwood Methodist Church, Open Bible Church, Sherwood Fire Department, Ney Methodist Church, Ney Church of God, the Sherwood Masonic Lodge and Danielle Seip. **Thank you for helping us feed our community!**



**DEATH** at the  
**MASQUERADE**  
A Murder Mystery  
Grades 6-12

<b>Sherwood Branch</b>	<b>Defiance Public</b>
Friday, July 28	Friday, August 4
6:00-9:00 PM	6:00-9:00 PM

Join us for dinner, dancing, & mystery.  
**Dress for a masquerade!**

Register in Sherwood:  
[defiancelibrary.org/mask2](http://defiancelibrary.org/mask2)

Register in Defiance:  
[defiancelibrary.org/mask](http://defiancelibrary.org/mask)

or call 419-782-1456

Signed parental consent form required. Forms can be signed on event day, are available at the URLs above, and will be emailed to registrants.

**Meet the Bens!**  
AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY  
117 NORTH HARRISON ST

**July 10**  
1:00 PM

Meet Sergeant Ben Moser of the Defiance County Sheriff's Office & his K-9 partner, also named Ben!

**LEARN A BIT ABOUT WHAT LAW ENFORCEMENT K-9S DO! OPEN TO ALL.**



# IMAGINE YOUR STORY!

## SUMMER READING CONTINUES THROUGH JULY

Defiance Public Library System's (DPLS) annual Summer Reading Challenge for all ages is taking place now through July 31, with events, activities, reading contests, and free summer fun for all ages!

This year's theme, **"Imagine Your Story,"** celebrates fairytales, folklore, fantasy and mythology, as well as the importance of sharing our own unique voices and stories. Summer library programs enhance lifelong learning, and provide meaningful, enjoyable experiences for the community. For school children, it can be a key tool in helping to prevent "the summer slide"—learning loss that may occur during the summer months.

### For Kids

Both reading and activities count toward your Summer Reading goal. Beginning June 1, children can pick up an activity sheet at any library location (Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, Johnson Memorial), print one at [defiancelibrary.org](http://defiancelibrary.org), or log their progress online using Beanstack ([defiancelibrary.beanstack.org](http://defiancelibrary.beanstack.org)) and the Beanstack Tracker app (earn coupons just for registering!) Kids can complete the activities on their own, or with the help of a caregiver.

Children from birth to age 3 will receive a toy link to accompany their activity sheet, while children ages 3-12 will take home a dog tag "Brag Bead" necklace, plus a few beads to get started. Once goals are met, return to the library to collect your earned rewards, including additional links or beads, and books. Patrons in Defiance and Sherwood also will earn an entry into a grand-prize drawing for tickets to King's Island.

### For Teens & Adults

Teens and adults participating in the Challenge can log their reading minutes each day on Beanstack to win prizes too. Every 60 minutes read and logged earns the reader an entry into a weekly prize drawing for a \$5 gift card to a local coffee or ice cream shop. Those who log at least 480 minutes/8 hours of reading will be entered to win the grand prize of a \$40 gift card to Meijer and two \$5 gift cards to the winner's chosen coffee or ice cream shop.

**For a complete list of Summer Reading events and activities, visit:**

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



# SUMMERTIME AT THE LIBRARIES, IN PICTURES!



Reenactors are pictured during Encampment at the Confluence, a living history event held June 24 at Pontiac Park & sponsored by the Defiance Bicentennial Committee. Photos by Jerry Latta.



Left: Young patrons show off the magical fairy jars they created at Sherwood Branch. Right: Staff at Sherwood Branch successfully hatched a flock of chickens.



Left: Storytime at the 41st annual Art in the Park event, hosted July 25 on the Fort Grounds by the Friends of Defiance Public Library (photo by Jerry Latta). Right: Cirque Amongus delights the crowd at Johnson Memorial Library.



# Fan Fiction Writing Contest!

Didn't like how your favorite book ended? Rewrite it! Have theories about a character? We want to hear them! Adults can submit a fan fiction short story reimagining a character or section of a book in our Fan Fiction Writing Contest. Entries can be submitted at Defiance Public Library or via email to [vwestrick@defiancelibrary.org](mailto:vwestrick@defiancelibrary.org) between July 1-28 at 5 p.m. Writings must be submitted with a cover page, be between 3,000 and 5,000 words in length, and rated P-13.

Have fun! Winner will be notified Aug. 11, and the winning entry will be shared in the DPLS newsletter & in booklet form inside our 3 library locations.

## Update: Worthington Project

Efforts continue to identify the bounds of and secure a historical marker for the suspected site of Worthington Cemetery: Defiance County's only historic Black cemetery. Recently, a GPR survey was conducted at the site, and detailed results of that survey are available to read in a guest article written by UPenn doctoral candidates Eric Hubbard and Chris LaMack, who conducted the survey. The article can be found at [defiancelibrary.org/blog](http://defiancelibrary.org/blog), and is a great read for anyone interested in the Worthington Project, local history, or archaeology in general.

## Say Hello to the Plant Library!

Visit the new Plant Library outside Defiance Public Library to leave plants you won't use, and take what you will!

Materials to build the Plant Library were purchased with a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), secured by Defiance Elementary School teacher Julie Houck. The cart itself was built and delivered by the Defiance Dream Center. Pictured are project co-coordinators Houck (right) and Renee Hopper, DPLS' adult, teen, & technical services manager, with the Plant Library!



# UPCOMING EVENTS:



## Wild Canids of North America

**July 6 | 5:00 PM**  
Defiance Public Library  
on the Fort Grounds

Learn all about the wild dogs of North America, and meet one of the Center's animal ambassadors!

Free & open to all  
No registration needed



Defiance Public Library presents:

## TRUE CRIME



WITH **JAMES RENNER**

*Journalist. Palindrome. Writer.*

**July 24, 2023**

**5:30 PM**

Defiance Public Library

Adults 18+

Free, no registration

Books available for  
sale & signing!



## THE Magic Nate SHOW

**JULY 17, 2023**

SHERWOOD BRANCH: 1:00PM  
JOHNSON MEMORIAL: 3:30PM  
DEFIANCE PUBLIC: 6:00PM

**Free & open to all**  
**No registration needed**

Sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, & Johnson Memorial libraries

the defiance public library system presents

# Harry Potter AND THE BIRTHDAY BASH

THURSDAY JULY 27TH  
5PM - 7PM  
AT THE FORT GROUNDS

You have been formally invited to  
Hogwarts School of Witchcraft & Wizardry  
in celebration of  
Harry Potter's Birthday!

See if you have what it takes to be chosen by the Goblet of Fire!  
attend magical classes, earn house points, learn new spells,  
get lost in the forbidden forest & so much more!

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
320 fort street, defiance, ohio  
defiancepubliclibrary.org



# MORE UPCOMING EVENTS:

## Exotic ZOO

**JULY 24, 2023**

SHERWOOD BRANCH: 10:00AM  
HICKSVILLE PARK PAVILION: 2:00PM  
DEFIANCE PUBLIC: 6:00PM



**Free & open to all  
No registration needed**

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## Crawdadd Creek

**July 19, 2023**  
1:00 PM  
Sherwood Branch Library

Join Wendy from the Defiance Soil & Water Conservation District to discover what can be found in the creek running through Sherwood Branch!

Geared to school-aged children.  
No registration needed!




## BLACK SWAMP STEAM DAY CAMP

Learn about the place we call home from experts and hands-on STEAM activities.

**July 24-27**  
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

### HISTORY



ANDREW L. TUTTLE  
MEMORIAL MUSEUM  
MAP MAKING / SURVEYING  
TRISH SPEISER -  
LOCAL HISTORIAN

### PLANTS

BLACK SWAMP CONSERVANCY  
SOIL TESTING  
OSU EXTENSION OFFICE



### WILDLIFE

OHIO DIVISION OF  
NATURAL RESOURCES  
TAMATHY STAGE -  
FARM BILL BIOLOGIST



### WATER

DEFIANCE WATER TREATMENT PLANT  
WATER TESTING  
WATER FILTRATION  
ENVIROSCAPE



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CO-COORDINATED BY JULIE HOUCK,  
DEFIANCE CITY SCHOOLS ELEMENTARY  
Registration required for this free camp.

CBOLLEY@DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG  
419.782.1456 EXT:1108

     **MakerSpace** 


## CREEPY

Creatures  
Called Cryptids

**Johnson Memorial**  
July 26 | 3:00-5:00 PM

Take a dive into all things  
cryptid!

Grades 6-12  
No registration



# Odds + Ends

Defiance Public Library System will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, in observance of Independence Day. The libraries will reopen Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

The DPLS Board of Trustees will meet July 26 beginning at 5 p.m. at Defiance Public Library. Board meetings are open to the public.



Drop into the library and use the MakerSpace during our July Open Make hours. Find them at [defiancelibrary.org/makerspace](http://defiancelibrary.org/makerspace).



## New Bronson Park StoryWalk®!

Visitors to Bronson Park in Defiance now have a fun new family activity to complement their trip to the park: The StoryWalk! Enjoy a book as you walk the path between the splash pad and playground. The first book featured is *I Know the River Loves Me*, by Maya Christina Gonzalez.

The Bronson Park Storywalk was sponsored by Defiance Public Library System, the Friends of Defiance Public Library, the City of Defiance, and the Defiance Rotary Club. If you visit the StoryWalk, be sure to share a picture & tag @dplslibraries on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter!

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


## DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG



**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**