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Explore Biblical Archaeology with Author Christopher Farrar at Defiance Public Library

[DEFIANCE] – Author Christopher Farrar, whose work brings the period of the Bible alive with stories of ordinary people caught in the world-shaping events of the Hebrew scriptures, will visit Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., on Aug. 5 at 11 a.m. to present "Biblical Archaeology: Evidence of the Exodus."

With an academic background in linguistics and a professional background in technology marketing and data analytics, Farrar has been interested in both writing and Biblical archaeology since his teen years. His own research, as well as his extensive travels, have informed two novels and a short story based on Biblical events. He will discuss how archaeological science can offer new insight to help us understand the Bible narrative.

In his novel, *By the Waters of Babylon*, a 12-year-old girl named Ya'el is deported to Babylonia following Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of Jerusalem in 586 BCE. The sequel, *Light of Exile*, was released in the summer of 2022. It takes place two generations later, when Cyrus the Great allows the people of Judah to return and rebuild the Temple. Both books will be available for sale and signing at the program.

This free program is geared to adults, and no registration is needed. It will take place in the library's Nellie Gary Reading Room. For more information, visit christopherfarrar.com or call the library at 419-782-1456.