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## Winter Programming at Defiance Public Library

[DEFIANCE] – Defiance Public Library System is inviting the community to read, learn, and craft this winter at its three locations, offering a full slate of programming & activities in the coming months.

Registration is not needed unless otherwise indicated. See more programs, including new MakerSpace events for all ages, at defiancelibrary.org/calendar.

In addition, registration for the all-ages Winter Reading Challenge continues through the month at defiancelibrary.beanstack.org, and the Teen Winter Craze reading challenge for grades 6-12 kicks off on Beanstack Feb. 1 and continues through the month. Both offer patrons a chance to win prizes for time spent reading books or audiobooks. Register for reading challenges at defiancelibrary.beanstack.org.

### <u>Virtual</u>

**Decoding the Mysteries of Cats:** Stephen Quandt explains cat behavior from the perspective of the evolutionary and adaptive forces that drive it. Feb. 12 at 6 p.m. Register at defiancelibrary.org/cats to receive a link to this virtual event. Geared to adults.

## <u>Defiance</u>

**Humane Society Supply Drive** (now through Jan. 22): Defiance Public Library is hosting a supply drive to benefit Fort Defiance Humane Society through Jan. 22. Donated items can be dropped off at the library, 320 Fort St. View the wish list at defiancelibrary.org/wishlist. **Financial Classes**: Postema Insurance & Investments will visit Defiance Public Library on Jan. 18 to present 'Retirement You Can't Outlive' at 10:30 a.m. and Estate Planning at 5 p.m.

**Defiance History Buffs**: The History Buffs will meet on Jan. 22 beginning at 6 p.m. at Defiance Public Library to hear a special presentation by James Orozco, current steward of Preston Island.

**Paw Patrol Party**: Items gathered during the Humane Society Supply Drive will be handed over to Fort Defiance Humane Society at a special Paw Patrol-themed party on Jan. 23 from 10:30 a.m.-noon at Defiance Public Library.

**Storytime**: Join Defiance Public Library for Storytime for ages 2-6 every Monday at 6 p.m. and Tuesday at 11 a.m. from Jan. 29-March 26. Storytime will take place upstairs in the Nellie Gary Reading Room, with exceptions on Feb. 26 & March 26, when the group will meet in the Children's Room. Read, Rhyme, & Romp for babies and toddlers will take place immediately before, at 5:30 p.m. on Mondays and 10:30 a.m. on Tuesdays.

**Human Trafficking Warning Signs**: Tara Rex from the Center for Child & Family Advocacy will visit Defiance Public Library on January 25 at 6 p.m. to teach about the warning signs of human trafficking, and how to spot red flags to help protect yourself and your loved ones. Free & open to all adults 18+.

**Alzheimer's Series:** The Alzheimer's Association of Northwest Ohio will continue its free educational series on Feb. 13 at 3 p.m. at Defiance Public Library with 'What is Hospice and How Can it Help?' Register at defiancelibrary.org/alz5 or by calling 419-782-1456.

### <u>Sherwood</u>

**Gaming League**: Grades 6-12 are invited to Sherwood Branch Library, 117 N. Harrison St., on the second Tuesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. for Gaming League, a group for those who love games: board games, video games, card games, & more.

**Couples Paint Night**: Create a Valentine's Day masterpiece on Feb. 2 from 6-8 p.m. at Sherwood Branch. Must be 21+. Snacks will be provided and guests can bring refreshments, if desired. Registration is required. Register at defiancelibrary.org/heart or by calling 419-899-4343.

**Friends of SBL Book Sale:** Find your next great read during the Friends of Sherwood Branch Library's Book Sale, taking place every Saturday in February (Feb. 3, 10, 17, 24) from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the library. Books are available for a freewill donation, and proceeds support the library.

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## <u>Hicksville</u>

**Lego Club**: Lego Club will take place at Johnson Memorial Library from 4-5:30 p.m. on Jan. 23, Feb. 27, and March 26. Geared to ages 7-12.

**Make a Valentine's Day Mailbox**: School-aged kids are invited to Johnson Memorial Library on Feb. 5 at 5 p.m. to make a special Valentine's Day mailbox for your class Valentines.

**Financial Classes:** Postema Insurance & Investments will visit Johnson Memorial Library on Feb. 10 at 11 a.m. to present on retirement planning, and March 9 at 11 a.m. to discuss estate planning.

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