

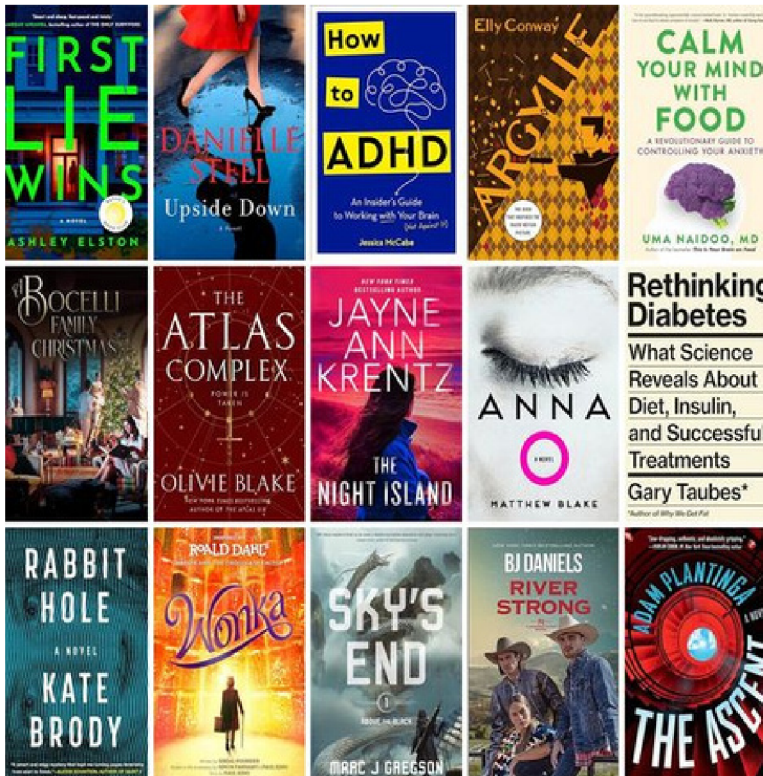
# SHELF LIFE

*A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System*



## NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers this week include "First Lie Wins," "Upside Down," and "How to ADHD: An Insider's Guide to Working with Your Brain." The new movies this week are "A Bocelli Family Christmas" and "Oppenheimer." To receive a weekly roundup of our newest materials delivered right to your inbox, visit [wowbrary.org](http://wowbrary.org).



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**REGISTER NOW FOR THE  
'WHERE WE COME FROM'  
WINTER CHALLENGE!**

# Join the Winter Reading Challenge

Cozy up with a good book (or audiobook!) during the month of January for a chance to win a gift card to a local coffee shop during Defiance Public Library System's 2024 **'Where We Come From' Winter Reading Challenge**.

There will be weekly drawings for a \$5 gift card, and a grand prize drawing for a \$40 gift card. Complete your BINGO card and read/log 4 hours/240 minutes for a chance to win!

All ages are welcome to participate. Registration is open now at [defiancelibrary.beanstack.org](http://defiancelibrary.beanstack.org).

The Winter Reading Challenge takes place Jan. 1–31. Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of DPL and an anonymous donor!



Get ready to explore the captivating theme of "Where We Come From," which dives into the profound topics of family, history, and identity. The theme was inspired by the picture book, "Where We Come From," a poetic masterpiece by John Coy, Shannon Gibney, Sun Yung Shin, and Diane Wilson.

# History Buffs Highlight Preston Island



DEFIANCE  
HISTORY  
BUFFS

## NEXT MEETING:

JANUARY 22, 2024  
6:00 PM  
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
NELLIE GARY READING ROOM

Anyone with an interest in local history is invited to join this informal discussion group!



The Defiance History Buffs--a newly formed group focused on local history & service projects-- will hear a special presentation from Preston Island steward James Orozco at its Jan. 22 meeting.

The meeting will take place in Defiance Public Library's Nellie Gary Reading Room beginning at 6 p.m. No registration is needed.

The island is named for William Preston, a veteran of the War of 1812 and settler in the area. During that war, General Winchester ordered that a strong pen be built on the island for the army's cattle. After the Civil War, the island became a popular spot for reunions for veterans and their families. It had a racetrack, grandstand, auditorium, and baseball diamond. The public could travel there by boat or by trolley. The Maumee Valley Chautauqua was held on the island annually during summers from 1901 to 1912 and featured prominent speakers of the era. The flood of March 1913 swept away the island's facilities.



# SHARE YOUR MAKERSPACE STORY! HOW HAVE YOU USED THE SPACE?

In the MakerSpace at Defiance Public Library, we aim to provide all users with an opportunity to learn something new, strengthen their skills, and grow as people. It's where our patrons can discover new technologies, the power of collaboration, and--perhaps most importantly--that failure is the first step to success (sometimes it's the second and third steps too...).

If you've used the MakerSpace to start or finish a project, try out a new piece of equipment, or learn a skill during one of our free classes, we'd love to hear about your experience!

Visit [defiancelibrary.org/makerspace](https://defiancelibrary.org/makerspace) and click the link to share your MakerSpace story & pictures with us!

## Supply drive kicks off Jan. 8 Help Defiance County's furry friends

Defiance Public Library will hold a supply drive to benefit Fort Defiance Humane Society from Jan. 8-22. Donation stations will be located both upstairs and downstairs at the library. All supplies will be presented to a representative from FDHS during the library's Paw Patrol Party on Tuesday, Jan. 23 from 10:30 a.m.-noon. The Humane Society's wishlist items include:

- **Laundry Detergent**
- **Bleach**
- **KMR (Kitten Milk Replacement) liquid**
- **Dry Dog/Puppy Food**
- **Dry Cat/Kitten Food**
- **Canned Cat and Kitten Food (Pate')**
- **Garbage Bags**
- **Paper Towels**
- **Copier Paper**
- **Bottled Water (gallons and individual bottles)**
- **New or gently used towels and blankets**



# A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...

Join Defiance Public Library for

## READ, RHYME, & ROMP AND STORYTIME

January 29 - March 26

No registration required!



### READ, RHYME, & ROMP

Stories, rhyming, and finger plays for babies and toddlers.

MONDAYS AT 5:30 PM  
TUESDAYS AT 10:30 AM



### STORYTIME

Geared to ages 2-6.

MONDAYS AT 6:00 PM  
TUESDAYS AT 11:00 AM

Dates: Jan. 29 & 30; Feb. 5, 6, 12, 13, 19, 20, 26, 27; March 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 19, 25, 26

## Basic Sewing



USING A PATTERN

LEARN HOW TO SEW USING  
A SIMPLE PATTERN

SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY  
JANUARY 18TH  
5PM

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY  
READING ROOM  
FEBRUARY 22ND  
5PM



REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
FOR THIS FREE CLASS.

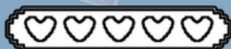
BRING A SEWING MACHINE OR  
USE ONE OF OURS.

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419.782.1456 EXT:1108



SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY PRESENTS:

## GAMING LEAGUE



SHERWOOD BRANCH

117 N. HARRISON STREET

GRADES 6-12 | NO REGISTRATION NEEDED

SECOND  
TUESDAY  
OF THE MONTH

JAN 9 - MAY 14  
4:00-6:00 PM

- CARD GAMES
- VIDEO GAMES
- BOARD GAMES

## LASER ETCHED HEARTS



Using our laser etcher, create a  
design on wooden hearts.  
Supplies to make valentines will  
be available while you wait for  
your design to be etched.

SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY  
JANUARY 23RD  
5 PM

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
FEBRUARY 6TH  
5 PM

DEFIANCE MAKERSPACE  
FEBRUARY 12TH  
5PM

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# Odds + Ends

Take a winter walk to the Bronson Park Storywalk to find a new book: *The Crow's Tale*, by Naomi Howarth. Inspired by a Lenape Native American myth, this beautifully illustrated picture book shows how courage and kindness are what really matter.

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 24, beginning at 5 p.m. at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St. Board meetings are open to the public.

Defiance Public Library System will be closed Monday, January 15, for Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The libraries will reopen Tuesday, January 16 at 10:00 AM.

## NEW YEAR, NEW LIBRARY CARD!

Start your new year off right with a shiny new library card! Start the process online at [defiancelibrary.org](http://defiancelibrary.org), or visit your Defiance, Sherwood, or Hicksville libraries to sign up. It's easy, takes just minutes, and grants you access to books, movies, music, and much more!


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


# DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG



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**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**

# January at Defiance Public Library

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1 <b>DPLS CLOSED</b> WINTER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS! DETAILS ON BACK	2 4:00-6:00PM: <b>CHESS CLUB</b>	3	4 4-7:30P: <b>TEEN NIGHT</b>  5PM: SPECIAL BOARD MEETING, 311 FORT ST.	5	6
7	8 HUMANE SOCIETY SUPPLY DRIVE KICKOFF! SEE BACK FOR DETAILS	9 TAKE & MAKE LANTERN KITS  3PM: ALZHEIMER'S EDUCATION**  4PM: FIBER ARTS CLUB	10	11 10AM: READERS CIRCLE BOOK CLUB  4-7:30P: TEEN NIGHT  5PM: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE	12	13
14	15 <b>DPLS CLOSED FOR MLK DAY</b>	16	17	18 10:30A: RETIREMENT PLANNING  4-7:30P: TEEN NIGHT  5PM: ESTATE PLANNING	19	20
21	22 4-6PM: CROCHET FOR A CAUSE (TEENS)  6PM: HISTORY BUFFS	23 10:30AM: PAW PATROL PARTY  4:30PM: LEGO CLUB  6PM: LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB (18+)	24 5PM: DPLS BOARD MEETING AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY	25 10:30A: LEGO CLUB 4-7:30P: TEEN NIGHT 5PM: FIX-IT CLINIC - CLOTHING REPAIR**  6PM: HUMAN TRAFFICKING AWARENESS	26 11AM: FIX-IT CLINIC - CLOTHING REPAIR**	27
28	29 5:30P: READ, RHYME, & ROMP (AGE 0-2)  6PM: STORYTIME (AGE 2-6)	30 10:30A: READ, RHYME, & ROMP (AGE 0-2)  11A: STORYTIME  4:30P: KIDS EXPLORE - WINTER ANIMALS	31			

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# January at Sherwood Branch Library

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1 DPLS CLOSED WINTER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS! DETAILS ON BACK	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 11AM: ESTATE PLANNING 4-6PM: GAMING LEAGUE 2PM: RETIREMENT PLANNING	10 3PM: BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB	11 5PM: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (DPL)	12	13
14	15 DPLS CLOSED FOR MLK DAY	16	17	18 5PM: BASIC SEWING WITH A PATTERN**	19	20 10AM: SNOWFLAKE TAPE RESIST PAINTING**
21	22 5PM: PENGUIN FAMILY PEBBLE ART**	23 5PM: LASER ETCHED HEARTS**	24 5PM: DPLS BOARD MEETING AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY	25	26	27 10AM-NOON: SNOWFLAKE SIGNS**
28	29	30	31			

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# January at Johnson Memorial Library

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31	1 DPLS CLOSED WINTER READING CHALLENGE BEGINS! DETAILS ON BACK	2	3	4	5	6 10:30 AM: MEET & GREET: CHILDREN'S AUTHOR JOSHUA ROTH
7	8	9	10	11 5PM: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE (DPL)	12	13
14	15 DPLS CLOSED FOR MLK DAY	16 5PM: TAKE & BATHE TEA BATH BOMBS	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 4-5:30PM: LEGO CLUB	24 5PM: DPLS BOARD MEETING AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

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