

Shelf Life

A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers include "The Grey Wolf," "My Mexican Kitchen: 100 Recipes Rich with Tradition, Flavor, & Spice: A Cookbook," and "Bandit Heaven: The Hole-in-the-Wall Gangs and the Final Chapter of the Wild West." New movies this week include "Strange Darling," "Orphan Black: Echoes, Season 1," and "PBS KIDS: Barnyard Buddies."



SEE OUR NOVEMBER CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS

GET READY FOR DEFCOM 2024

JOIN THE 'CELEBRATE PICTURE BOOKS' READING CHALLENGE

'STICK DOG' AUTHOR TOM WATSON COMING TO DPL!

TEEN WRITING CONTEST UNDERWAY NOW

DefCom Returns November 9

Defiance Public Library System is excited (& busy preparing) to bring **DefCom** back to Northtowne Mall! DefCom 9-- Defiance's own comic, art, & pop culture convention--is set for **Saturday, November 9, 2024, from 10:00AM-4:00PM** at the mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance.

We've got dozens of incredible vendors & artists (many returning favorites and some new vendors too), arcade games from KDog's Arcade, an all-ages cosplay contest, children's activities, face-painting & more in store for the community at this free, family-friendly event, sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library & Northtowne Mall.

For updates follow
@dplsdefcom on Facebook

Details:
defiancelibrary.org/defcom



Friends Lithograph Raffle Underway!

\$5 raffle tickets available now at Defiance Public Library & the DDVB



Raffle tickets to win the P. Buckley Moss lithograph pictured here are on sale now through February 13, 2025, at Defiance Public Library for just \$5 each. Moss was an American artist known primarily for her paintings depicting rural Virginia.

Proceeds from the raffle, hosted by the **Friends of Defiance Public Library**, support services and programming at DPL.

Raffle tickets will also be available for purchase at the Defiance Development and Visitors' Bureau, 325 Clinton St., Defiance.

November Brings Reading, Writing Challenges

Defiance Public Library System is offering up a pair of fun fall challenges beginning Nov. 1.

November is Picture Book month, and the Defiance County libraries are marking the occasion with the **'Celebrate Picture Books' Reading Challenge** from Nov. 1-30. Each day, read one picture book and log your reading on Beanstack (defiancelibrary.beanstack.org) or using the Beanstack Tracker app, available for download in the Apple and Google Play stores.

There will be weekly prize drawings throughout the month for downtown Defiance gift certificates, and a grand prize drawing at the end for movie passes to Phoenix Theatres. This contest is open to all ages, and prizes are sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. For more information, visit defiancelibrary.org/celebrate.

In addition, young writers, prepare your pens (or typing fingers): the **Teen Fan Fiction Writing Contest** returns Nov. 1-30.

This year's theme is the Twilight series by Stephenie Meyer. Defiance County 6th-12th graders are invited to submit an original short story (1,000-3,000 words) via email to prellstab@defiancelibrary.org, or by dropping off the story at any DPLS location (Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, or Hicksville's Johnson Memorial libraries). All submissions must be rated PG-13 and under. The winner will receive the Twilight book series, and copies of their winning submission will be distributed in the DPLS libraries, and in the YA Squeeze newsletter. Find complete contest rules online at defiancelibrary.org/contest.



Bicentennial Quilt Donated to Auglaize Village

Defiance Public Library's Bicentennial Quilt was donated last month to Auglaize Village.

Through 2023 the library system collected quilt squares from the community, which were then assembled in the MakerSpace to form the completed quilt, a colorful celebration of Defiance's history.

The Bicentennial Quilt project was coordinated by Cara Bolley, Emerging Technologies Lead at DPLS.

Thank you to everyone who donated a quilt square!

Hoopla Flex Titles Coming Nov./Dec.

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

Ebook:

Christmas in Bethel by Richard Paul Evans (11/26)

Onyx Storm by Rebecca Yarros (1/25/25)

Storm of the Century by Stephen King (12/3)

The House of Cross by James Patterson (11/25)

The Mirror by Nora Roberts (11/19)

Audiobook:

Icebreaker by Hannah Grace

The Brothers Hawthorne by Jennifer Lynn Barnes

The Christmas Tree Farm by Laurie Gilmore

The Cinnamon Bun Book Store by Laurie Gilmore



DPL Bringing 'Stick Dog' Author to Town



Tom Watson, renowned author of the beloved Stick Dog series, will visit Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., Nov. 21 at 6 p.m. to discuss books, writing, and even share some drawing.

The event is free and open to the public (geared to elementary schoolers), and no registration is needed.

Watson, who lives in Chicago, also draws the original sketches for the Stick Dog books, which

have proven popular with even reluctant readers. In the past, Watson worked for U.S. Senator John Glenn and as the chief speechwriter for the governor of Ohio.

Area third graders will also have a chance to see Watson in Defiance College's Schomburg Auditorium on Nov. 21 at 1:30 p.m. or Nov. 22 at 9:45 a.m., 12:25 p.m., and 1:30 p.m. In addition to the third-grade invitees, the Schomburg events are open to all Defiance College students. A selection of books will be available for purchase/signing before and after the program.

Defiance Public Library System's Fall Author Visit is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, and Johnson Memorial libraries.

A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

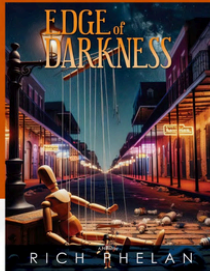
RICH PHELAN

AUTHOR TALK & BOOK SIGNING

Discussing his new thriller, *Edge of Darkness*



OPEN TO ADULTS | NO REGISTRATION
BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE



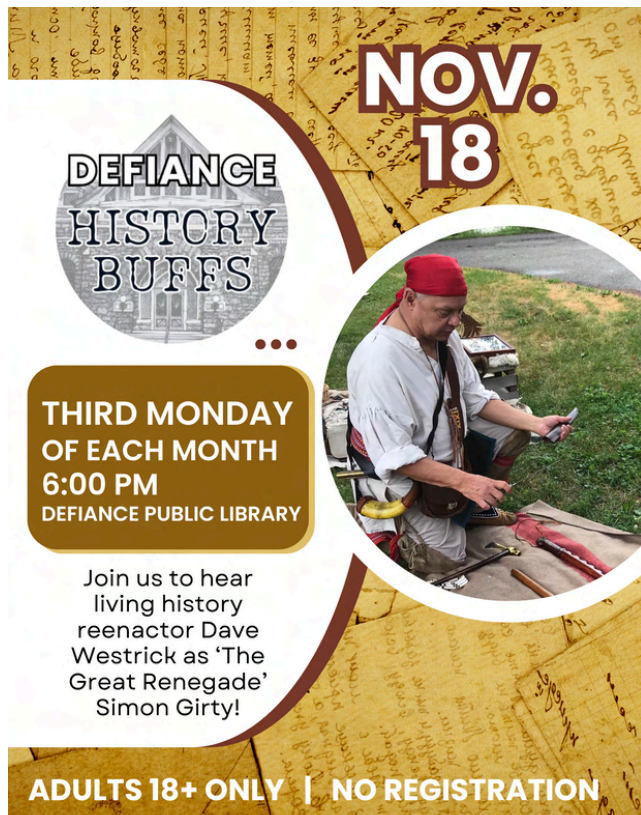
**MONDAY
DEC. 2
6:00 PM**
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
320 FORT ST.

Developing his craft through diverse careers in corrections, vocational ministry, and as a deputy sheriff, writing and telling stories permeated them all. Not limited to one genre, Rich prefers thrillers with a supernatural bent.



Hicksville WRITERS' GROUP

For all ages
Meets on the **first Tuesday** of each month at Johnson Memorial Library
4:00-5:30PM





NOV. 18


DEFIANCE HISTORY BUFFS

THIRD MONDAY OF EACH MONTH
6:00 PM
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us to hear living history reenactor Dave Westrick as 'The Great Renegade' Simon Girty!



ADULTS 18+ ONLY | NO REGISTRATION



ELF ACADEMY


AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY
117 N. HARRISON STREET, SHERWOOD

TUESDAY, DEC. 3
5:00-6:30PM

POLISH UP YOUR ELF SKILLS WITH TRAINING IN COOKIE DECORATING, WOODWORKING WITH ICE POP STICKS, JEWELRY-MAKING & MORE!

GEARED TO GRADES K-3
REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED

REGISTER AT DEFIANCLIBRARY.ORG/ELF
OR BY CALLING 419-899-4343



In other news...

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 20, beginning at 5PM at Defiance Public Library. Board meetings are open to the public.

Defiance Public Library System (including Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, & Johnson Memorial libraries) will be closed on Thursday, November 28, for the Thanksgiving holiday.

Congratulations to Defiance College student (and former library intern!) Allie Bevins for winning one of Bowling Green State University's Local History Publication Awards for her work documenting DPLS' Worthington Cemetery Project! Find her paper at defiancelibrary.org ("About" menu, "The Worthington Project").



Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided with Naloxone) is an opioid overdose education and naloxone distribution program coordinated by the Ohio Department of Health.

Learn more about this public health crisis and **prepare yourself to take life-saving action** during a presentation by Shannon Richardson of Maumee Valley Guidance Center, taking place November 23 at 11AM at Defiance Public Library.

Free naloxone kits will be available for those who complete this educational session, if desired. This program is open to adults 18+ only.

Space is limited and registration is required. Register online at defiancelibrary.org/dawn or by calling 419-782-1456.

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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