

Shelf Life

A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers include "Table for Two: Fictions," "Spy x Family II," and "The Breakthrough Years: A New Scientific Framework for Raising Thriving Teens." The new movies this week include "Wednesday: The Complete First Season [Blu-ray]," "Poor Things," and "Migration." Visit wowbrary.org to get a roundup of our newest materials sent to your inbox each week!



**ACTIVITIES & EVENTS
TAKING PLACE AT THE
LIBRARIES IN APRIL**

**GET YOUR TICKETS TO
PLANT & SIP!**

**DONATED STATUE
UNVEILED AT DPL**

**CELEBRATING
NATIONAL LIBRARY
WEEK!**

**TOLEDO OPERA ON
WHEELS RETURNS TO
DEFIANCE**

Art in the Park is now seeking vendors!

The **Friends of Defiance Public Library** will host the 42nd annual Art in the Park event on Sunday, June 30, 2024, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Fort Street in Defiance/at the Fort Grounds. This special, one-day event features artists and craft vendors, children’s activities, music and live entertainment throughout the day, a used book sale, food and drinks for purchase, and more. If you’re interested in becoming a vendor at Art in the Park, download a vendor application now at defiancelibrary.org. Early birds who register before May 31 will save \$10 on their booth registration fee. All registrations must be received by June 14. For more information contact Laura at 419-296-0773.

Ready, Set, Library!

National Library Week is April 7-13, 2024

National Library Week (April 7-13, 2024) is a time to celebrate our nation’s libraries, library workers’ contributions, and to promote library use and support.



The theme for National Library Week 2024 is "Ready, Set, Library," illustrating the idea that in our always-online world, libraries give us a green light to something truly special: a place to connect with others, learn new skills, and focus on what matters most. At the library’s author talks, workshops, and book clubs, community members can connect with fellow enthusiasts and local experts while building relationships that will last a lifetime.

No matter where you find yourself on the roadmap through life’s journey—preparing for a new career, launching a business, or raising a family—the library provides an inclusive and supportive community where everyone belongs.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

If you decide to celebrate by visiting your local library, we have lots of fun in store. At Defiance Public Library, stop in Tuesday, April 9, and grab a take-and-make kit to make your own beautiful book page roses (available while supplies last), or visit on Thursday, April 11, for our Readers’ Circle (10AM) or Mysteries & More (6PM) book clubs. Plus, the Friends of Defiance Public Library are hosting a used Book Sale on Saturday, April 13, from 9AM-5PM at Northtowne Mall in Defiance.

In Hicksville, visit Johnson Memorial Library on Wednesday, April 10 at 10:30AM for Spring Storytime. Sherwood Branch Library will be celebrating in style April 8-13 with book-themed games, crafts, and activities for kids, available during open hours while supplies last.

Tickets to Plant & Sip on Sale Now!

The Friends of Johnson Memorial Library will host their annual Plant & Sip fundraiser on April 26 at 6:30 p.m. and April 27 at 10:30 a.m. at April's Greenhouse in Bryan, OH. Enjoy wine or mimosas, plus charcuterie and light snacks with family and friends at a private table and create a beautiful climbing house plant and planter to take home.

Tickets are \$150 per table of four and must be purchased by April 24 at the circulation desk at Johnson Memorial Library. Proceeds benefit the library and its programming. Purchases are non-refundable. For more information, contact the library system at 419-782-1456.

Bronze Statue Donated to DPL

Homier's Monumental came to Defiance Public Library last month to install the base for a new bronze sculpture in front of the building. The sculpture, crafted by artist Scott Penegar and known as "Dreamer," was gifted recently to Defiance Public Library.

It depicts a boy with a book in his lap gazing upwards at the American flag. It's fun to imagine what he might be thinking about! The base is adorned with plaques featuring some wonderful quotes about volunteerism.

Thank you to the donor for this beautiful addition to the library grounds. We hope it inspires a bit of childlike wonder as you walk into DPL!

To see more of Penegar's work, visit scottpenegarsculpture.com.



A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...



DEFIANCE HISTORY BUFFS

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

Join us as we discuss Defiance County history and plan related service projects! **New members are always welcome.**

ADULT 18+ ONLY | NO REGISTRATION

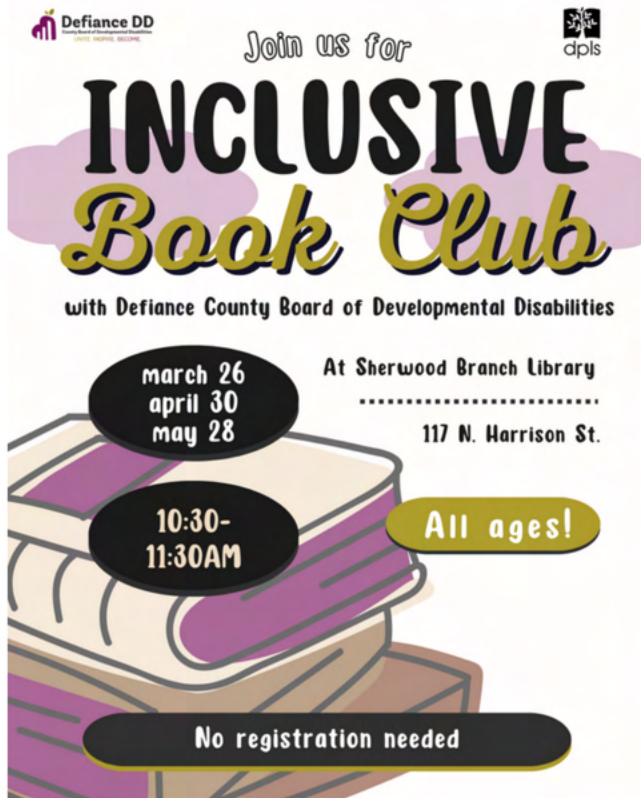
WHO'S AFRAID OF THE BIG BAD WOLF?



**APRIL 30, 2024
5:30PM
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
320 FORT STREET**

This free program is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library

**GEARED TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED**



Join us for

INCLUSIVE Book Club

with Defiance County Board of Developmental Disabilities

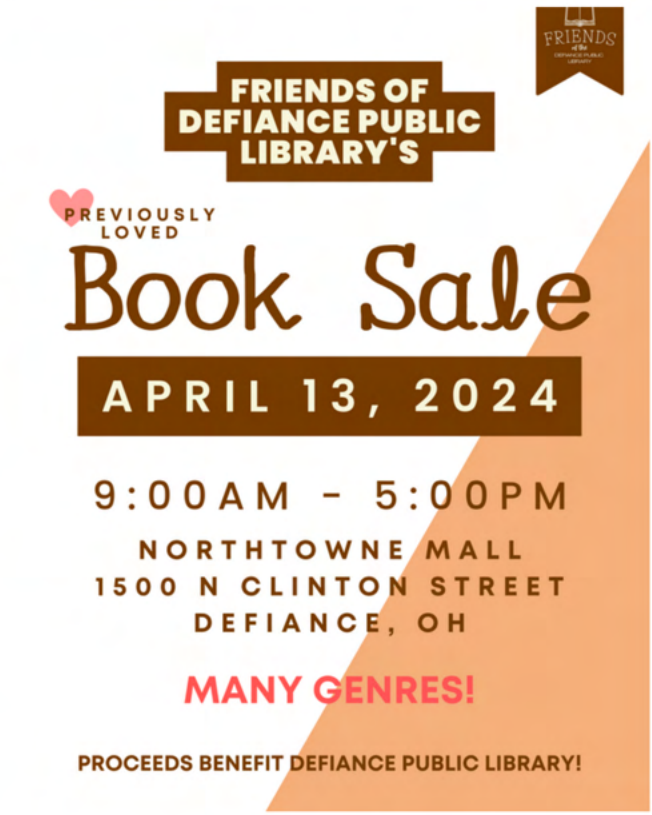
**march 26
april 30
may 28**

At Sherwood Branch Library
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117 N. Harrison St.

10:30-11:30AM

All ages!

No registration needed



FRIENDS OF DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S

PREVIOUSLY LOVED

Book Sale

APRIL 13, 2024

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

**NORTHTOWNE MALL
1500 N CLINTON STREET
DEFIANCE, OH**

MANY GENRES!

PROCEEDS BENEFIT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY!

Odds + Ends

The DPLS libraries will continue distributing free **eclipse-viewing glasses** until the eclipse on April 8, while supplies last. Limit 2 pair per household. The glasses were provided with funding from the Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation.

The Defiance Public Library System **Board of Trustees** will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, April 24, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St. Meetings of the board and its committees are open to the public.

Did you know Defiance Public Library offers **homebound delivery** of books and other materials to eligible cardholders? To see if our Homebound Delivery Service is right for you, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

Please note: Defiance Public Library System's 3 library locations will be closed from 2:45-3:45PM during the solar eclipse on April 8.



Rigg (left) is pictured with Renee Hopper, Adult, Teen, & Technical Services Manager at DPLS.

Happy Retirement, Pat!

Family, friends, and coworkers both current and former gathered in the Nellie Gary Reading Room at Defiance Public Library on Friday, March 29, to wish Cataloging Specialist Pat Rigg a very happy retirement following an incredible 47 years of service to Defiance Public Library System.

Pat's hard work and commitment to our library system are so appreciated, and we hope you have many fun & relaxing days ahead!



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

April at Defiance Public Library

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Happy
Easter!

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ECLIPSE GLASSES GIVEAWAY
CONTINUES THROUGH 4/8
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!

4-6:30PM: ECLIPSE SHIRTS AT
GRACE EPISCOPAL CHURCH

4:30PM: NSCC EARLY
LIT ACTIVITIES

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4:00-6:00PM:
CHESS CLUB

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4

4:00-7:30PM:
TEEN NIGHT

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NATIONAL
LIBRARY WEEK



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2:45-3:45PM:
PARTIAL
CLOSURE

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TAKE & MAKE:
BOOK PAGE ROSES (18+)

10:30AM: DEVELOPMENTAL
DISABILITIES AWARENESS &
STORYSHARE

3PM: UNDERSTANDING
ALZHEIMER'S & DEMENTIA**
4-7PM: FIBER ARTS CLUB

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10AM: READERS'
CIRCLE BOOK CLUB

4-7:30P: TEEN NIGHT

5PM: TEA TOWEL
CRAFT**

6PM: MYSTERY
BOOK CLUB

12

13 9AM-5PM:
FRIENDS OF
DPL BOOK
SALE AT
NORTHTOWNE
MALL!

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15 PLANT LIBRARY RETURNS!
DETAILS ON BACK.

4-6PM:
CRAFTERTEENS

6PM: HISTORY BUFFS

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10:30AM:
PAW PATROL
PARTY

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4:00-7:30PM: TEEN
NIGHT

5:30PM: BENEFITS OF
PHYSICAL ACTIVITY
IN ADULTS

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4:00-6:00PM:
CROCHET FOR
A CAUSE
(GRADES 6-12)

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6PM: PRIDE
BOOK CLUB
(LGBTQ+, 18+)

24

5PM: DPLS
BOARD
MEETING AT
DPL

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10:30A: MEDICARE 101

4-7:30PM: TEEN NIGHT

5PM: MEDICARE 101

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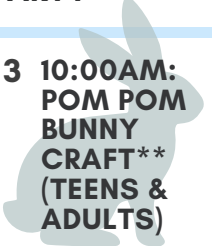
5:30PM: TOLEDO
OPERA ON WHEELS -
WHO'S AFRAID OF
THE BIG, BAD WOLF?

** REGISTRATION REQUIRED


REGISTER AT DEFIANCLIBRARY.ORG/CALENDAR
OR BY CALLING THE LIBRARY.

VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR EVENT DETAILS!

April at Sherwood Branch Library

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31 Happy Easter!	1 10AM-7PM: SPRING BREAK FUN ECLIPSE GLASSES AVAILABLE THIS WEEK WHILE SUPPLIES LAST! LIMIT 2 PER FAMILY.	2	3	4 4:30PM: FAMILY STORYTIME TRIBE	5	6 10AM-NOON: FAMILY PERLER BEAD PARTY
7 	8 2:45-3:45P: PARTIAL CLOSURE CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AT SHERWOOD BRANCH! DETAILS ON BACK.	9 4:00-6:00PM: GAMING LEAGUE 7:00PM: FRIENDS OF SBL MEETING	10 3PM: BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB	11 4:30PM: FAMILY STORYTIME TRIBE	12	13 10:00AM: POM POM BUNNY CRAFT** (TEENS & ADULTS) 
14	15	16 4:00-6:00PM: LEGO FUN NIGHT 	17	18 4:30PM: STORYTIME TRIBE <small>-INCLUSIVE STORYTIME WITH THE BOARD OF DD-</small>	19	20
21	22 5:30PM: SQUISH THIS!**	23 5PM: SILHOUETTE TEA TOWELS**	24 5PM: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AT DPL	25 4:30PM: FAMILY STORYTIME TRIBE	26	27 10AM-NOON: DIAMOND PAINTING**
28	29	30 10:30-11:30AM: INCLUSIVE BOOK CLUB	<p>** REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p> <p>REGISTER AT DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG/CALENDAR OR BY CALLING THE LIBRARY. VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR EVENT DETAILS!</p>			

April at Johnson Memorial Library

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31	1	2	3	4	5	6 
7 NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK BEGINS!	8 2:45-3:45PM: PARTIAL CLOSURE	9 5PM: KIDS COOK** 6PM: FRIENDS OF JML MEETING	10 10:30AM: SPRING STORY TIME	11	12	13
14	15	16 10:30A: HOOKED ON BOOKS BOOK CLUB 5PM: KIDS COOK**	17 10:30AM: SPRING STORY TIME	18	19 3:30PM: TAYLOR SWIFT PARTY	20
21	22 2:00-6:30P: SPRING CLEANING CRAFT SUPPLY EXCHANGE 5PM: SILHOUETTE TEA TOWELS**	23 5PM: KIDS COOK**	24 10:30AM: SPRING STORY TIME 5PM: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING (DPL)	25	26 6:30PM: PLANT & SIP FUNDRAISER AT APRIL'S GREENHOUSE**	27 10:30AM: PLANT & SIP FUNDRAISER AT APRIL'S GREENHOUSE**
28	29 5PM: CHARLIE CART PINA COLADAS**	30 4:00-5:30P: LEGO CLUB	<p>** REGISTRATION REQUIRED</p> <p>REGISTER AT DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG/CALENDAR OR BY CALLING THE LIBRARY. VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR EVENT DETAILS!</p>			