

Shelf Life

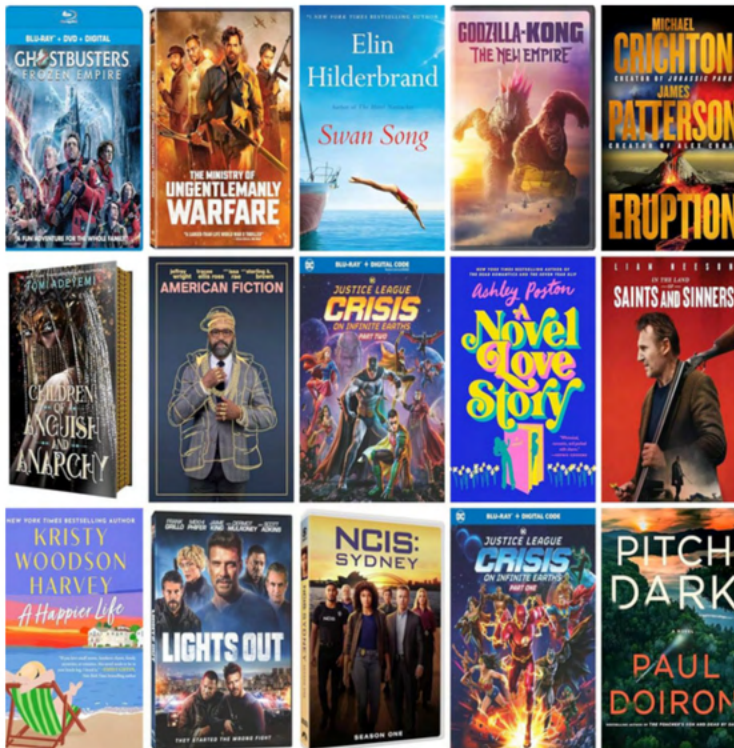
A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers this week include "Swan Song," "Eruption," and "Children of Anguish and Anarchy."

New movies this week include "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire [Blu-Ray]," "Ghostbusters: Frozen Empire," and "The Ministry of Ungentlemanly Warfare." To get a weekly roundup of our new materials delivered to your inbox, visit wowbrary.org.



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

**SHORT STORY
WRITING CONTEST
UNDERWAY NOW!**

**AUTHOR VISIT: EDGAR
AWARD-WINNER MINDY
MCGINNIS**

**TOLEDO CHILDREN'S
THEATRE WORKSHOP
HEADED TO DEFIANCE**

**SUMMER LUNCH
PROGRAM UNDERWAY
IN SHERWOOD**

Calling All Storytellers!

Short Story Writing Contest for adults underway now

This summer, Defiance Public Library System will host another Short Story Writing Contest for adults. Submit an original story (3,000–5,000 words or fewer) that epitomizes this year’s summer reading theme, adventure, for a chance to win.

The winning submission will be published in the library’s September newsletter and distributed in booklet form at all three Defiance County libraries (Defiance, Sherwood, Hicksville).

Entries must be rated PG-13, and can be dropped off at Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, or Johnson Memorial libraries, or submitted via email to vwestrack@defiancelibrary.org between July 1–31. The winner will be notified Aug. 12.

Complete contest rules are available online at defiancelibrary.org/story. For more information about the contest, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

Author Visit: Mindy McGinnis

Defiance Public Library welcomes Edgar Award-winner

Edgar-award winning novelist Mindy McGinnis will visit Defiance Public Library on July 18 at 5 p.m. to discuss and sign her new book, “Under This Red Rock.”

Publisher’s Weekly writes of the book, “Via a horror-tinged psychological thriller, McGinnis uses the lens of a whip-smart teen from a family with a history of mental illness to sensitively explore relevant themes.”

McGinnis—a ninth-generation farmer and former school librarian hailing from Ohio—writes across multiple genres, including post-apocalyptic, historical thriller, contemporary, mystery, and fantasy.



Much of her writing reflects small-town living and aspects of rural poverty. She is the author of several young adult novels, including *A Long Stretch of Bad Days*, *The Last Laugh*, *The Initial Insult*, *Heroine*, *The Female of the Species*, and *A Madness So Discreet*.

This event is free and open to anyone age 13 and up. For more information about the author and her work, visit mindymcginnis.com.

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Adventure Begins at Your Library!

The Summer Reading Challenge is underway, with fun in store for all ages

This year's "Adventure Begins at Your Library" Summer Reading Challenge is taking place now through July 27, 2024. The event features reading challenges for all ages, and a full slate of adventure-themed summer fun.

Children's Challenge Info

Kids can either pick up a reading & activity log at any DPLS library, or log their reading on **Beanstack** (defiancelibrary.beanstack.org). Kids who register will receive a free book, while supplies last! Upon registration, kids age 3 to grade 6 will also receive a dog tag, chain, and beads. Children birth-age 2 will get a toy link. Complete the challenge for a chance to win the grand prize: KNOWLEDGE! Just kidding; it's tickets to King's Island. **All participants must register & pick up prizes at their home library.**

Teen & Adult Challenge Info

We challenge you to read at least 480 minutes this summer! Read at least 60 minutes per week to be entered into our weekly prize drawings for \$5 gift cards to local ice cream/coffee shops. Complete the challenge for a chance to win one of our Grand Prizes. (Each DPLS location will have weekly winners, and a Grand Prize winner.) Weekly winners will be announced each Monday beginning June 10. Grand prize winners will be announced by Aug. 1.

Prizes for the Summer Reading Challenge are sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, & Johnson Memorial libraries.

For more information about our summer events & to register for the Challenge, visit defiancelibrary.org/summer



New Date Set for 'Bigfoot in Ohio'

Originally set to take place in July, the 'Bigfoot in Ohio' program has been rescheduled and will now take place Saturday, Aug. 3, beginning at 11 a.m. at Defiance Public Library.

The Southeastern Ohio Bigfoot Society has investigated many areas of the state for the existence of the elusive Bigfoot. They will share evidence and stories of their investigations in the Nellie Gary Reading Room. This special presentation is free and open to all ages. No registration is needed.

Children's Theatre Workshop Coming to DPL

THE TOLEDO CHILDREN'S THEATRE WORKSHOP'S
TOURING COMPANY PRESENTS:
TWINKLE TWINKLE, LITTLE STAR

MONDAY, JULY 15
6:00 PM

IN THE SUMMER
READING TENT AT
DEFIANCE PUBLIC
LIBRARY

FREE & OPEN TO ALL
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PUBLIC LIBRARY


CHILDREN'S
THEATRE
WORKSHOP

Join us in the Summer Reading Tent on the Fort Grounds on July 15 at 6PM as the **Toledo Children's Theatre Workshop** presents: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star!

A new galactic recruit, a missing star, and a bit of unexpected mayhem create the world of the Star Keepers. Every night, the Star Keepers must make sure each star is awake and ready to shine, but what happens when one goes missing? You follow the Procedures, of course! This interactive play takes little ones on a journey that reminds all of us that mistakes happen, but no problem is too big if you ask for help.

This family event is free and open to all, sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. No registration is needed.

A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...




Register: defiancelibrary.org/barn


DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
PRESENTS

HISTORIC BARNs OF OHIO

WITH ARTIST & WRITER ROBERT KROEGER



July 5, 2024
11:00AM - 1:00PM
Defiance Public Library (Nellie Gary Reading Room)
Open to all ages - Registration required!
Register: defiancelibrary.org/barn or call 419-782-1456



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THERE & BACK AGAIN

A HOBBIT-INSPIRED OUTDOOR
FANTASY SCAVENGER HUNT

JULY 22, 2024
10:30AM

AT THE HICKSVILLE WALKING TRAIL



FREE & OPEN TO
EVERYONE
NO REGISTRATION



CRYPTIDS OF THE CORN

at Defiance Public Library
320 Fort Street



Cryptids of the Corn is a podcast exploring cryptids, UFOs, & conspiracies that exist surrounding the cornfields. Hosts Justin & Jay will visit & share a few of the fascinating mysteries they've encountered!

July 9, 2024
6:00 PM
Geared to adults
No registration needed!

PETTING ZOO

AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY
117 N. HARRISON STREET

JULY 25, 2024
10:00AM

COURTESY OF THE BOB ZEEDYK FAMILY!
FREE & OPEN TO EVERYONE!

In other news...

Defiance Public & Sherwood Branch libraries will be closed Thursday, July 4, for Independence Day. (Johnson Memorial Library is regularly closed on Thursdays.) We hope all our friends and patrons enjoy a fun and safe holiday!

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its next regular meeting on Wednesday, July 31, beginning at 5PM at Defiance Public Library. Meetings of the board and its committees are open to the public.

Taking a vacation? Snap a pic with the front of your library card and share on Facebook, Instagram or X and tag @dplslibraries, or email it to tmlawson@defiancelibrary.org for a chance to win a gift card to Apache Dairy Bar! Contest is underway now through July 27.

The free summer lunch program for kids continues through July 27 at Sherwood Branch. Lunches are available Mondays through Thursdays (no lunch on Fridays or July 4) from 12:15-12:45 p.m. at the library & Ney Park to anyone under age 18, or 18-21 with a disability. Stay and eat at the library, or grab a lunch and go.

Hoopla Flex Titles Added in July

Hoopla is a digital borrowing service that provides DPLS cardholders access to audiobooks, ebooks, music, movies, magazines, and TV shows, for free! To see what's available, download hoopla from the App or Google Play stores, or visit defiancelibrary.org.

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

Audiobooks:

The Black Bird Oracle by Deborah Harkness (7/16)

Eruption by Michael Crichton

The Summer Pact by Emily Giffin (7/9)

Ebooks:

The Black Bird Oracle by Deborah Harkness (7/16)

Eruption by Michael Crichton

The Grandest Game by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (7/30)

The Summer Pact by Emily Giffin (7/9)



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



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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

July

AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
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| <p>30 9AM-4:30PM: HISTORY ENCAMPMENT AT PONTIAC PARK</p> <p>10AM-4PM: ART IN THE PARK</p> | <p>1 ADULT SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST BEGINS!</p> <p>4-7PM: FIX-IT CLINIC**</p> <p>4:30-6:30P: MESSTIVAL</p> | <p>2 10:30AM: STORYTIME ADVENTURES</p> <p>4-6PM: CHESS CLUB</p> <p>4:30PM: CAMPFIRE SAFETY & SONGS</p> | <p>3 10:30AM: STORYTIME ADVENTURES</p> | <p>4 DPLS CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY</p> | <p>5 11AM: HISTORIC BARN OF OHIO**</p> | <p>6 2PM: VIRTUAL PIRATE MACRAME**</p> |
| <p>7</p> | <p>8 10AM: YOGA**</p> <p>6PM: SILENT BOOK CLUB</p> <p>6PM: EXPLORE WEATHER</p> <p>6PM: PAINT POURING**</p> | <p>9 10:30AM: STORYTIME ADVENTURE</p> <p>4PM: FIBER ARTS CLUB</p> <p>4:30P: STORY STONES</p> <p>6PM: CRYPTIDS OF THE CORN</p> | <p>10 10:30AM: STORYTIME ADVENTURES</p> | <p>11 10:30AM: STORY STONES</p> <p>4-6PM: TEEN NIGHT</p> <p>6PM: MYSTERY BOOK CLUB</p> | <p>12 10:30AM: FARM ANIMAL ADVENTURE</p> | <p>13</p> |
| <p>14</p> | <p>15 10AM: YOGA**</p> <p>4-6P: CRAFTERTEENS</p> <p>5PM: PIRATE MACRAME**</p> <p>6PM: HISTORY BUFFS</p> <p>6PM: TOLEDO CHILDREN'S THEATRE: TWINKLE, TWINKLE</p> | <p>16 10:30AM: STORYTIME ADVENTURE</p> <p>4:30PM: FACT OR FICTION?</p> | <p>17 10:30AM: STORYTIME ADVENTURES</p> | <p>18 10AM: READERS' CIRCLE BOOK CLUB</p> <p>10:30AM: (STUFFED) PUPPY ADOPTION PARTY**</p> <p>4-6PM: TEEN NIGHT</p> <p>6PM: AUTHOR VISIT: MINDY MCGINNIS</p> | <p>19</p> | <p>20 11AM: ADVENTURE ARCHIVES</p> |
| <p>21  ANIMAL TRACKS SCAVENGER HUNT STARTS MONDAY IN THE CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT!</p> | <p>22 10AM-NOON: STEAM CAMP**</p> <p>4-6P: CROCHET FOR A CAUSE (TEENS)</p> <p>6PM: ROZ PUPPETS ON THE FORT GROUNDS!</p> | <p>23 10AM-NOON: STEAM CAMP**</p> <p>4:30PM: (STUFFED) PUPPY ADOPTION PARTY**</p> <p>6PM: PRIDE (LGBTQ+) BOOK CLUB</p> | <p>24 10AM-NOON: STEAM CAMP**</p> <p>10:30A: STORYWALK STORYTIME AT BRONSON PARK</p> | <p>25 10AM-NOON: STEAM CAMP**</p> <p>4-6PM: TEEN NIGHT</p> | <p>26 6-9PM: SECRETS OF THE NILE TEEN LOCK-IN**</p> | <p>27</p> |
| <p>28</p> | <p>29</p> | <p>30 5PM: NALBINDING - ANCIENT TEXTILE CRAFT**</p> | <p>31 ADULT SHORT STORY WRITING CONTEST ENDS!</p> <p>5PM: BOARD OF TRUSTEES AT DPL</p> |  | | |

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VISIT THE ONLINE CALENDAR FOR EVENT DETAILS!

July

AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

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| 30 | 1 1:00-2:00PM: PLAY DOH HOUR | 2 1:00-2:00PM: BOARD GAME FUN | 3 WHERE IN THE WORLD? WEDNESDAY 1:00-2:00PM: PLAY DOH HOUR | 4 DPLS CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY | 5 | 6 2PM: VIRTUAL/ONLINE CLASS - PIRATE MACRAME** |
| 7 | 8 1:00-3:00PM: LEGO FUN | 9 1PM: BLANKET- MAKING FOR PETS IN NEED** 4-6PM: GAMING LEAGUE | 10 WHERE IN THE WORLD? WEDNESDAY 1PM: SAND DAY VENTURES 3PM: BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB | 11 1PM: CAMP FRAMES 4:30PM: STORYTIME | 12 | 13 |
| 14 | 15 1-2PM: TYE DYING** | 16 1:00-2:00PM: PLAY DOH HOUR 6-8PM: AMAZING RACE** | 17 WHERE IN THE WORLD? WEDNESDAY 1PM: EXPLORE LILY CREEK FARMS | 18 1PM: SALAMANDER STUNTS 4:30PM: INCLUSIVE STORYTIME WITH BOARD OF DD | 19 5:30-8PM: FAMILY FORT NIGHT** | 20 10AM- NOON: PERLER BEAD PARTY |
| 21 | 22 1PM: PAINTED ROCK PHOTO HOLDERS | 23 1:00-2:00PM: PLAY DOH HOUR 5PM: PIRATE MACRAME** | 24 WHERE IN THE WORLD? WEDNESDAY 1PM: WATER PLAY DAY | 25 10AM: PETTING ZOO 1:00-2:00PM: BOARD GAMES 4:30PM: STORYTIME | 26 | 27 |
| 28 | 29 | 30 10:30AM: INCLUSIVE BOOK CLUB | 31 5PM: BOARD MEETING AT DPL | Background image of red, white, and blue stars. | | |

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AT JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

| S | M | T | W | T | F | S |
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| 30 | 1 | 2 10:30AM: WATER PLAY DAY 5:00-7:00PM: WRITERS' GROUP | 3 10:30AM: STORYTIME AROUND THE WORLD | 4 DPLS CLOSED FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY | 5 | 6 2PM: VIRTUAL/ONLINE CLASS - PIRATE MACRAME** |
| 7 | 8 5:30PM: HISTORY OF MIXOLOGY (21+)** | 9 10:30AM: EVERYTHING IS FOSSIL-BLE** | 10 10:30AM: STORYTIME AROUND THE WORLD | 11 | 12 10:30AM: ARCHAEOLOGICAL DIG | 13 1-3PM: SECRETS OF THE NILE TEEN LOCK-IN** |
| 14 | 15 4:30PM: BACKYARD ASTRONOMY | 16 10:30AM: HOOKED ON BOOKS BOOK CLUB | 17 10:30AM: STORYTIME AROUND THE WORLD | 18 | 19 1PM: PLANET PARTY** | 20 |
| 21 | 22 10:30AM: THERE & BACK AGAIN AT THE HICKSVILLE WALKING TRAIL | 23 | 24 10:30AM: STORYTIME AROUND THE WORLD | 25 | 26 11AM: ELEVENSES** | 27 |
| 28 | 29 5PM: DECOUPAGE ADVENTURE** | 30 4PM: LEGO CLUB | 31 5PM: BOARD MEETING AT DPL | July 31st - Independence Day | | |

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