

Shelf Life

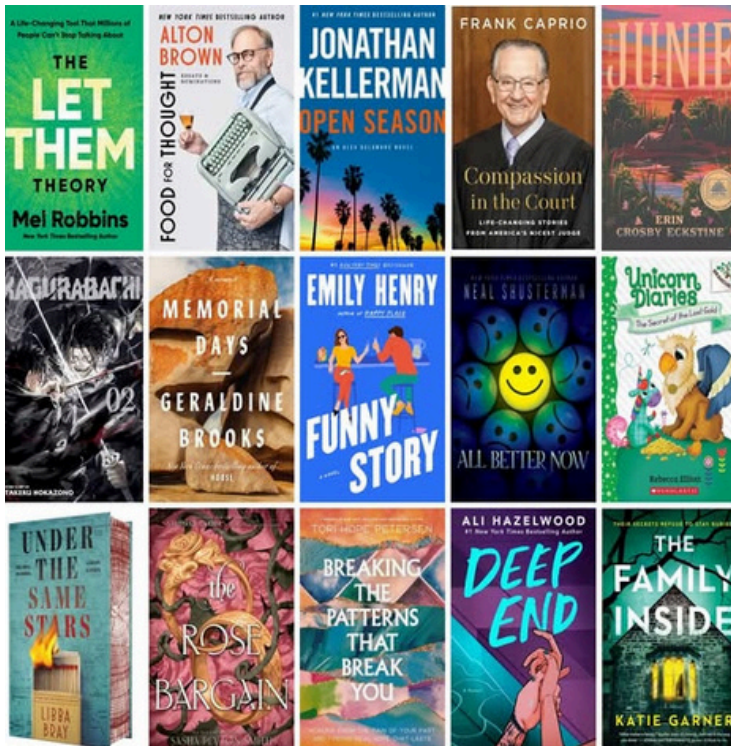
A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers this week include "The Let Them Theory: The Life-Changing Hack That Millions of People Can't Stop Talking About," "Food for Thought: Essays and Ruminations," and "Open Season: An Alex Delaware Novel."

To get a list of our newest materials delivered right to your inbox each month, visit wowbrary.org.



SEE OUR FEBRUARY CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS

CLOTHING FIX-IT CLINICS COMING TO DPL

JOIN OUR NEW BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

'TEEN WINTER CRAZE' READING CHALLENGE UNDERWAY NOW

FRIENDS OF SHERWOOD BRANCH HOST BOOK SALES

Join the 'Teen Winter Craze'

Grades 6-12 can win prizes just for reading during Defiance Public Library System's 2025 Teen Winter Craze reading challenge, taking place Feb. 1-28 on Beanstack (defiancelibrary.beanstack.org).

Participants will log the time they read, the books they finished, and any book reviews they wrote to be entered into the weekly prize drawings. The more they complete, the more tickets they earn. There will be two winners each week. One teen will win an awesome prize and the other a stinker!

All who participate will be entered into the grand prize drawing of a Mystery Box! Prizes are sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Don't forget to download the Beanstack Tracker app for easy, on-the-go logging!



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.

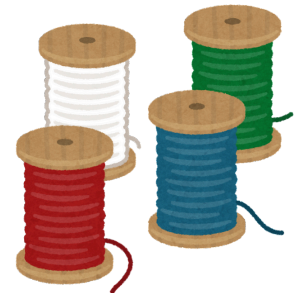
DPL MAKERSPACE OFFERING CLOTHING & TEXTILE FIX-IT CLINICS

Need help fixing a piece of clothing or other fabric item? The MakerSpace at Defiance Public Library will be offering several clothing and textile 'Fix-it Clinics' throughout the month of February. Space is limited and registration is required. Register online at defiancelibrary.org/calendar, or by contacting Cara at cbolley@defiancelibrary.org or 419-782-1456 ext. 1108. The deadline to register is 5PM on Feb. 14.

Upon registration, please tell us a little about the repair needed so we can be better prepared to assist you! Fix-it clinics will be offered on the following dates/times:



February 17, 5:00–7:00PM
February 18, 5:00–7:00PM
February 19, 10:00AM–noon
February 19, 2:00–4:00PM
February 20, 10:00AM–noon
February 21, 10:00AM–noon
February 21, 2:00–4:00PM



FIND YOUR NEXT GREAT READ AT THE FRIENDS OF SHERWOOD BRANCH BOOK SALES

The Friends of Sherwood Branch Library will hold a used book sale fundraiser every Saturday during February from 10AM–1PM in the library's community room. Books are available for a freewill donation, and proceeds support your Sherwood library!

Celebrating Black History Month

February is Black History Month, and DPLS patrons can immerse themselves in Black History with a variety of films, documentaries, books, and music all showcasing Black voices, culture, and history.

Visit hoopladigital.com and discover a selection of stories worth celebrating all year long, from powerful documentaries to inspiring books, hoopla's Black History collection highlights the many achievements and contributions of Black individuals.



Resource Spotlight: Very Short Introductions

Very Short Introductions offers concise and original introductions to a wide range of subjects. Expert authors combine facts, analysis, new insights, and enthusiasm to make often challenging topics highly readable to develop your core knowledge.

Whatever your area of study, whatever the topic that fascinates you, the series is an indispensable and accessible guide that will enrich your understanding. Introduce yourself to a wide range of subjects—from public health to Buddhist ethics, soft matter to classics, art history to globalization, and much more!

Find it in our Digital Resources menu at defiancelibrary.org/digital

A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...

BOOK OF THE MONTH CLUB

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
AGES 13-25

**PICK UP A NEW Y.A. TITLE, CRAFT,
AND SNACK EACH MONTH!**

SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS WITH OTHER READERS.
IF YOU CHOOSE, ON DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY'S
PADLET PAGE, 'DEAR YA READERS.'

**READ DETAILS AND REGISTER AT
DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG/MONTH**



VISIT OUR
PADLET



CRAFT EXCHANGE

Clean out your old supplies and exchange
them with other crafters and artists.
Stop by for a few minutes, stay for a while,
or visit more than once.
Please only bring clean usable supplies. Anything left
behind will be considered donations if other
arrangements are not made.

SHERWOOD - MARCH 4TH 1-7 PM

HICKSVILLE - APRIL 14TH 1-7 PM

**DEFIANCE - MARCH 18TH-22ND
(DURING LIBRARY OPEN HOURS)**



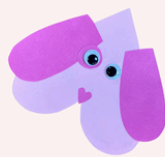
Valentine's Day CARD WORKSHOP



**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 10
4:00 PM**

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Three kid-friendly card stations available!
Open to all ages | No registration



Join Us

FRIENDS OF Sherwood Branch February 11 7:00PM

**at Sherwood Branch Library
117 N. Harrison Street**

Join us for cookies and a
walk-through of our website
with Communications
Coordinator Taryn Lawson



In other news...

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, February 26, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m. at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

New digital accessibility tools are now available at defiancelibrary.org. Click the accessibility icon at the bottom right of the screen to find a suite of tools ranging from translation and screen-masking to color options and more.

Romance readers, Defiance Public Library has formed a new book club just for you. The Swoon Society Book Club for adults 18+ meets at Defiance Public Library on the 4th Monday of each month from 6:00-7:00PM. To see what we're reading next, visit defiancelibrary.org/swoon

Check out Museum Passes at DPL



Did you know your DPLS library card grants you free access to a variety of museums and cultural destinations around the region? Check out passes to the Akron Zoo, the Armstrong Air and Space Museum, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, and more.

Passes are available for checkout to all DPLS adult patrons in good standing, and must be picked up at Defiance Public Library. To request or reserve a pass, call the library at 419-782-1456.

For more information about the Museum Pass program, visit defiancelibrary.org/pass.

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

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

FEBRUARY

AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
<p>26</p> <p>FINAL WEEK OF THE WINTER READING CHALLENGE!</p>	<p>27</p> <p>4-6PM: CROCHET FOR A CAUSE</p> <p>5:30-6PM: FAMILY STORYTIME (AGES 0-6)</p> <p>6PM: HISTORY BUFFS CLUB</p> <p>6PM: SWOON SOCIETY ROMANCE BOOK CLUB</p>	<p>28</p> <p>10:30-11AM: READ, RHYME, & ROMP (0-2)</p> <p>11-11:30AM: STORYTIME (2-6)</p> <p>4-7PM: TEEN TUESDAY</p> <p>4:30PM: KIDS EXPLORE: DIY LIBRARY CARD HOLDER</p> <p>6PM: LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB (18+)</p>	<p>29</p> <p>5PM: BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY</p>	<p>30</p> <p>10:30AM: KIDS EXPLORE - DIY LIBRARY CARD HOLDER</p> <p>4:00-7:30PM: TEEN NIGHT</p>	<p>31</p>	<p>1</p> <p>TEEN WINTER CRAZE BEGINS!</p> <p>TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY! SPIN THE PRIZE WHEEL</p>
<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>5:30PM: STORYTIME</p>	<p>4</p> <p>10:30A: READ, RHYME, ROMP</p> <p>11:00AM: STORYTIME</p> <p>4:30PM: KIDS EXPLORE GREENHOUSES</p> <p>4-6PM: CHESS CLUB</p> <p>4-7PM: TEEN TUESDAY</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p> <p>10:30A: KIDS EXPLORE GREENHOUSES</p> <p>10:30AM: SCAM PROOF YOUR LIFE</p> <p>3PM: SCAM PROOF YOUR LIFE</p> <p>4-7:30PM: TEEN NIGHT</p> <p>5PM: SNAP ED</p> <p>5:30PM: GED PROGRAM</p>	<p>7</p>	<p>8</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>5PM: DIY CANDLES *WAITLIST*</p> <p>5:30PM: STORYTIME</p>	<p>11</p> <p>10:30A: READ, RHYME, ROMP</p> <p>11:00AM: STORYTIME</p> <p>4:30PM: LEGO FREE PLAY</p> <p>4-7PM: TEEN TUESDAY</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>10AM: READERS' CIRCLE</p> <p>10:30A: LEGO FREE PLAY</p> <p>4-7PM: FIBER ART CLUB</p> <p>4-7:30P: TEEN NIGHT</p> <p>6PM: MYSTERY BOOK CLUB</p>	<p>14</p> <p><i>Happy Valentine's Day</i></p>	<p>15</p>
<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>4-6PM: CRAFTERTEENS</p> <p>5-7PM: FIX IT CLINIC - CLOTHING**</p> <p>5:30PM: STORYTIME</p> <p>6PM: HISTORY BUFFS</p>	<p>18</p> <p>10:30A: READ, RHYME, ROMP</p> <p>11:00AM: STORYTIME</p> <p>4:30PM: KIDS EXPLORE - DOG MAN</p> <p>5-7PM: CLOTHING FIX-IT CLINIC**</p> <p>4-7PM: TEEN TUESDAY</p>	<p>19</p> <p>10AM-NOON: CLOTHING FIX-IT CLINIC**</p> <p>2-4PM: CLOTHING FIX-IT CLINIC**</p>	<p>20</p> <p>10A-NOON: CLOTHING FIX-IT CLINIC**</p> <p>10:30A: RETIREMENT PLANNING</p> <p>10:30: KIDS EXPLORE - DOG MAN</p> <p>4-7:30P: TEEN NIGHT</p> <p>5PM: ESTATE PLANNING</p>	<p>21</p> <p>10AM-NOON: CLOTHING FIX-IT CLINIC**</p> <p>2-4PM: CLOTHING FIX-IT CLINIC**</p>	<p>22</p>
<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>4-6PM: CROCHET FOR A CAUSE</p> <p>5:30PM: STORYTIME</p> <p>6PM: ROMANCE BOOK CLUB (18+)</p>	<p>25</p> <p>10:30A: READ, RHYME, ROMP</p> <p>11:00AM: STORYTIME</p> <p>4:30PM: KIDS EXPLORE - SNOWSTORMS</p> <p>4-7PM: TEEN TUESDAY</p> <p>6PM: LGBTQ+ BOOK CLUB (18+)</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p> <p>10:30AM: KIDS EXPLORE - SNOWSTORMS</p> <p>4-7:30PM: TEEN NIGHT</p>	<p>28</p>	

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FEBRUARY

AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27	28 10:30-11:30AM: INCLUSIVE BOOK CLUB WITH DEFIANCE CO. BOARD OF DD 5PM: DIY CANDLE MAKING *WAITLIST	29 5PM: LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY	30	31 TEEN WINTER CRAZE KICKS OFF FEBRUARY !	1 10AM: A DOG-GONE FUN EVENT - JOIN THE K9 FORCE 10AM-1PM: FRIENDS BOOK SALE
2	3	4	5	6 4:30PM: STORYTIME TRIBE	7	8 10AM-1PM: FRIENDS OF SBL BOOK SALE
9	10 5PM: SPONGE TREE CRAFT**	11 4PM: GAMING LEAGUE (GRADES 6-12) 7PM: FRIENDS OF SBL MEETING	12 3PM: BOOKWORMS BOOK CLUB	13 4:30PM: STORYTIME TRIBE	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 10AM-12:30PM: LET IT SNOW SIGN CRAFT** 10AM-1PM: FRIENDS OF SBL BOOK SALE
16	17	18 4-6PM: LEGO CLUB	19	20 4:30PM: STORYTIME TRIBE	21	22 10AM-NOON: PLAY DOH PARTY 10AM-1PM: FRIENDS BOOK SALE
23	24	25 10:30-11:30AM: INCLUSIVE BOOK CLUB	26	27 4:30PM: STORYTIME TRIBE	28	

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FEBRUARY

AT JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
26	27 5PM: STEM MONDAY	28 4-5PM: LEGO CLUB	29 10:30AM: OPEN PLAY DAY (AGES 0-5) 5PM: LIBRARY BOARD MEETING AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY	30	31	1 TEEN WINTER CRAZE BEGINS! TAKE YOUR CHILD TO THE LIBRARY DAY! SPIN THE PRIZE WHEEL
2	3 5PM: DIY CANDLES *WAITLIST*	4 4-5:30PM: WRITERS' CLUB	5 10:30AM: STORYTIME	6	7	8 10:30AM: BASIC COMPUTER REPAIR**
9	10 4PM: VALENTINE'S DAY CARD WORKSHOP	11 5PM: MINI SOCK KNITTING CLASS 3/4 *RSVP CLOSED*	12 10:30AM: STORYTIME	13	14 <i>Happy Valentine's Day</i>	15 10:30AM: LOVE WREATH CRAFT**
16	17	18 10:30AM: HOOKED ON BOOKS BOOK CLUB 5PM: MINI SOCK KNITTING CLASS 4/4 *RSVP CLOSED*	19 10:30AM: STORYTIME	20	21	22
23	24 5PM: DIY YARN ART**	25 4-5PM: LEGO CLUB	26 10:30AM: STORYTIME	27	28	

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