

Shelf Life

A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers include "I'll Have What She's Having" and "Far from Home." New movies this week include "Conclave," "Gladiator II," and "Kraven the Hunter."

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



SEE OUR MARCH CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS

JML RECEIVES 2 GRANTS FOR RENOVATIONS

OHIO HISTORICAL MARKER ARRIVES FOR WORTHINGTON CEMETERY

JML, SBL FRIENDS PLAN ANNUAL FUNDRAISERS

NEW 'BOOK OF THE MONTH' CLUB FOR AGES 13-25

JML Friends Get Grants for Renovation Project

Congratulations to the Johnson Memorial Library Friends for receiving not one, but two grants recently for the second phase of remodel and renovations at the library!

The Friends accepted a \$7,500 grant from the Hicksville Community Fund, a fund under the Defiance Area Foundation umbrella, as well as a second check, matching the \$7,500, from Jim and Karen Schmidt.

Pictured for both grant gifts include (L to R) Jim and Karen Schmidt, Beth Headley, Dawn Hostetler, Mary Kay Schimko and Susan Mack - all board members of the Johnson Memorial Library Friends, and Chris Yoder - Executive Director at Defiance Area Foundation.



Congrats to 'Friends' Lithograph Raffle Winner



Raffle tickets to win the P. Buckley Moss lithograph pictured here have been on sale at Defiance Public Library for the past several months. Moss was an American artist known primarily for her paintings depicting rural Virginia. Following a drawing held February 14, Jane Cox was named winner of the raffle! Thank you to everyone who purchased one or more tickets in support of the Friends.

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

OHIO HISTORICAL MARKER ARRIVES FOR WORTHINGTON CEMETERY

PICTURED HERE WITH THE MARKER ARE DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM'S LOCAL HISTORY SPECIALIST SARAH MARSHALL (LEFT) AND REFERENCE AND TECHNICAL SERVICES MANAGER RENEE HOPPER.



Following a years-long effort by several groups and organizations to identify and properly mark Defiance County's only known historic Black cemetery, an official Ohio Historical Marker for the site has been received and will be installed in the spring, followed by a special dedication ceremony to be held at the site on June 19 (Juneteenth).

Worthington Cemetery is located on Bowman Road in Highland Township, about a quarter mile east of Ohio 15.

Many community members and groups (plus some skilled canines) played a role in securing the marker, including Defiance Public Library System's (DPLS) Local History Specialist Sarah Marshall; DPLS Reference and Technical Services Manager Renee Hopper; Berne Heilshorn; Kentucky-based KYK9 (Jennifer Jordan Hall, Taylor Bryan, Pocket and Wick); Eric Hubbard and Chris LaMack of the University of Pennsylvania (GPR surveying); the Defiance Area Foundation (grant funding), the Friends of Defiance Public Library (DPL); Jay Budde; Terry Howarth; Defiance Citizens in Action; the Defiance County Commissioners; and Ohio History Connection.

"This marker helps preserve a unique piece of Defiance County history, and I am humbled to have been a part of the process," Hopper said.

Also assisting were Defiance College affiliates Steven Bare, Ph.D., assistant professor of history; Angela Sosebee; Alexandra Bevins; Caia Bevins; and Tyler Taylor. Many community volunteers aided in the effort, from researching and sharing information, to probing the ground at the site to release scent for the K9s.

Marshall came across the little-known cemetery while conducting research for the Defiance Public Library's annual Riverside Cemetery history tour. Using websites like defiancecountygenealogy.org, findagrave.com, and ancestry.com, as well as local connections, helped paint a more complete picture of the land and its owner, Archibald Worthington.

"The Ohio Historic Marker for Worthington Cemetery will serve to honor who lived and are buried in Highland Township. All of the research and time has been for this purpose," Marshall said.

A full history of the project is available to read at defiancelibrary.org/blog.

Join us at these upcoming Friends Fundraisers

The Friends of Sherwood Branch Library will host a 'Trivia on Tap' fundraiser on March 11 at Iron Horse Brews, 101 N. Harrison St., Sherwood.

Doors open at 5PM, and trivia begins at 6PM.

The cost is \$10/person to play, and a full food and drink menu will be available for purchase.

Proceeds support Sherwood Branch Library!

The Friends of Sherwood Branch Library present:

Trivia on Tap

March 11, 2025

Iron Horse Brews
101 N. Harrison St.
Sherwood

Doors open at 5:00 PM
Trivia starts at 6:00 PM

\$10/person at the door to play
Proceeds benefit Sherwood Branch Library!

Register a team of up to 6 players by calling 419-899-4343. Walk-ins welcome!

Prizes for 1st & 2nd place!

Full food & drink menu available for purchase!

Plant & Sip Returns to April's Greenhouse

Enjoy a beautiful evening of wine and charcuterie and support Hicksville's Johnson Memorial Library at the same time during the Friends of JML's annual Plant and Sip fundraiser, taking place April 25 beginning at 6:30PM at April's Greenhouse, 1025 US 127, Bryan. Attendees will be creating a salad bowl complete with lettuce planted inside!

Tickets are on sale now at Johnson Memorial Library! Ticket cost is \$150 for a table for four, with 10 tables available. Payment will be collected at time of reservation. The deadline to purchase tickets is April 23.



PLANT AND SIP

Fundraiser for Johnson Memorial Library

Friday, April 25th 6:30PM

Limited Space Available
\$150 Per Table of Four
Ages 21 + Only

Visit Johnson Memorial Library to Register

Registration Upon Payment



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
DEFIANCETLIBRARY.ORG/MONTH



VISIT OUR
PADLET



DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

SUSAN PAULUS

AUTHOR VISITS &
BOOK SIGNINGS



Paulus will discuss her books, *Come Walk with Me* (a Christian devotional) & *Forever Love* (a book of poetry).

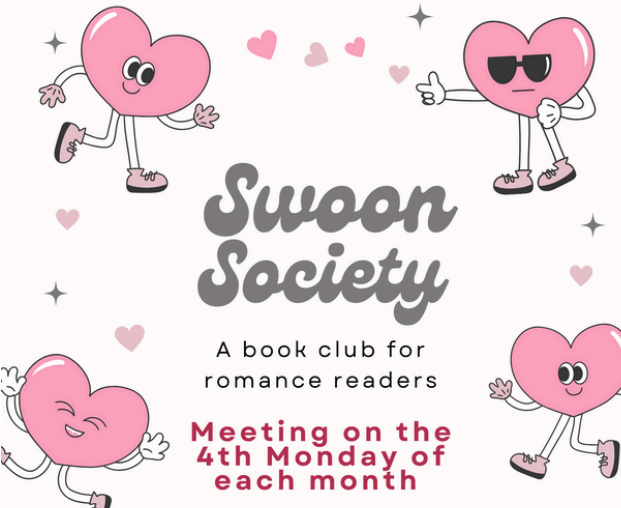
**OPEN TO ADULTS
BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE**

**JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY (HICKSVILLE)
MARCH 3 | 4:00 PM**

**DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
MARCH 27 | 5:30 PM**



**NO
REGISTRATION
NEEDED**

Swoon Society

A book club for romance readers

Meeting on the 4th Monday of each month

6:00-7:00PM
Defiance Public Library

18+ only

We will read widely in the genre, focusing on diverse voices and including every kind of love story.

See back for book selections!



Spring Cleaning 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)

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In other news...

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its next regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 26, 2025, beginning at 5 p.m. at Sherwood Branch Library. 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.

Now your DPLS library card grants you access to museums and cultural destinations around the region. We are thrilled to partner with a number of exciting and educational locations to offer our Defiance County patrons a variety of experiences for free! Learn more at defiancelibrary.org/pass

DPLS OFFERS HOMEBOUND DELIVERY SERVICE

Unable to visit the library in person? Have the library brought to you!



Defiance Public Library System offers free delivery of materials to eligible individuals. Contact your DPLS location to set up delivery of your preference of books, magazines, movies, audiobooks, large-print materials, and music.

To find out more about our Homebound Delivery Service, call the library at 419-782-1456.

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