

Shelf Life

A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers include "I Am Maria: My Reflections and Poems on Heartbreak, Healing, and Finding Your Way Home," "Hungry Girl Sheet Pan Cookbook: One-Pan Wonders Under 400 Calories," and "The Sirens."

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



SEE OUR APRIL CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS

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ART IN THE PARK NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS



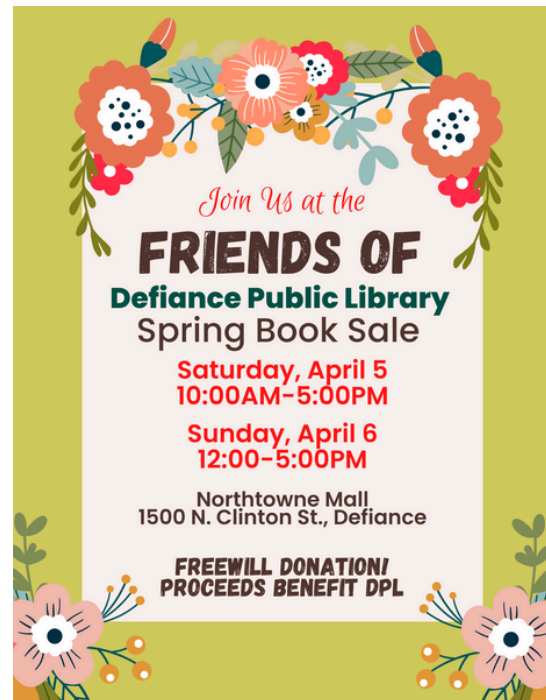
Friends of DPL Hosting Annual Spring Book Sale

Looking for your next great read? The Friends of Defiance Public Library will be hosting their annual Spring Book Sale on Saturday, April 5, from 10:00AM to 5:00PM, and Sunday, April 6, from noon to 5:00PM, at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance.

There, you'll find a wide assortment of genres, all available for a freewill donation, including fiction, nonfiction, cookbooks, children's books, and much more.

Proceeds from the sale help support programs and services at Defiance Public Library.

We hope to see many of our friends and patrons there!



News from hoopla: New Flex Titles Added



DOWNLOAD THE HOOPLA APP FROM THE APPLE APP OR GOOGLE PLAY STORES!

hoopla users can reduce the time they spend waiting for their favorite books by taking advantage of hoopla Flex. In addition to 6 instant borrows per month, you can also access up to 8 specially marked Flex titles. New to Flex this month are:

Audiobooks:

Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry (4/22)
It Starts With Us by Colleen Hoover
The Griffin Sisters' Greatest Hits by Jennifer Weiner (4/8)
The Perfect Divorce by Jeneva Rose (4/15)

Ebooks:

Beach Vibes by Susan Mallery
Great Big Beautiful Life by Emily Henry (4/22)
Sunrise on the Reaping by Suzanne Collins
The Perfect Divorce by Jeneva Rose (pub 4/15)

THE PLANT LIBRARY RETURNS TO DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY!



If you've driven by Defiance Public Library recently (or if you follow us on Facebook), you may have noticed that our Plant Library has returned to the parking lot. The Plant Library is a community project we are happy to house! Community members are invited to stop by and leave plants or bulbs they don't need, and take what they will use. Be sure to label your plants or bulbs, so everyone knows what they're getting! Also, please make sure to place all plants and bulbs inside the cart.

Materials to build the Plant Library were purchased with a grant from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), secured by Defiance Elementary School teacher Julie Houck. The cart itself was built and delivered by the Defiance Dream Center.



DPLS 2024 ANNUAL REPORT AVAILABLE NOW

2024 was a year of growth, community connection, innovation, and discovery at all three Defiance Public Library System locations. Those who'd like to take an in-depth look at details provided by each of our departments, including the 2024 financial report, a donor list, circulation statistics, program offerings, letters from Library Director Cara Potter and Board President Laura Rath Connor, and much more can download the report now at defiancelibrary.org (find it in the "About" menu at the top of the screen). In addition, hard copies of the report are available inside the Defiance, Sherwood, and Hicksville libraries.

Ohio Libraries Need Your Help!

The Ohio House of Representatives is currently working on the state budget for the next two years. The House budget proposal eliminates the Public Library Fund (PLF) and replaces it with a line-item appropriation, representing a \$100 million cut to library funding compared to Governor DeWine's budget proposal.

Ohio's public libraries depend on funding from the state's Public Library Fund to sustain not only day-to-day operations, but also the books, resources, programs, and services that many Ohioans, from children to seniors, rely on.

How can you help? Visit ohiohouse.gov to find your state representative, contact them before April 9, and ask them to restore the PLF to the amount in the Governor's proposal. Share a personal story, if you have one, about how much your library means to you!



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...



YOU ARE INVITED TO

SPRING BREAK

AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

April 19 | 10AM-1PM
April 21 | 10AM-7PM

School-aged children can stop in and enjoy a guessing jar, scavenger hunt, crafts, and more!

NO REGISTRATION



OHIO SNAP-ED
Better food choices for healthier budgets.

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY & SNAP-ED PRESENT:

Being HEALTHY IS FUN

APRIL 17, 24, MAY 1
Ages 3-6: 10:30 AM
Ages 7-11: 11:15 AM
at Defiance Public Library

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED
REGISTRATION OPENS 3/20, ENDS 4/14 AT 5PM

JOIN US AS WE LEARN THE BASICS OF HEALTHY EATING, THE IMPORTANCE OF PLAY, AND LEARN ABOUT KITCHEN SAFETY WHILE WE MAKE A HEALTHY SNACK!

REGISTER AGES 3-6: DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG/HEALTHY1
REGISTER AGES 7-11: DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG/HEALTHY2
OR CALL 419-782-1456

THE GOLDEN AGE OF OHIO HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' BASKETBALL

(1956-70)

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WITH DR. MATTHEW J. GLADMAN

APRIL 19 | 11:00 AM
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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OR CALL 419-782-1456

A SCHOLASTIC SPORTS PHENOMENON!

GEARED TO ADULTS




COLOR OUR WORLD

Summer Reading Challenge

June 1 - July 26
All ages

Read, log, WIN. Register at defiancelibrary.beanstack.org, or scan the QR code!



Find events & activities for all ages at defiancelibrary.org/calendar



In other news...

The Friends of Defiance Public Library's annual Art in the Park event is set for Sunday, June 29, 2025, from 10AM to 4PM at the Defiance Fort Grounds. If you're interested in becoming a vendor, read details and download a vendor application at defiancelibrary.org

Defiance Public and Johnson Memorial libraries will close early, at 4PM, on Friday, April 18, for Good Friday. (Sherwood Branch is regularly closed Fridays.) The libraries will reopen Saturday at 10AM.

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold their regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 30, beginning at 5PM at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

FAREWELL TO CFO NANCY ROEHRIG!



It was with heavy hearts that DPLS bid farewell this week to our longtime Chief Fiscal Officer, Nancy Roehrig.

We extend deep gratitude to Nancy for her commitment to the library system during a career that spanned 11 years, and wish her the best of luck in her future endeavors!

*THANK YOU NANCY, & YOU
WILL BE MISSED!*

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Hicksville, Ohio 43526
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