

Shelf Life

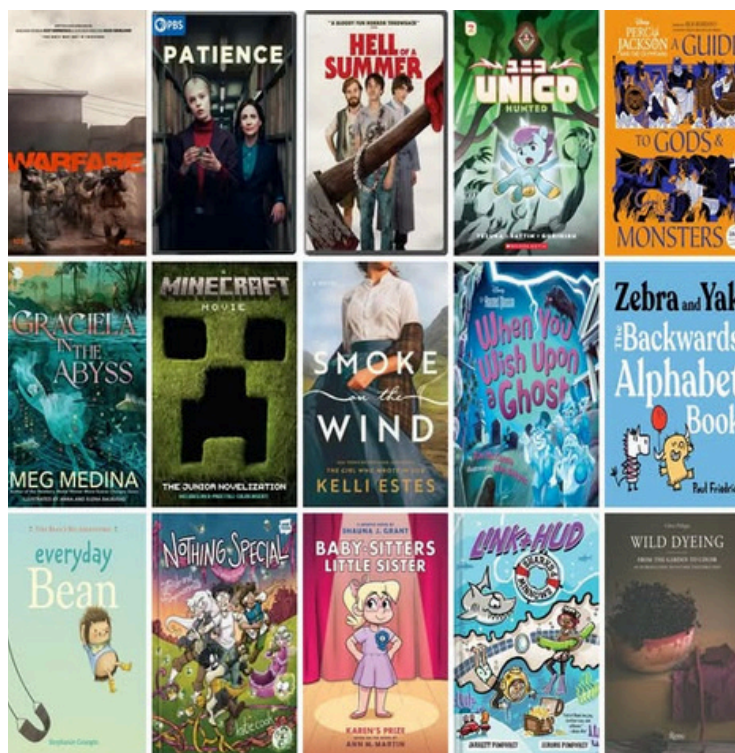
A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

There are 28 new children's books this week, and a selection of new movies, including "Warfare [Blu-ray]," "Patience," and "Hell of a Summer."

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



**SEE OUR JULY
CALENDAR OF
PROGRAMS & EVENTS**

**'LAURA INGALLS WILDER'
RETURNS TO THE
LIBRARIES**

**JOIN THE 'COLOR OUR
WORLD' SUMMER
READING CHALLENGE!**

**NEW SERVICE OFFERED
FOR THE BLIND & PRINT
DISABLED**

**DEFCOM X ACCEPTING
VENDOR APPLICATIONS**

'Color our World' During Summer Reading 2025

Embark on a journey of art and creativity during Defiance Public Library System's 2025 'Color our World' Summer Reading Challenge. This year's event, underway now through July 26, features a full slate of programs and events for the whole family, plus the chance to win great prizes, including tickets to King's Island, during our reading challenges.

Participants can either log their reading on Beanstack (defiancelibrary.beanstack.org), or younger patrons can pick up a reading & activity log at any DPLS location (Defiance, Sherwood, or Hicksville).

For a complete listing of this year's events, visit defiancelibrary.org/calendar. Don't forget to download the Beanstack Tracker app from the Apple or Google Play stores for easy, on-the-go logging!



News from hoopla: New Flex Titles Added



FIND FLEX TITLES BY USING HOOPLA'S ADVANCED SEARCH, OR LOOK FOR ITEMS WITH THE LIGHTNING BOLT SYMBOL!

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 are:

Audiobooks:

Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid
Glorious Rivals by Jennifer Lynn Barnes (7/29)
Rage by Linda Castillo (7/8)
The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon
Woman in Suite 11 by Ruth Ware (7/8)

Ebooks:

Rage by Linda Castillo (7/8)
The Frozen River by Ariel Lawhon

DPL NOW A SIGNUP LOCATION FOR THE 'OHIO LIBRARY FOR THE BLIND & PRINT DISABLED' PROGRAM

Defiance Public Library is now a signup location for the Ohio Library for the Blind and Print Disabled (OLBPD). The OLBPD—a partnership between the State Library of Ohio, Cleveland Public Library, and the National Library Service for the Blind and Print Disabled—administers a free library program of audio and braille reading materials circulated to eligible borrowers throughout the state by postage-free mail or download.

Those with a visual disability who meet certain qualifications are eligible to receive a free audio player and cartridge(s) (up to three cartridges can be checked out at a time) loaded with up to 24 books per cartridge. Those with physical, reading, or other disabilities may choose to have their application certified by a medical professional to access additional resources and services.

By law, preference in lending reading materials and equipment is given to honorably discharged veterans of the United States military. Applications can be picked up at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St. For more information about the program, contact Defiance Public Library System Circulation Manager Tabitha Sullivan at 419-782-1456 ext. 1201 or tsullivan@defiancelibrary.org.

DEFCON X NOW ACCEPTING VENDOR APPLICATIONS

The 10th anniversary of DefCom, Defiance Public Library System's annual mini art and comic convention, is set to take place Saturday, November 15, from 10:00AM-4:00PM at Northtowne Mall, Defiance. The deadline to apply to be a vendor at DefCom is August 1, and those selected will be contacted by August 15.



DOWNLOAD A VENDOR APPLICATION AT DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG

Kircher's Donates to DPL Plant Library

Thank you, **Kircher's Flowers and Garden Center**, for generously helping to keep the Plant Library at DPL all stocked up this summer.

The Plant Library is located in the parking lot at Defiance Public Library, and is intended for visitors to leave any plants/bulbs they won't use, and take what they will. Be sure to label any plants/bulbs you leave, so everyone knows what they're getting!



Laura Ingalls Wilder Returns to the Libraries



Photo by Kim Spaulding Shrader

It's moving day for Laura Ingalls Wilder! In this presentation, Mrs. Wilder (as portrayed by Laura Keyes) is preparing to move her family from South Dakota to Missouri. This program is designed for a younger audience and shows the challenges and some of the fun aspects of life on the frontier in 1870s and 1880s. Sponsored by the Friends of DPL, SBL, & JML! See more: **LauraFKeyes.com**

All presentations will take place July 21.

10:30AM: St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 129 W. High St., Hicksville

1:00PM: Sherwood Branch Library

6:00PM: Defiance Public Library

Thank you to all who joined the Friends of DPL for Art in the Park 2025 on Sunday, June 29, including our vendors, performers/presenters, volunteers, and attendees! Visit @dplslibraries on Facebook to see more event photos (album is pinned to the top of the page).

ART IN THE PARK 2025



A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...

FREE SUMMER LUNCHES FOR KIDS

AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

JUNE 2 - JULY 24

MONDAY THROUGH THURSDAY

12:15 - 12:45 PM

WITH PROGRAMS IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING ON SOME DAYS
AT THE LIBRARY!

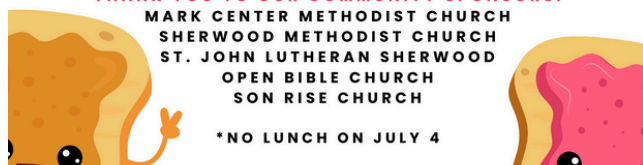
LUNCHES CAN ALSO BE PICKED UP AT NEY COMMUNITY PARK
OR THE FARMER METHODIST CHURCH/AMERICAN LEGION
PARKING LOT - JUST CALL 419-899-4343 AND TELL US HOW
MANY LUNCHES YOU NEED!

AVAILABLE TO AGES 0-18, OR AGES 19-21 WITH A DISABILITY

THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY SPONSORS:

MARK CENTER METHODIST CHURCH
SHERWOOD METHODIST CHURCH
ST. JOHN LUTHERAN SHERWOOD
OPEN BIBLE CHURCH
SON RISE CHURCH

*NO LUNCH ON JULY 4



MUSICAL FUN

with
Kevin Devine



Award-winning
songwriter and
family entertainer

JULY 14, 2025

SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY: 1:00PM
ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH (HICKSVILLE): 3:00PM
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY: 6:00PM

(ST. PAUL'S IS LOCATED ON W. HIGH ST., ACROSS FROM JOHNSON
MEMORIAL LIBRARY)

Geared to children & families
-No registration is needed-
Sponsored by the Friends of DPL, SBL, & JML

Care for the Caregiver

with Marlene Baker, Heartland Hospice

**JULY 16, 2025
10:30 AM**

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

OPEN TO ALL ADULTS | NO REGISTRATION

We'll discuss:

- Advance care planning
- Quality of life
- Myths/truths of hospice care
- Information about Medicare services

Bargue Drawing Class



Join Stacy Andrews-Inglorion in this class for all skill-levels. Sharpen your ability & technique using the Charles Bargue method. We'll discuss light/shadow, values, lines, accuracy, proportion, and more!



July 18

10:30AM

Defiance Public Library

Register at defiancelibrary.org/drawing
or by calling 419-782-1456

Geared to adults & youth age 12+

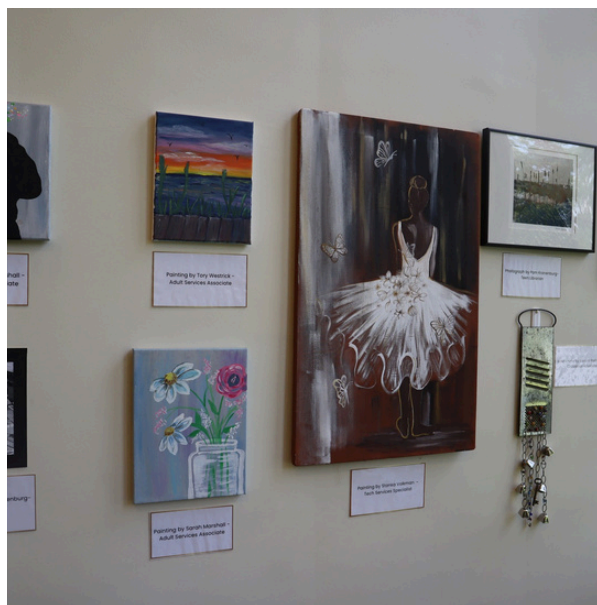
In other news...

Did you know Defiance Public Library System offers homebound delivery service to eligible individuals? Have your library picks delivered right to your door. For more information about setting up Homebound Delivery Service, call 419-782-1456.

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

Defiance Public Library now has an assortment of museum and attraction passes available for checkout with your library card. Visit the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Science Central Fort Wayne, and more! Read details at defiancelibrary.org/pass

STAFF ART GALLERY ON DISPLAY!



Be sure to visit Defiance Public Library before the end of July and check out our Staff Art Gallery, located in the fiction wing, across from the magazines. There, you'll find painting, photography, fiber arts, and more created by our very own staff members for your viewing pleasure!

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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