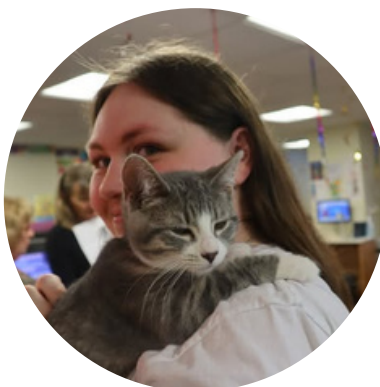


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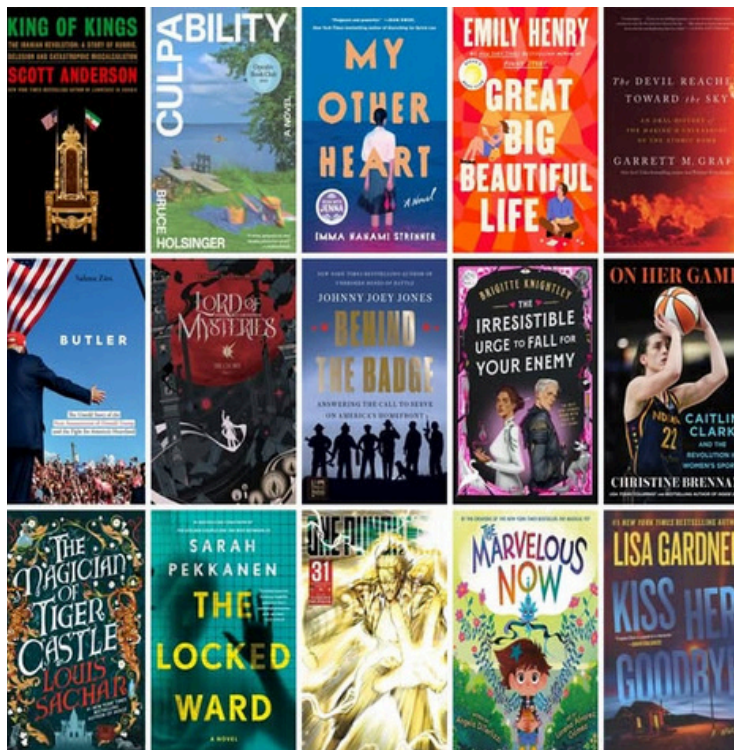
A monthly newsletter from Defiance Public Library System



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

The new bestsellers this week include "King of Kings: The Iranian Revolution: A Story of Hubris, Delusion and Catastrophic Miscalculation," "Culpability," and "My Other Heart."

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



CHECK OUT OUR
AUGUST CALENDAR OF
PROGRAMS & EVENTS

SEE THE WINNERS OF THE
SUMMER READING
CHALLENGE

CELEBRATE 'BACK TO
SCHOOL' AT DEFIANCE
PUBLIC LIBRARY

NEW ONLINE
RESOURCE: EDUCATE
STATION

DERRINGER JOINS DPLS
BOARD OF TRUSTEES

'Color our World' Challenge Winners!

Thank you to everyone who participated in our 2025 'Color our World' Summer Reading Challenge. Whether you logged your reading, came to an event, or just took a trip to your local Defiance County library to check out all the bright decorations, we're glad you were able to share a bit of your summer with us!

In total, our patrons logged 213,061 minutes of reading during the challenge! We'd also like to thank the Friends of Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, and Johnson Memorial libraries for providing challenge prizes. Here are this year's winners:

King's Island ticket winners: Hudson G. (Defiance), Lincoln Nafziger (Sherwood), and Ketson Cover (Hicksville).

Teen & Adult Grand Prize winners: Rachel Etzler (Defiance), Bella Miklos (Sherwood), Melissa Altman (Hicksville)

Color Our World Drawing Contest (grades 6-12) winners: Best in Show - Eowyn N.; First Place (grades 6-8) - Emily S.; First Place (grades 9-12) - Xiarra L.; Honorable Mention (6-8) - Phoenix L.; Honorable Mention (9-12) - Leah S.

Derringer joins DPLS Board of Trustees



Derringer (right) is sworn in by Shannon McClure, administrative assistant and project manager at Defiance Public Library.

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees welcomes Jenny Derringer, who was sworn in at the board's July 30 meeting.

Derringer will finish the term of former Board President Laura Rath-Connor, which extends to Dec. 31, 2027. Dennis Sobecki is the current board president.

Derringer spent 36 years working for the Defiance Crescent-News, serving as a photographer, reporter, and education editor, among other roles. She retired in 2021.

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.

New Online Resource: Educate Station

Defiance Public Library System cardholders now have access to a new online resource called Educate Station. Educate Station is a digital program developed by educators with homeschooling families and teachers in mind. It offers a full curriculum for grades pre-K through fifth, presented in a recommended learning sequence of printable packets. Subjects of study include English language arts, math, science, social studies, social-emotional learning and art.

***FIND EDUCATE STATION AT DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG
IN THE 'RESOURCES' MENU!***

Here's a look at some of the fun we had during this year's Summer Reading Challenge!

DPLS SUMMER FUN 2025



A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...



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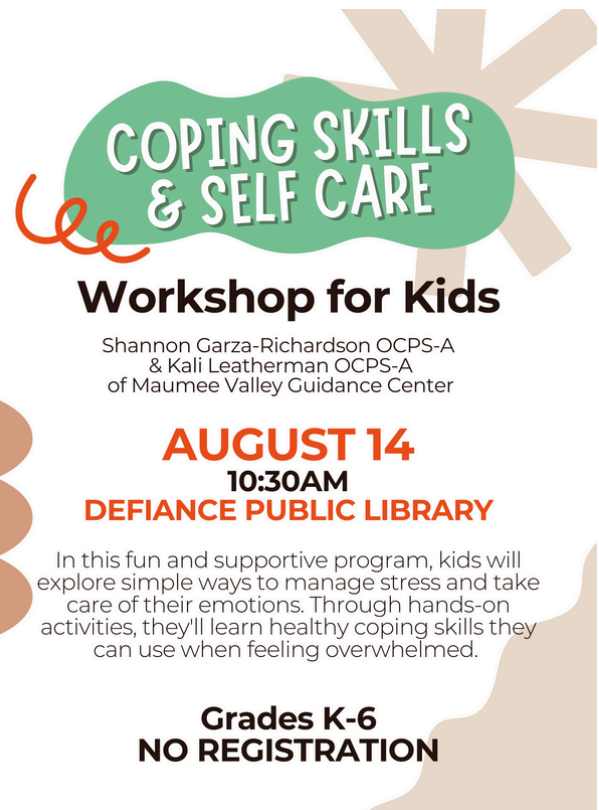
BACK TO SCHOOL BONANZA!

AUGUST 14 | 11:30AM

BRING YOUR SCHOOL SUPPLIES TO DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY AND DECORATE THEM USING OUR CRAFT SUPPLIES AND TRIMMINGS!

GRADES K-6

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST!
NO REGISTRATION



COPING SKILLS & SELF CARE

Workshop for Kids

Shannon Garza-Richardson OCPS-A
& Kali Leatherman OCPS-A
of Maumee Valley Guidance Center

AUGUST 14
10:30AM
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

In this fun and supportive program, kids will explore simple ways to manage stress and take care of their emotions. Through hands-on activities, they'll learn healthy coping skills they can use when feeling overwhelmed.

Grades K-6
NO REGISTRATION



Join Defiance Public Library for:

READ, RHYME, & ROMP AND STORYTIME

September 9th - November 4th
Located in the Reading Room
No registration required!

READ, RHYME, & ROMP
Stories, rhyming, and finger plays for babies and toddlers.
TUESDAYS AT 10:30 - 11:00AM

STORYTIME
Stories, songs, and rhymes for preschool age children. Geared to ages 2-6.
TUESDAYS AT 11:00 - 11:30AM

NO SESSIONS ON OCTOBER 28!
DATES: SEPT. 9, 16, 23, 30; OCT. 7, 14, 21; NOV 4



DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM &
THE DEFIANCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT
PRESENT:

CAR SEAT SAFETY CHECKS

AUGUST 28
2:00 - 7:00 PM
(HALF-HOUR TIME SLOTS)
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

THE DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS 4PM ON AUG. 21

PLEASE REGISTER FOR YOUR APPOINTMENT AT
419-784-3818



dpls DEFIANCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

In other news...

During the Board of Trustees' July meeting, board members accepted the resignations of Zeke Tracy, children's services associate at Defiance Public Library; and Kalista McKinney, branch associate at Johnson Memorial Library. Best of luck in your future endeavors, Zeke and Kalista!

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, August 27, beginning at 5PM at Defiance Public Library. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Be sure to follow Defiance Public Library System (@dplslibraries) on Facebook, Instagram, and X to keep up to date on everything happening at your local libraries!

CONGRATULATIONS, GRADUATES



Congratulations to the recent graduates of Defiance Public Library System's '1,000 Books before Kindergarten' program! The program promotes early literacy by challenging young patrons, along with their parents/caregivers, to finish 1,000 books before starting their kindergarten year.

We celebrated their amazing achievement on Aug. 7 with a special graduation ceremony and march through the library, plus an interactive puppet-making event with the Children's Theatre Workshop.

Great job, super-readers!

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Defiance, Ohio 43512
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Johnson Memorial Library
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Hicksville, Ohio 43526
419-542-6200

Sherwood Branch Library
117 N Harrison Street
Sherwood, Ohio 43556
419-899-4343