

Shelf Life

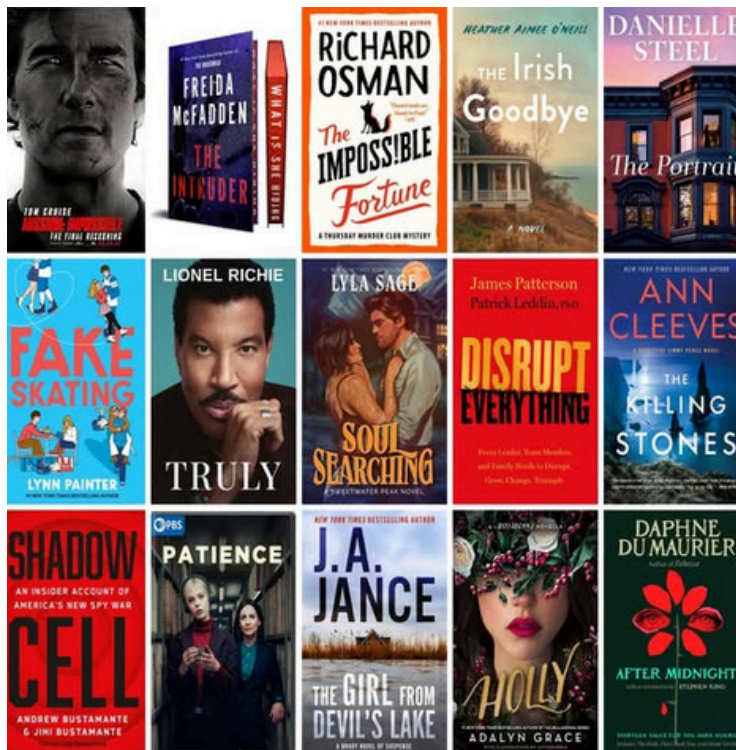
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers include "The Intruder," "The Impossible Fortune," and "The Irish Goodbye." The new movies this week are "Mission: Impossible – The Final Reckoning" and "Patience, Season 1."

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



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

**DEFCOM X COMING TO
NORTHTOWNE MALL
NOVEMBER 15**

**FRIENDS OF DPL FALL
BOOK SALE SET FOR
OCT. 25-26**



**JOIN FRIENDS OF
SHERWOOD BRANCH AT
TRIVIA ON TAP OCT. 14**

**GRADES 6-12 CAN WIN
PRIZES DURING READING,
ART CHALLENGES**

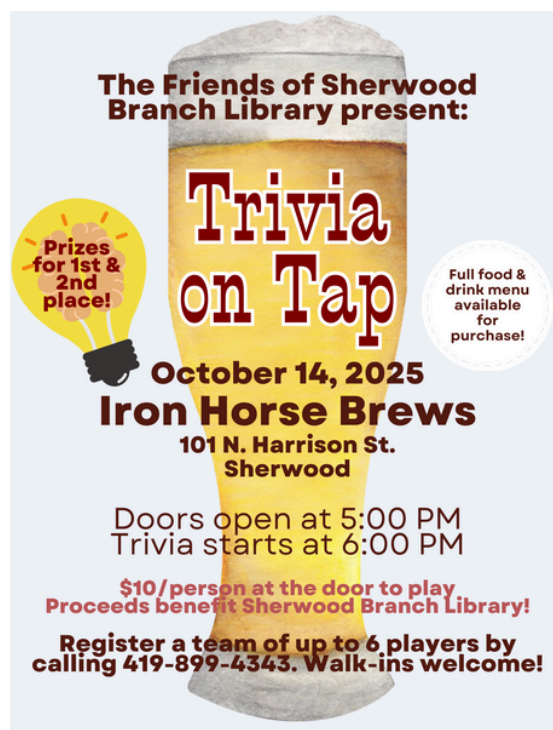
SUPPORT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY AT TRIVIA ON TAP

Join the Friends of Sherwood Branch Library at Iron Horse Brews, 101 N. Harrison St., Sherwood, on October 14 for their annual **Trivia on Tap** fundraiser.

Doors will open at 5 p.m., and the trivia begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$10 per person at the door to play, with proceeds benefitting Sherwood Branch Library!

Register a team of up to 6 players by calling 419-899-4343. Walk-ins are also welcome. A full food and drink menu will be available for purchase.

For more information about the event, or about how you can get involved with the Friends of SBL, call the library at the number above.



A DECADE OF DEFCOM



Cosplayers, artists, fandoms, and geeks of all kinds – assemble! DefCom X, the 10th anniversary of Defiance Public Library System’s mini art and comic convention, will take place Saturday, November 15, from 10AM-4PM at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance.

This free-to-attend and family friendly event will feature dozens of arts and craft vendors, arcade games, kids’ activities, a Friends of DPL book sale, a cosplay contest, and much more!

For updates, follow @dplsdefcom on Facebook.

SEE YOU THERE!

NEW RESOURCE: LEARN ONLINE WITH CURRICULUM FROM EDUCATE STATION

Teachers, homeschooling families, or anyone looking for learn-from-home opportunities for kids now have a new resource at their fingertips courtesy of Defiance Public Library System (DPLS).

DPLS cardholders now have access to Educate Station, a digital/online resource offering full curriculums for grades pre-K through 5th, presented in a recommended learning sequence of printable packets.

Educate Station content is created by a team of experienced educators from across the United States, bringing vast subject-matter expertise, teaching credentials, and many years of experience as classroom teachers and curriculum developers. Subjects available include English language arts, math, science, social studies, social-emotional learning, and art.

Find Educate Station at defiancelibrary.org in the 'Resources' menu, or at defiancelibrary.org/digital, where you can browse the rest of DPLS' databases and digital resources. (To access Educate Station you must have a DPLS library card.)

For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.



FRIENDS OF DPL FALL BOOK SALE

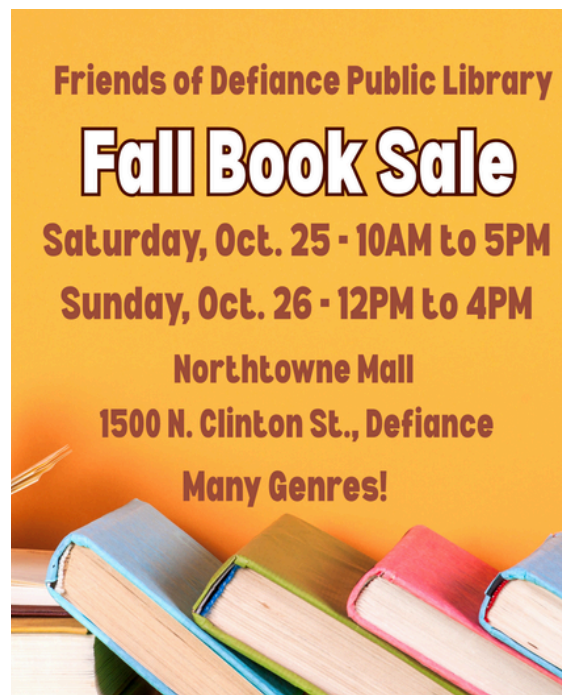
The Friends of Defiance Public Library will hold their annual Fall Book Sale on Saturday, Oct. 25 (10AM–5PM) and Sunday, Oct. 26 (noon–4PM) at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance.

Many genres will be available for a freewill donation, and proceeds support Defiance Public Library!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We're looking for a few helping hands during the book sales! If you can volunteer to help move books, stock tables, greet visitors, or accept donations, please reach out to Julia Michel at 405-205-9235.

Certification for hours volunteered can be provided upon your request.



BOOK NERD, ARTOBER CHALLENGES UNDERWAY

Read, draw, and get inspired this fall with the return of our annual reading and art challenges for grades 6–12, both taking place Oct. 1–31.

Read along with DPLS for a chance to win prizes during the TeenTober Book Nerd Challenge. Read or listen to three titles from the TeenTober reading list and return your sheet to any DPLS location or email it to prellstab@defiancelibrary.org to be entered into prize drawings for gift cards. Prizes are courtesy of the Friends of Defiance Public Library. Participants can download the reading list at defiancelibrary.org/nerd or pick it up inside any DPLS library. The winners will be announced on Nov. 4.

Then, enjoy 31 days of drawing during the Artober Challenge, taking place Oct. 1–31. Pick up a prompt sheet at the Defiance, Sherwood, or Hicksville libraries, or download it at defiancelibrary.org/artober. Share your creations with @dplslibraries on Facebook, Instagram, or X using the hashtag #dplsartober2025 or drop off your drawings at the library for a

A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...

JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY PRESENTS:



**PUMPKIN
HIDE &
SEEK**

OCTOBER 1-31

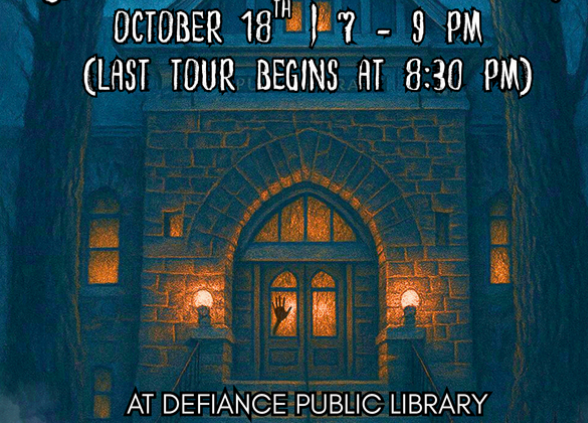
GEARED TO SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN | SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF JML

48 TOY PUMPKINS HAVE BEEN HIDDEN AROUND HICKSVILLE! SPOT ONE AND YOU CAN KEEP IT. POST A PICTURE ON FACEBOOK OF THE NUMBER ON THE BOTTOM WITH THE HASHTAG #JMLPUMPKIN

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

HAUNTED LIBRARY

OCTOBER 18TH | 7 - 9 PM
(LAST TOUR BEGINS AT 8:30 PM)



AT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
GEARED TO SCHOOL AGES - ADULTS

NO REGISTRATION IS NEEDED

SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY PRESENTS:

KIDS COSTUME CELEBRATION!



WHEN:
SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 25TH
10 AM - 12:30 PM

WHERE:
SHERWOOD BRANCH
LIBRARY

WHO:
TODDLERS THROUGH
SCHOOL-AGED KIDS


WHAT:
HALLOWEEN-THEMED
SNACKS, GAMES,
ACTIVITIES, AND
CRAFTS

NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED!

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

**NAOMI
CHAPMAN**

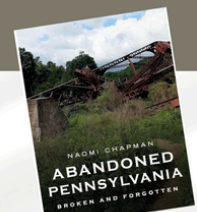
AUTHOR VISIT &
BOOK SIGNING



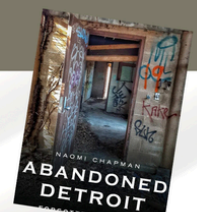
Chapman will share stories of her adventures photographing historic & abandoned places, and talk about the publishing process!

OPEN TO ADULTS
BOOKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE

**OCTOBER 11, 2025
10:30AM-NOON
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
320 FORT ST.**



**NO
REGISTRATION
NEEDED**

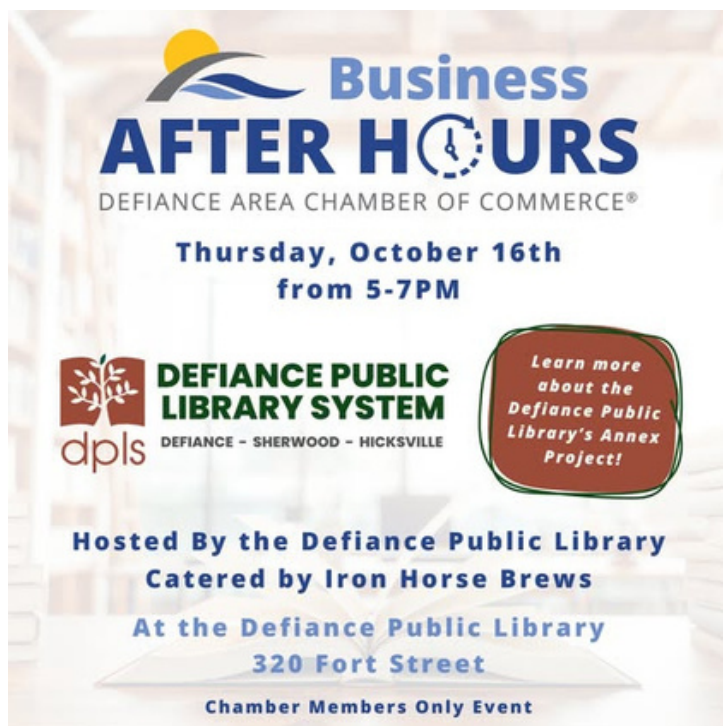


In other news...

Defiance Public Library is now a sign-up location for the 'Ohio Library for the Blind & Print Disabled' program. This free program offers eligible patrons an audio player and cartridges (up to 3 at a time) with up to 24 books per cartridge. For more information, call 419-782-1456 ext. 1201.

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, October 29, beginning at 5PM at Johnson Memorial Library. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Early closure: Please note, Defiance Public Library will close early at 4:30PM on Thursday, Oct. 16, to host the Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce's Business After Hours. Teen Night and the Swoon Society Book Club meetings will be canceled that evening.



Defiance Area Chamber of Commerce members, Defiance Public Library will host the next Business After Hours event, set for Thursday, Oct. 16, at the library, 320 Fort St., from 5-7PM.

Learn more about Defiance Public Library's Annex Project and enjoy food catered by Iron Horse Brews.

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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
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Sherwood, Ohio 43556
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