

Shelf Life

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers include "1929: The Inside Story of the Greatest Crash in Wall Street History," "The Black Wolf," and "Heart of a Stranger: An Unlikely Rabbi's Story of Faith, Identity, and Belonging." New movies include "The Best Christmas Pageant Ever," "Eddington," and "Return to Paradise Season 1."

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



SEE OUR NOVEMBER
CALENDAR OF
PROGRAMS & EVENTS

DEFCOM X COMING TO
NORTHTOWNE MALL
NOVEMBER 15

HISTORICAL MARKER
INSTALLED AT
WORTHINGTON CEMETERY

JOIN OUR NOVEMBER
READING, WRITING
CHALLENGES

LEARN MORE ABOUT
DPL'S ANNEX PROJECT

THE TEEN FAN FICTION WRITING CONTEST RETURNS!

Defiance Public Library System's Teen Fan Fiction Writing Contest for grades 6-12 will take place Nov. 1-30. This year's theme is *The Hunger Games*. Stories must be 1,000-3,000 words or fewer, and need to be rated PG-13 or under. Stories can be emailed to prellstab@defiancelibrary.org or dropped off at any DPLS location (Defiance, Sherwood, or Hicksville).

The winner will be notified Dec. 8 by phone. Prizes include the *Hunger Games* book series, printed copies of your winning story, and your story shared in the YA Squeeze newsletter!

**FOR COMPLETE RULES, VISIT
DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG/FANFIC**



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! DefCom is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library.

For updates, follow [@dplsdefcom](https://www.facebook.com/dplsdefcom) on Facebook.

SEE YOU THERE!

'CELEBRATE PICTURE BOOKS' READING CHALLENGE UNDERWAY NOW!

November is Picture Book month, and the Defiance County libraries are marking the occasion with our annual **'Celebrate Picture Books' Reading Challenge** from Nov. 1-30.

Each day, read one picture book and log your reading on Beanstack (defiancelibrary.beanstack.org) or using the Beanstack Tracker app, available for download in the Apple and Google Play stores. There will be weekly prize drawings throughout the month, and a grand prize drawing at the end for movie passes to Phoenix Theatres. Weekly prizes will consist of downtown Defiance gift certificates and book bundles.

This contest is open to all ages, and prizes are sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. For more information, visit defiancelibrary.org/celebrate25.

WORTHINGTON CEMETERY GETS HISTORICAL MARKER



Sarah Marshall (left), DPLS Local History Specialist; and Renee Hopper, DPLS Reference & Technical Services Manager, are pictured with the marker.

We are honored to share that Worthington's Cemetery — Defiance County's only known historic Black cemetery — now has an official Ohio Historical Marker. It was installed Oct. 17 at the site, located in Highland Township, on Bowman Road, about 1/4 mile east of Ohio 15.

This meaningful recognition was made possible through the collaboration of our library and dedicated community partners. We extend our sincere thanks to everyone who contributed their time, research, and support to make this a reality. A formal dedication event will be held at the site in the spring.

SCENES FROM THE HALLOWEEN PARADE



THE HEADLESS HORSEMAN RODE AGAIN!



2ND PLACE WINNER - NON-COMMERCIAL



A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...

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FRIENDS OF SHERWOOD BRANCH

VETERANS DAY PROGRAM

NOVEMBER 11

7:00PM

AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY
117 N. HARRISON ST., SHERWOOD

GUEST SPEAKER ROBERT VALLE, A 12-YEAR VETERAN OF THE OHIO NATIONAL GUARD, WILL SPEAK TO US ABOUT HIS SERVICE AND EXPERIENCE IN THE GULF WAR

★ All are welcome to attend ★

Turkey Hide & Seek *in Hicksville*

November 1-29

50 toy turkeys will be hidden around Hicksville! Spot one and you can keep it!

Post a picture on our Facebook page (@jmlhix) of the number on the bottom of the toy with the hashtag #JMLTURKEY



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

CAR SEAT SAFETY

NOVEMBER 7
11:00AM - 12:00PM
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

LEARN ABOUT OHIO'S CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY LAW, STAGES OF CAR SEATS, PROPER HARNESSING, & WHEN TO USE BOOSTER SEATS

**OPEN TO ALL ADULTS
-NO REGISTRATION-**



dpls DEFIANCE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Defiance Public Library System's

FALL AUTHOR VISIT

Featuring Michelle Houts

Author/illustrator of *Hopefully the Scarecrow*, *Seaglass Summer*, & more!

NOVEMBER 20
6:00 PM
Defiance Public Library
320 Fort St.

Free & open to everyone
-No registration needed-
Geared to pre-K through 6th grade

BRING A BOOK FOR SIGNING, OR PURCHASE ONE FROM OUR LIMITED SELECTION:



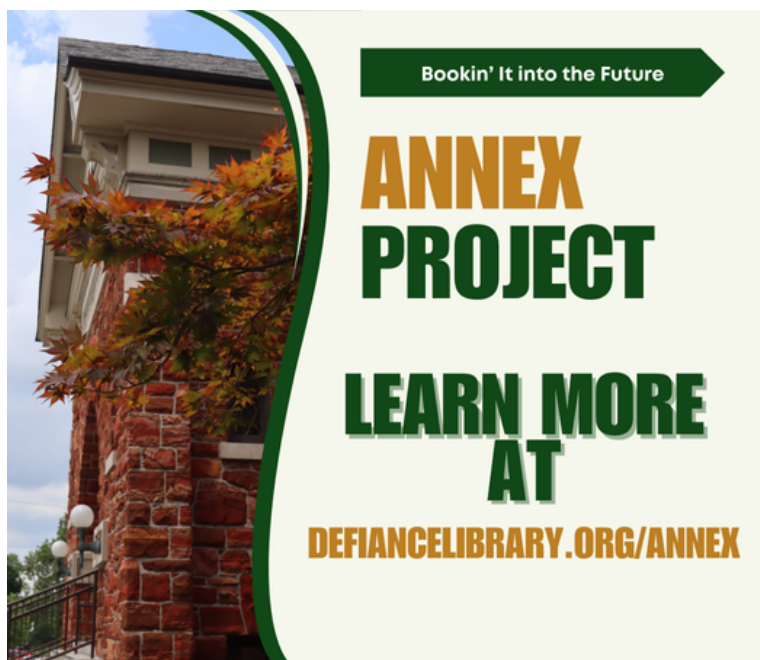
Sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, & Johnson Memorial libraries!

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, November 19, beginning at 5PM at Defiance Public Library. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Johnson Memorial Library is getting a fresh new look! Big renovations are still underway at our Hicksville location, so please excuse any noise or disarray you may encounter for the time being. We apologize for any inconvenience, but can't wait for our patrons to enjoy their updated space!



To address longstanding space issues at our beloved Carnegie library – and to provide our patrons more of what they want and need from DPLS – efforts are underway to construct an annex across the street from Defiance Public Library.

A Community Information Session is set for Dec. 8 at 6PM in the Reading Room at Defiance Public Library. In the meantime, you can find a fact sheet, FAQs, news coverage of the project, and more at defiancelibrary.org/annex. Those looking to support the project financially or enroll to receive important updates via email will also find links to do so there.

Let's write our next chapter together!

[http://](http://defiancelibrary.org)


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Johnson Memorial Library
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Hicksville, Ohio 43526
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Sherwood Branch Library
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