

Shelf Life

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers this week include "The Pioneer Woman Cooks: 120 Greatest Hits, New Twists, and Perfected Classics," "Crowntide," and "The Uncool: A Memoir." New movies this week include "Gabby's Dollhouse: The Movie," "Tom & Jerry: The Golden Era Anthology," and "Harry Wild: Series 4."

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



SEE OUR DECEMBER
CALENDAR OF
PROGRAMS & EVENTS

REGISTER TODAY FOR
THE WINTER READING
CHALLENGE

'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'
COMMUNITY READ
UNDERWAY NOW

SANTA CLAUS IS COMING
TO TOWN! VISIT DPL FOR
SANTA STORYTIME

LEARN MORE ABOUT
DPL'S ANNEX PROJECT

COMMUNITY READ-ALONG: 'A CHRISTMAS CAROL'

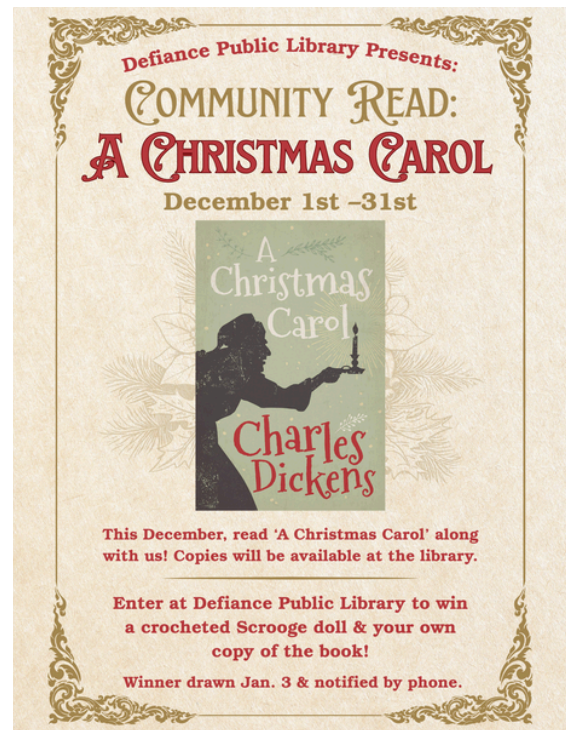
Cozy up with a classic this December!

Defiance Public Library's 'A Christmas Carol' Community Read is taking place Dec. 1-31. In this beloved tale, Ebenezer Scrooge, a cold-hearted miser, is visited by three spirits who help him discover the error of his ways and the true meaning of Christmas.

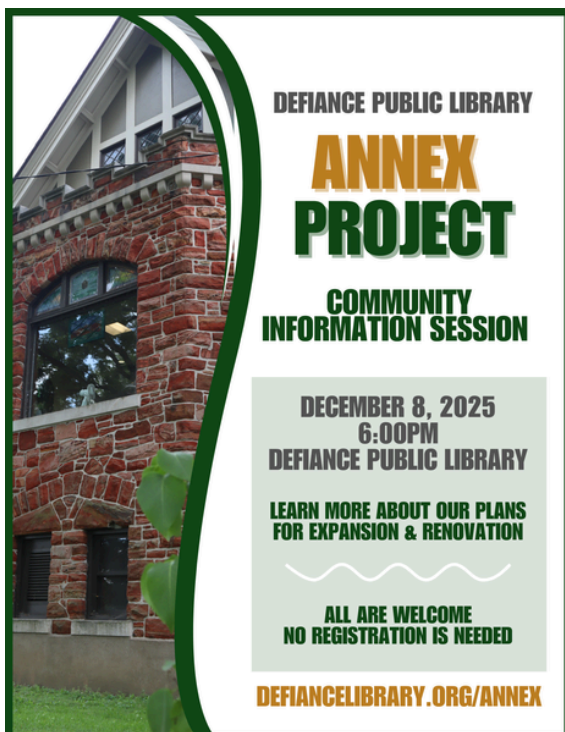
Copies of the story (suited to all reading levels) are available in the fiction section at DPL. While you're here, enter our drawing to win a crocheted Mr. Scrooge doll and your own copy of the book!

A winner will be chosen at random on January 3 and notified by phone.

Happy reading!



WE'RE GROWING! LEARN MORE ABOUT DPL'S ANNEX PROJECT



Plans are underway to construct an annex across the street from Defiance's Carnegie library, which will offer much-needed space and exciting new opportunities for our community.

All members of the public are invited to a Community Information Session taking place on Dec. 8 beginning at 6PM at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St. Enjoy cookies and soft drinks, while supplies last, pick up informational materials, and be sure to bring your questions--we'd love to hear from you.

For more information on the project, or to subscribe to receive regular project updates, visit defiancelibrary.org/annex. No registration is needed.

REGISTER TODAY FOR THE 2026 WINTER READING CHALLENGE!



This January, we're partnering with Beansack to host the Winter Reading Challenge, featuring Beanstack's Benny the Bean! Participants will earn fun, Benny-themed badges, as well as entries into weekly drawings for a \$5 coffee shop gift card and a grand-prize drawing for a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift card. **The Challenge takes place Jan. 1-31**, and all ages are welcome to participate!

Each week, a winner will be chosen from those who logged 60 minutes within the past week; winners will be announced on Fridays, beginning January 10. The winner will receive their choice of a \$5 gift card to Biggby, Dunkin' Donuts, or Cabin Fever. A Grand Prize winner will be randomly chosen on February 3 from the list of those who logged 300 minutes (or more).

Registration is open now at defiancelibrary.beanstack.org, or download the Beanstack Tracker app for easy, on-the-go logging!

Register today at
defiancelibrary.beanstack.org

READING IN A WINTER WONDERLAND...



A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...



Santa Claus is Coming to Town!

**Friday, December 5th
3 pm - 8:30 pm**

3 pm - 5 pm - Kids' Crafts at the Defiance Public Library
-The fun begins at 3 p.m.! Come create your very own holiday craft.

5 pm - Santa Arrives Downtown
-Watch the Purple Heart Bridge for a grand entrance with Santa arriving at the Defiance Public Library.

5:30 pm - Story time with Santa at the Defiance Public Library
-Gather around to hear one of Santa's most beloved holiday tales! Then, don't forget to collect your holiday treat bag (while supplies last).

5:30 pm - 8 pm - Lily Creek Farms
-Meet the animals from Lily Creek Farms - Jack Frost, Dakota, and Mac - at **Triangle Park!**

5:30 pm - 8 pm - Holiday Trolley
-Take a FREE trip on the HOLIDAY TROLLEY courtesy of Defiance Karate. Trolley will load and unload at **Triangle Park.**

6:15 pm - 8:30 pm - Visit Santa
-Visit Santa at his house at Santa's Workshop located on the **1918 Campus off Arabella Street.** Bring your Christmas lists!

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JOIN US FOR A

CHRISTMAS SCAVENGER HUNT

**DECEMBER 1-31
JOHNSON MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

VISIT THE LIBRARY DURING OPEN HOURS AND FIND ALL THE ITEMS ON OUR LIST TO WIN A PRIZE FROM THE CHRISTMAS TREASURE BOX!

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SHERWOOD BRANCH PRESENTS

COOKIES WITH MRS. CLAUS

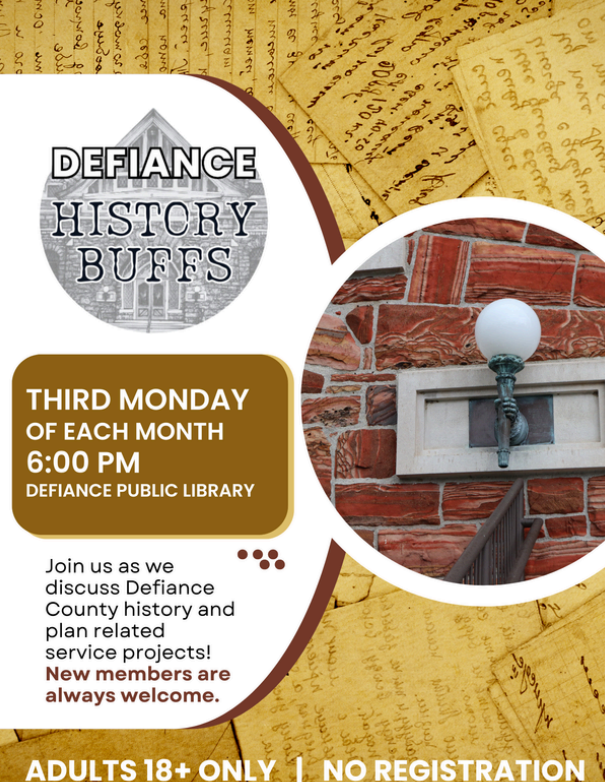
DECEMBER 13

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY
117 N HARRISON ST, SHERWOOD

ALL AGES WELCOME
NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

ENJOY STORIES, GAMES, & COOKIES
(WHILE SUPPLIES LAST) WITH MRS. CLAUS!



DEFIANCE HISTORY BUFFS

**THIRD MONDAY
OF EACH MONTH
6:00 PM
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

Join us as we discuss Defiance County history and plan related service projects! **New members are always welcome.**

ADULTS 18+ ONLY | NO REGISTRATION



In other news...

Santa will arrive at Defiance Public Library at 5:15PM on Dec. 5 for storytime at 5:30PM. From 3-5PM, enjoy crafts in the Children's Department, & grab a treat bag courtesy of the Friends of DPL on your way out, while supplies last. Pianist Ned Clark and members of the Defiance Choral Society will provide music during Santa's arrival, and local author Cindy Mack will be on hand to sign copies of her new children's book, 'Earl Helps Santa Light the Night.'

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, December 17, 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!



Visit defiancelibrary.org/blog to read a new post by DPLS Local History Specialist Sarah Marshall on the origins of the Worthington Cemetery Project, a years-long collaboration between DPL and community partners to secure an Ohio Historic Marker for Defiance County's only known historic Black cemetery. The marker was installed recently, and a formal dedication event will be held in the spring, date TBA.

Scan through the blog for additional posts about how this project unfolded, and check this latest update to learn more about how it led Marshall to connect with direct descendants of the Worthington family.

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