

# Shelf Life

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



## NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers include "Countdown to Riches: 21 Days of Wealth-Attracting Habits," "Jump and Find Joy," "Captain's Dinner," and "The Quiet Mother."

***To get a complete list of our new materials delivered right to your inbox each month, visit [wowbrary.org](http://wowbrary.org).***



SEE OUR JANUARY  
CALENDAR OF  
PROGRAMS & EVENTS

REGISTER TODAY FOR  
THE WINTER READING  
CHALLENGE

DPLS BOARD WELCOMES  
NEW MEMBER TAMMY  
BOWERS

WINTER CRAFTING AT  
SHERWOOD BRANCH

WINTER STORYTIME GETS  
UNDERWAY AT DPL

## STORYTIME RETURNS TO DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Join us at Defiance Public Library for stories, songs, rhymes, and fun during Winter Storytime/Read, Rhyme, & Romp.

Every Tuesday from January 27 to March 31, Read, Rhyme, and Romp for babies & toddlers (ages 0-2) will take place from 10:30-11AM, with Storytime for ages 2-6 immediately following, from 11-11:30AM.

Busy families with children in multiple age groups can also join us Mondays from Jan. 26 to March 30 from 5:30-6PM for Family Storytime, a shortened alternative that combines the two Tuesday sessions.

Storytime is free and open to all, and no registration is needed. For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

Join Defiance Public Library for

### READ, RHYME, & ROMP AND STORYTIME

**EVERY TUESDAY**

**JANUARY 27 - MARCH 31**

No registration required!

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

**STORYTIME**  
Songs & stories to promote early literacy. Geared to ages 2-6.  
**11:00-11:30AM**

DATES: JAN. 27; FEB. 3, 10, 17, 24; MARCH 3, 10, 17, 24, 31

## FREE INFO SESSION: SECURE ACT 2.0 & RETIREMENT

**FREE & OPEN TO ALL ADULTS**

PRESENTED BY:

**POSTEMA INSURANCE & INVESTMENTS**

**JANUARY 15**

**YOUR MONEY. THEIR RULES: WHAT TO KNOW ABOUT THE SECURE ACT 2.0 & YOUR RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS**

**10:30 AM**

**DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY**  
320 FORT STREET  
**NO REGISTRATION**

dpls P&I

Michael Sebring of Postema Insurance and Investments will visit Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort Street, on January 15 from 10:30-11:30AM to present a free informational session on the SECURE Act 2.0 and its impact on retirement accounts.

The SECURE Act 2.0 (officially part of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2023) is a major U.S. retirement savings law that builds on the original SECURE Act of 2019 by updating and expanding rules affecting 401(k)s, IRAs, and other retirement plans.

This session is open to all adults, and 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](https://defiancelibrary.beanstack.org), or download the Beanstack Tracker app for easy, on-the-go logging!

Register today at  
[defiancelibrary.beanstack.org](https://defiancelibrary.beanstack.org)



# A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...

## Watercolor SNOWMAN PAINTINGS

THURSDAY, JAN. 22

5:30-6:30PM

SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

FREE & OPEN TO PRESCHOOL/SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN

REGISTER BEGINNING 12/29 AT  
DEFIANCERLIBRARY.ORG/SNOWMAN OR BY CALLING  
419-899-4343

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!



## SNOWMAN MEASURING STICKS

FREE CRAFT CLASS FOR ADULTS & TEENS

-REGISTRATION REQUIRED-

JAN. 31  
10AM-NOON

AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

117 N. HARRISON STREET

Track the snowfall!

REGISTER: DEFIANCERLIBRARY.ORG/STICK  
OR CALL 419-899-4343

## 'Dragons are Everywhere'

Story Share

with NOCAC Head Start

Jan. 20  
11:00 AM

Defiance Public Library

Meet our dragon friend!

Geared to ages 2-6

No registration



DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

## TRIPLE P PARENTING

WITH MICHAELA GOLDSTEIN OF HARBOR

The Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) framework will provide families with practical strategies to strengthen positive relationships, encourage healthy development, and manage everyday behavior challenges with confidence.

Two sessions available:

Fri., Jan. 23 | 11AM

Thurs., Feb. 19 | 5:30PM  
at Defiance Public Library

This free workshop is interactive, supportive, and focused on equipping caregivers with strategies that make family life more positive and less stressful.

OPEN TO ALL ADULTS

NO REGISTRATION



## In other news...

Thank you to our patrons for your patience during recent repairs and renovations at Hicksville's Johnson Memorial Library. Both the front and back doors are now accessible. Repairs and improvements outside the building are expected to begin in March.

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, January 28, beginning at 5PM at Defiance Public Library. Members of the public are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Hoopla users: Effective January 2, the maximum number of hoopla checkouts will be reduced to five per patron, per month. Reducing the limit will allow DPLS to manage costs while continuing to offer access to this great resource.



The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees welcomed a new member, Tammy Bowers, at its regular monthly meeting, held Dec. 17 at Defiance Public Library.

Bowers, from rural Ney, graduated from Defiance College in 1970 and later earned a master's degree in Library Science from Bowling Green State University.

She spent 10 years teaching for Napoleon Area City Schools before later becoming a media specialist for the district, a position she held for another 25 years.

Bowers joins Beth Michel, Chris Korhn, Shari Hedge, Dennis Sobecki, and Jenny Derringer on the Board.

WELCOME, TAMMY!

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



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