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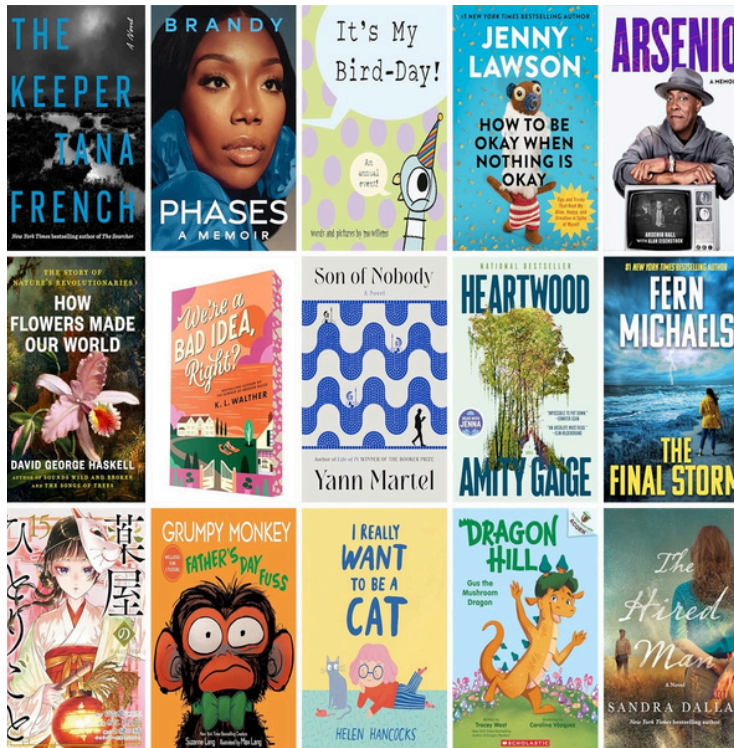
A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers this week include "The Keeper," "Phases: A Memoir," and "How to Be Okay When Nothing Is Okay: Tips and Tricks That Kept Me Alive, Happy, and Creative in Spite of Myself." New movies this week include "Clika."

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



SEE OUR APRIL CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS

CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK WITH DPL & TOLEDO OPERA

JML, HUBER HOSTING JINGLE-WRITING CONTEST

VISIT THE FRIENDS OF DPL'S SPRING BOOK SALE

APPLY TO BE A VENDOR AT ART IN THE PARK 2026

JML, HUBER HOSTING JINGLE-WRITING CONTEST

Write a quick, catchy jingle, just as Terry Ryan’s mom, Evelyn, would have done during Johnson Memorial Library’s Jingle Writing Contest, taking place April 1-22.

You’ll be writing a jingle for Hicksville’s Huber Opera House and Civic Center. Tell their story in just a line or two for your chance to win a popcorn bucket of goodies and tickets to the Huber!

Jingles can be sent via email to drenollet@defiancelibrary.org or dropped off at the library during open hours.

The winner will be announced at the Huber on April 25 just before the 7 p.m. showing of “The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio.” All ages are welcome to participate!

JINGLE WRITING CONTEST

SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF JML & HUBER OPERA HOUSE

APRIL 1-22, 2026

WRITE A CATCHY JINGLE AS TERRY RYAN’S MOM, EVELYN RYAN, WOULD’VE DONE!

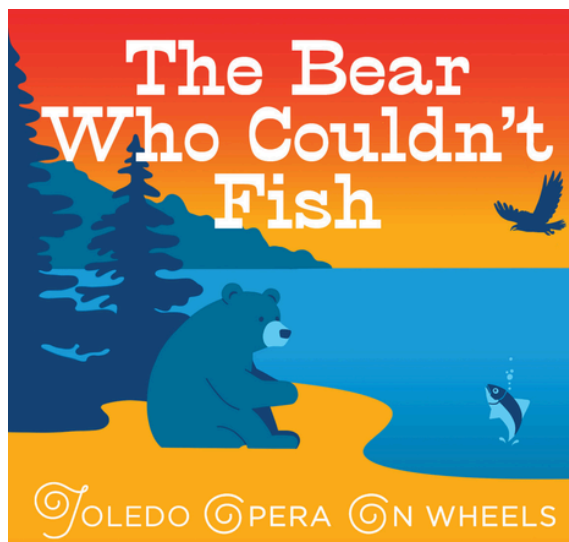
TELL THE HUBER OPERA HOUSE’S STORY IN A LINE OR TWO FOR A CHANCE TO WIN A POPCORN BUCKET OF GOODIES & TICKETS TO THE HUBER.

Email your jingle to drenollet@defiancelibrary.org or drop it off at the library!

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OPEN TO ALL AGES!

OPERA ON WHEELS RETURNS TO DEFIANCE LIBRARY



Join us for a night at the Opera in celebration of National Library Week!

The Toledo Opera’s ‘Opera On Wheels’ will visit Defiance Public Library on April 20 at 6 p.m. to tell us the story of *The Bear Who Couldn’t Fish*.

The tale is based on a Lakota legend titled *Mato*. In it, a young bear on his own for the first time learns about the Great Lakes & their surroundings, as well as the importance of listening.

This free program for children and families is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library! No tickets or registration are needed.

Monday, April 20 | 6:00PM
Defiance Public Library

Free & open to all

Sponsored by the Friends of DPL

DPL RECEIVES 10K GIFT FROM CARNEGIE CORP. FUNDS WILL BE USED TO REPLACE HVAC

Defiance Public Library is honored to be the recipient of a \$10,000 gift from the Carnegie Corporation of New York. This generous investment recognizes the enduring importance of Carnegie libraries as civic landmarks and centers of learning – and it comes at a pivotal moment for our community.

As we move forward with plans to construct a new library annex across the street, we are equally committed to caring for and preserving our historic Carnegie building. The Carnegie gift will be dedicated to renovations within the original library, with a primary focus on replacing the building’s aging HVAC system. While often unseen, this upgrade is essential to the long-term health of the library.

A modern HVAC system will significantly improve comfort for patrons and staff, enhance energy efficiency, and help protect the library’s collections and architectural features from damage caused by temperature fluctuations. Most importantly, it ensures that the Carnegie building remains a safe, welcoming, and functional space for generations to come.

This project reflects a thoughtful balance between progress and preservation. By investing in critical infrastructure now, we are honoring Andrew Carnegie’s original vision of libraries as enduring public institutions – while preparing Defiance Public Library to meet the needs of today’s community and tomorrow’s readers.



APPLY TO BE A VENDOR AT ART IN THE PARK

The Friends of Defiance Public Library are now accepting vendor applications for Art in the Park 2026.

The 44th annual Art in the Park event is set to take place on Sunday, June 28, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Fort Grounds/on Fort Street near Defiance Public Library.

This family-friendly event features dozens of arts and crafts vendors, children’s activities, a Friends of DPL book sale fundraiser, food vendors, and live entertainment throughout the day. Vendor applications are available to download now at defiancelibrary.org. The deadline to apply is June 13.

For more information contact Laura Rath Connor at 419-296-0773 or Laura_43512@yahoo.com.



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Art in the Park

Sunday, June 28, 2026
10:00AM – 4:00 PM
at the Fort Grounds, Defiance

- Arts & crafts vendors
- Live entertainment
- Food vendors
- Children’s activities
- Friends of DPL book sale

Download a vendor application form at defiancelibrary.org

The deadline to apply is June 13



FRIENDS OF DPL
Spring Book Sale

Saturday, April 11
10:00AM-5:00PM

Sunday, April 12
12:00-4:00PM

Northtowne Mall
 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance

**FREEWILL DONATION/
 PROCEEDS BENEFIT DPL**

The Friends of Defiance Public Library will host their annual Spring Book Sale fundraiser on Saturday, April 11, from 10:00AM-5:00PM, and Sunday, April 12, from noon-4:00PM, at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton St., Defiance.

A wide assortment of genres will be available for a freewill donation, including picks for all ages, and proceeds support programming and services at Defiance Public Library.

We hope to see you there!

TAX FORMS NOW AVAILABLE AT DPLS LIBRARIES

Tax season is here, and 1040 and 1040-SR forms and instruction booklets are now available at all DPLS library locations (Defiance, Hicksville, Sherwood).

If you need a different form, we can print them at the library for .15 cents per page.

Please note, we cannot assist in determining which form you need, or with filling out the forms themselves.



A LOOK AT WHAT'S TO COME...

MAKING SENSE OF THE CENSUS

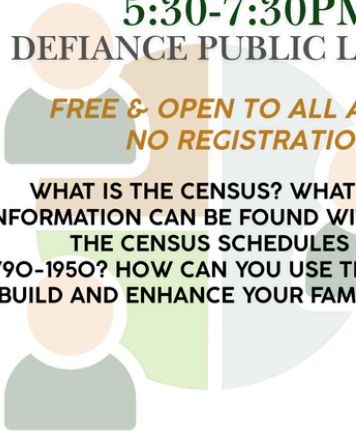
WITH PAMELA PATTISON LASH OF THE WILLIAMS CO. GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY

APRIL 27
5:30-7:30PM

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

FREE & OPEN TO ALL ADULTS
NO REGISTRATION

WHAT IS THE CENSUS? WHAT TYPES OF INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND WITHIN EACH OF THE CENSUS SCHEDULES FROM 1790-1950? HOW CAN YOU USE THE CENSUS TO BUILD AND ENHANCE YOUR FAMILY HISTORY?



GEARED TO AGES 2-6
NO REGISTRATION

Bluey Party

April 28 | 10:30AM-Noon
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

Visit the library and enjoy Bluey-themed activity stations in the Children's Department. Families can come and go as they please!

SPONSORED BY THE FRIENDS OF DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY



REGISTRATION REQUIRED

MAKE YOUR OWN WASHER WIND CHIMES



APRIL 18

10:00AM

SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

THIS FREE CRAFT CLASS IS OPEN TO SCHOOL-AGED CHILDREN.

REGISTER AT:
DEFIANCERLIBRARY.ORG/CHIMES
OR BY CALLING 419-899-4343

DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS
5PM ON APRIL 15



DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY PRESENTS:

DIGITAL COUPONING

WITH NOCAC'S FINANCIAL OPPORTUNITY CENTER

APRIL 16
5:30-6:30PM

VISIT DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY
& LEARN HOW TO FIND AND
USE DIGITAL COUPONS!

SAVE MONEY ONLINE!
NO TECH EXPERIENCE
NEEDED

FREE & OPEN TO ALL ADULTS
NO REGISTRATION NEEDED



In other news...

Interested in local history and want to take part in related service projects? Join the History Buffs on the third Monday of each month at 6:00PM at Defiance Public Library. The club is open to all adults, and no registration is needed. New members welcome!

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

Do you or does someone you know have difficulty making it to the library? DPLS offers homebound delivery service to eligible patrons. Get your library picks delivered to your door! To learn more, call 419-782-1456.

5 signs you need #LitPicks

You have three or fewer books left in your to-be-read pile

You've been disappointed by your last few reads



You dream about "book worlds" and not the actual, real world

Spending hours browsing the shelves isn't your cup of tea

You fear boredom

defiancelibrary.org/picks

Looking for something new to read? Let us help! Visit defiancelibrary.org/picks and answer a few questions, then one of our staffers will prepare monthly book recommendations just for you! You will receive at least 2 recommendations each month via email, and you can cancel the service at any time. LitPicks book recommendations are available to readers age 16+.

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

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Sherwood, Ohio 43556
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