



# Shelf Life

A MONTHLY NEWSLETTER FROM DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM



## NEW MATERIALS AT DPLS

New bestsellers this week include "Whistler," "Land," and "Road Trip." New movies include "Hoppers," "Scream 7," and "Doctor Who: Season Two."

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



SEE OUR JUNE CALENDAR OF PROGRAMS & EVENTS

GET THE DETAILS ON THE SUMMER READING CHALLENGE!

ROZ PUPPETS RETURNS TO DEFIANCE LIBRARY

HISTORY COMES ALIVE: ENCAMPMENT AT THE CONFLUENCE

ART IN THE PARK 2026 SET FOR JUNE 28



# ROZ PUPPETS PRESENTS: DINOSAUR PIRATES!

Hit the high seas with a story of prehistoric proportions!

Roz Puppets will return to Defiance Public Library System on June 22 to present “Dinosaur Pirates” at all 3 DPLS libraries. A treasure chest of music, antics, and audience participation, this experience has been millions of years in the making.

Roz Puppets will present at Hicksville’s Johnson Memorial Library at 11 a.m., Sherwood Branch Library at 1:30 p.m., and Defiance Public Library (in the Summer Reading tent on the Fort Grounds) at 6 p.m.

This free show is geared to children and families, and no registration is needed.

To see more visit [rozpuppets.com](http://rozpuppets.com).



# ENCAMPMENT AT THE CONFLUENCE: HISTORY IN ACTION



PHOTO BY JERRY LATTA

Celebrate America’s 250<sup>th</sup> birthday at historic Pontiac Park.

‘Encampment at the Confluence’ presented by Fort to Port Histories will take place Sat., June 27, from 9 a.m.–5:30 p.m., and Sun., June 28, from 9 a.m.–3:30 p.m. and features historic encampments representing periods from the American Revolution through the War of 1812.

This annual event is part of the America 250 celebration and coincides with River Fest (Saturday) and Art in the Park (Sunday). Enjoy cooking demos, hands-on activities, and more.

A special commemoration with guest speakers, a wreath-laying ceremony, and music will take place Saturday at 2 p.m.

This event is sponsored by the City of Defiance, the Friends of DPL, and the Defiance Area Foundation.

# UNEARTH A STORY! SUMMER READING CHALLENGE UNDERWAY

Defiance Public Library System's 2026 Summer Reading Challenge for all ages will take place June 1-July 25 at the Defiance, Sherwood, and Johnson Memorial (Hicksville) libraries.

This year's theme, "Unearth a Story," focuses on dinosaurs, paleontology, and archaeology, and is designed to spark curiosity and exploration. The theme promotes digging into history, science, and literature, covering topics like rocks, fossils, family heritage, and local history.

All are invited to read along with DPLS for a chance to win prizes. In addition, June and July are packed with free family activities at the libraries (listed at [defiancelibrary.org/calendar](http://defiancelibrary.org/calendar)).

All ages can register to participate in the challenge now at [defiancelibrary.beanstack.org](http://defiancelibrary.beanstack.org). Children from birth to grade 6 can also participate by filling out a paper reading/activity log, available for pickup at all 3 DPLS library locations.

For complete challenge information, including activity ideas, information about prizes, and more, visit [defiancelibrary.org/summer](http://defiancelibrary.org/summer), stop into one of your Defiance County libraries, or call 419-782-1456. Happy reading!





# 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 44<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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](mailto:Laura_43512@yahoo.com).

The Friends of Defiance Public Library present:  
**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](http://defiancelibrary.org)

**The deadline to apply is June 13**

DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

**DEFCOM 11**  
**MINI COMIC CONVENTION**  
**NOVEMBER 21, 2026**  
**10AM - 4PM**  
**NORTHTOWNE MALL**

Defiance Public Library System is now accepting vendor applications for DefCom 11.

DefCom, Defiance’s own mini art & comic convention, will take place November 21 from 10AM-4PM at Northtowne Mall, 1500 N. Clinton St. Defiance. The event features dozens of artists & vendors, kids activities, free arcade games, a cosplay contest, and more.

Download a vendor application at [defiancelibrary.org/defcom11](http://defiancelibrary.org/defcom11). The deadline to apply is August 7.

# JOIN DPL FOR ‘QUESTIONS WITH A COP’

Visit the Summer Reading Tent on the Fort Grounds on June 19 from 10:30-11:30 a.m. for Questions with a Cop. Children and families are invited to meet School Resource Officer Michelle Waltmire, learn about a cop’s job, and find out more about how they take care of our communities. There will be a Q&A followed by a craft, plus take-home items and snacks while supplies last. No registration is needed. This special event is sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library.



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



**Dig into  
YOUR PAST**  
AT SHERWOOD BRANCH LIBRARY

**JUNE 1-30**

REVISIT YOUR PAST! CALL TO RESERVE A TIME TO USE OUR DIGITAL CONVERTER TO CONVERT OLD PHOTOS, NEGATIVES, OR 35MM SLIDES INTO DIGITAL IMAGES

**To reserve a time,  
call 419-899-4343**



**Storytime  
at the  
Park**

Doors open at 10 a.m.  
Storytime 10:30 - 11:30 a.m.

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17  
WEDNESDAY JULY 29  
WEDNESDAY AUGUST 12

Join us for storytime, crafts and a light snack at the Hicksville Rotary Pavilion. (598 N. Bryan St., Hicksville, Ohio)

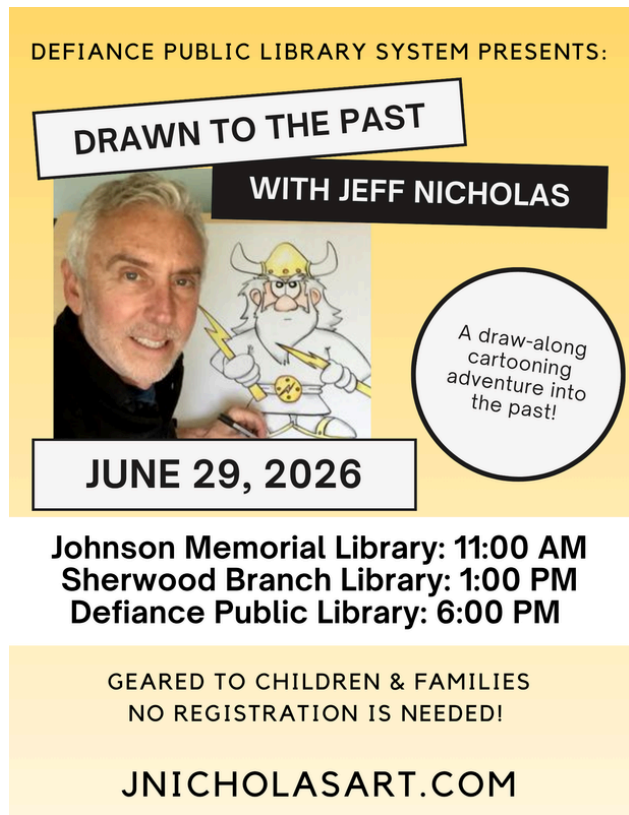
Sponsored by the Hickville Community Service Center, Hickville Parks and Pavilion, Johnson Memorial Library, and the Friends of the Johnson Memorial Library.



**DINO-SOARING INTO  
STORYTIME**  
at  
DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY

**JUNE 16 - JULY 15**  
Tuesdays & Wednesdays  
11AM-NOON

FIND US IN THE SUMMER  
READING TENT!  
GEARED TO AGES 0-6



DEFIANCE PUBLIC LIBRARY SYSTEM PRESENTS:

**DRAWN TO THE PAST**  
WITH JEFF NICHOLAS

**JUNE 29, 2026**

A draw-along cartooning adventure into the past!

Johnson Memorial Library: 11:00 AM  
Sherwood Branch Library: 1:00 PM  
Defiance Public Library: 6:00 PM

GEARED TO CHILDREN & FAMILIES  
NO REGISTRATION IS NEEDED!

**JNICHOLASART.COM**



# In other news...

Visit Defiance Public Library on the first and third Tuesday of each month from 4-6 p.m. for Chess Club. Players of all ages and skill levels are welcome. Use one of our boards, or bring your own.

The Defiance Public Library System Board of Trustees will hold its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, June 24, 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.

Did you know you can use your DPLS library card to borrow a museum/attraction pass?

Visit Defiance Public Library and check out passes to the Armstrong Air & Space Museum, the Fort Wayne Museum of Art, Science Central Fort Wayne, and more! This program is sponsored by the Friends of DPL.

Read details at:  
[defiancelibrary.org/pass](http://defiancelibrary.org/pass)

[http://](http://defiancelibrary.org)  **DEFIANCELIBRARY.ORG**



**Defiance Public Library**  
 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