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Defiance Public Library Awarded \$7,500 Grant

Defiance Public Library is the recipient of a \$7,500 Curiosity Creates grant from the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) to support creativity programming. Over 400 United States libraries applied and 79 grants were awarded. The funding was made possible by a generous donation from Disney. Other Ohio libraries receiving grants include Toledo Lucas County Public Library and Perry Public Library.

As noted by ALSC president, Andrew Medlar, “Children are naturally curious and the act of creating is vital to their development, so ALSC is particularly grateful to Disney and especially excited to offer this incredible opportunity to support our members’ work in public libraries, where families can engage their creativity unlike anyplace else in the community.”

Defiance Public Library is using the Curiosity Creates funding to run “Agents of B.O.O.K.S. (Brainy Objectives Obtaining Knowledge)”, a free knowledge club that meets every 2nd Monday of the month. This club will allow students between the ages of 8-11 (grades 3-5) to discover their talents in the broad field of fine arts and through fostering confidence and creativity. Students who register and participate in the “Agents of B.O.O.K.S.” club will be learning skills such as code breaking, sewing, drawing, writing, teamwork, special effects, directing, acting, sound editing, film making, cinematography and library research. The goal of each skill learning session will be put to test when they make their own film. To showcase the group’s final product the library will be hosting a red carpet premiere.

Defiance Public Library will be partnering throughout the program with the area local school systems, Defiance College, Defiance Community Cultural Council and other community outreach organizations.

For more information on this and other events offered through the Defiance Public Library System, visit the events page at www.defiancelibrary.org.

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