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Be a Reading Machine! DPL's Winter Reading Challenge kicks off Jan. 1

[DEFIANCE] – Defiance County residents can win prizes just for reading during Defiance Public Library System's 2025 'Be a Reading Machine' Winter Reading Challenge, taking place online from Jan. 1-31.

Register for the challenge, sponsored by Beanstack and Baker & Taylor, at defiancelibrary.beanstack.org. Participants can also use the Beanstack Tracker app, available in the Apple and Google Play stores, to log their reading on the go.

All ages can participate, and readers are challenged to read (or listen to audiobooks) for at least 240 minutes during the month, earning fun virtual badges along the way.

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 Coffee, Dunkin' Donuts, or Cabin Fever. A Grand Prize winner will be randomly chosen on February 3 from the list of those who logged 240 minutes (or more). The Grand Prize is a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble.

Prizes for the Winter Reading Challenge are sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library. In addition, top-performing libraries and schools can receive special prizes from

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Johnson Memorial Library
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Hicksville, OH 43526
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117 N Harrison
Sherwood, OH 43556
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For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

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