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### **Drawing, Reading Challenges Return to DPLS in October**

**[DEFIANCE]** – Defiance Public Library System (DPLS) is inviting young patrons to read, draw, and get inspired this fall with the return of its annual reading and art challenges.

Grades 6–12 can read along with DPLS for a chance to win prizes during the TeenTober Book Nerd Challenge, taking place Oct. 1–31.

Read or listen to three titles from the TeenTober reading list and return your sheet to any DPLS location (Defiance, Sherwood, or Hicksville) or email it to [prellstab@defiancelibrary.org](mailto:prellstab@defiancelibrary.org) before the end of the month to be entered into prize drawings for gift cards to Meijer, Amazon, Walmart, Barnes and Noble, or Phoenix Theatres. Prizes are courtesy of the Friends of Defiance Public Library.

Participants can download the reading list at [defiancelibrary.org/nerd](http://defiancelibrary.org/nerd) or pick it up inside any DPLS library. The winners will be announced on Nov. 4.

Then, grades 6–12 are encouraged to enjoy 31 days of drawing during the Artober Challenge, taking place Oct. 1–31. Pick up a prompt sheet at the Defiance, Sherwood, or Hicksville libraries, or download it at [defiancelibrary.org/artober](http://defiancelibrary.org/artober). Share your creations with @dplslibraries on Facebook, Instagram, or X using the hashtag #dplsartober2025 or drop off your drawings at the library for a

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**Sherwood Branch Library**

**117 N Harrison**

**Sherwood, OH 43556**

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display (the display will be located at Defiance Public Library, but drawings can be dropped off at any DPLS location).

For questions about either challenge, contact the library at 419-782-1456.

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