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## Defiance Library's Winter Reading Challenge Kicks Off Jan. 1

**[DEFIANCE]** – Readers of all ages are invited to kick off the new year with Defiance Public Library System's Winter Reading Challenge, taking place Jan. 1–31.

This year's challenge, held on the online Beanstack platform, features Benny the Bean, collectible digital badges, and chances to win prizes for logging reading minutes.

Registration is open now at defiancelibrary.beanstack.org. Participants can also register and log their reading using the Beanstack Tracker app, available in the Apple and Google Play stores.

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 300 minutes or more and will receive a \$25 Barnes & Noble gift certificate.

For more information, contact the library at 419-782-1456.