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DPLS Gears Up for National Library Week

[DEFIANCE] – Defiance Public Library System (DPLS) will offer a slate of special events and activities to celebrate National Library Week, taking place April 4-10.

First held in 1958, National Library Week is sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and observed in libraries across the country each April, including public, school, academic, and special libraries. It is a time to celebrate our nation's libraries, library workers' contributions, and promote library use and support.

April 5-9, a different DPLS staffer will share a beloved Beatrix Potter tale via Facebook Live beginning at 4:30 p.m. To join in, visit facebook.com/dplslibraries/live, or stop by the DPLS Facebook page (@dplslibraries) to hear the story. Stories will be recorded for later viewing on DPLS's social media and YouTube channel.

Additionally, children visiting any DPLS library (including Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, and Johnson Memorial in Hicksville) during open hours April 6-10 are invited to spin the Treasure Wheel and win a prize.

The fun will continue on social media all month long, with staff book recommendations appearing each day of April on the DPLS Facebook page.

Patrons can also stop into Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., beginning April 6 to pick up a DIY book shadow box kit. Craft kits are limited and will be located on the shelf next to the library director's office.

For more information about these, or any other upcoming DPLS programs, call 419-782-1456.

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During National Library Week April 4-10, check out your library online

(CITY, STATE) – This week, [name of library] encourages all community members to visit their website to explore and access virtual services and programs. [Name of library] offers a wide array of online resources that are available from the comfort of home, including [add your library's resources].

April 4-10, 2021 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the essential role libraries, librarians and library workers play in transforming lives and strengthening communities. The theme for this year's National Library Week is "Welcome to your library," which promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building and that everyone is welcome to use their services. Whether people visit virtually or in person, libraries are accessible and inclusive places that foster a sense of belonging and community through learning, discovery and exploration.

During these challenging times, libraries of all types have been going above and beyond to adapt to our changing world by expanding their resources and continuing to meet the needs of their patrons. Libraries across the country are making a difference in people's lives by providing electronic learning resources like online homework help and wi-fi access for students and workers who may lack internet access at home. [*Name of library*] is supporting the community with virtual services such as [*add your library's programs*].

This National Library Week, the public can show their appreciation and support for libraries by visiting their library's website, following them on social media and using the hashtag #NationalLibraryWeek.

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association and libraries of all types across the country each April.

For more information, visit the library's website at [*provide URL and include library boilerplate*].

