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### DEFIANCE LIBRARY CELEBRATING “1000 BOOKS BEFORE KINDERGARTEN” GRADS

[DEFIANCE] – The public is invited to the Children’s Department at Defiance Public Library, 320 Fort St., Aug. 17 to celebrate graduates of the “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” program.

The festivities will kick off at 10:30 a.m. with a welcome song and story. There will be craft activities, and face painting will be available from 11 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Attendees also will receive a special treat, while supplies last.

The 1,000 Books program fosters early literacy by challenging children to read/listen to 1,000 books before they start kindergarten. Parents can register their children for the challenge online at [defiancelibrary.beanstack.org](http://defiancelibrary.beanstack.org). Reading can be logged with Beanstack, using the “1,000 Books Before Kindergarten” app, or on paper.

A similar program for high schoolers challenging them to tackle 100 Books before Graduation will kick off in September.

All are welcome to attend the 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten Graduation Celebration; no registration is required.

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

