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September is Library Card Signup Month

[DEFIANCE] – September is Library Card Signup Month, a time when the American Library Association and libraries across the country—including Defiance County’s—remind parents that a library card is the most important school supply of all.

To celebrate, children age 5 through sixth grade who visit any Defiance Public Library System (DPLS) location (Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, or Hicksville’s Johnson Memorial Library) to sign up for a new card during the month will receive a free book, while supplies last. Existing cardholders are welcome to sign up a sibling or friend instead.

Since 1987, Library Card Signup Month has been held to mark the start of the new school year. Libraries play an important role in the education and development of children. Studies show that children who are read to in the home and who use the library perform better in school.

Research also suggests that when kids select their own library materials, they tend to enjoy reading more, and stand a higher chance of developing into lifelong readers. For more information about DPLS’s 3-STAR Card for Defiance County students, visit defiancelibrary.org/discover/3-star-card, or call your library.

All DPLS library cards are fine-free (fees for lost or damaged materials still apply).

For more information about what’s happening at the Defiance County libraries this fall, visit defiancelibrary.org/calendar, and follow DPLS on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter (@dplslibraries).

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Defiance, OH 43512

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Johnson Memorial Library

116 W High St.

Hicksville, OH 43526

ph. 419-542-6200

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Sherwood Branch Library

117 N Harrison

Sherwood, OH 43556

ph. 419-899-4343

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