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DPLS partners with The Ability Center to bring DREAM to Defiance County libraries

[DEFIANCE] – Defiance Public Library System (DPLS) is partnering with The Ability Center to bring the DREAM (Disability Representation, Education, and Awareness in Media) Project to all Defiance County library locations.

The Ability Center is a northwest Ohio agency aiming to make local communities disability friendly by increasing independence for people with disabilities and changing the communities' perceptions of disability. The center has served the seven counties of Lucas, Ottawa, Wood, Fulton, Henry, Defiance, and Williams since 1920.

The DREAM Project is designed to ensure children's books by, for, and about people with disabilities are available and easy to find at schools, libraries, and other community spaces.

The Ability Center has donated its DREAM collection to the Defiance, Sherwood, and Hicksville library locations, featuring 13 unique titles that will be on display and available for checkout at all three libraries beginning March 1, to coincide with National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. The new, inclusive titles are suitable for children from birth to 6th grade.

DREAM titles include, "My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay" by Cari Best, "Rescue and Jessica" by Paul Harbridge, "Just Ask: Be Different, Be Brave, Be You" by Sonia Sotomayor, and more. A full list of DREAM titles is available at abilitycenter.org/dream.

Additionally, DPLS will launch a Disability Representation Book Resource Guide, available at the libraries and at defiancelibrary.org beginning March 1.

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Defiance, OH 43512
ph. 419-782-1456
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Johnson Memorial Library
116 W High St.
Hicksville, OH 43526
ph. 419-542-6200
fax. 419-542-1015

Sherwood Branch Library
117 N Harrison
Sherwood, OH 43556
ph. 419-899-4343
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The DREAM display at Defiance Public Library will feature related crafts, activities, and a take-home coloring book, available while supplies last. Sherwood Branch Library also will offer a take-home craft.

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