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## **November Brings Reading, Writing Challenges**

[DEFIANCE] – Defiance Public Library System is offering up a pair of fun fall challenges beginning Nov. 1.

November is Picture Book Month, and the Defiance County libraries are marking the occasion with the 'Celebrate Picture Books' Reading Challenge. Each day, read one picture book and log your reading on Beanstack ([defiancelibrary.beanstack.org](http://defiancelibrary.beanstack.org)) or using the Beanstack Tracker app, available for download in the Apple and Google Play stores.

There will be three prize drawings throughout the month, and a grand prize drawing at the end. Prizes include downtown Defiance gift certificates, movie passes, and more. The Challenge runs Nov. 1-30 and is open to all ages. For more information, visit [defiancelibrary.org/celebrate](http://defiancelibrary.org/celebrate).

In addition, grades 6-12 are invited to participate in the Teen Fan Fiction Writing Contest, also running Nov. 1-30. The contest calls teens to submit a short story (1,000-3,000 words) reimagining a character or section of a book. Stories can be submitted in person at any DPLS library (Defiance Public, Sherwood Branch, Johnson Memorial) or via email to [prellstab@defiancelibrary.org](mailto:prellstab@defiancelibrary.org). The winning entry will be shared in the DPLS newsletter, on social media, and in booklet form at the libraries. For complete rules, visit [defiancelibrary.org/write](http://defiancelibrary.org/write).

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