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Winter Reading Challenge Kicks Off Jan. 1

[DEFIANCE] – Defiance County residents can win prizes just for reading during Defiance Public Library System's (DPLS) 2024 'Where We Come From' Winter Reading Challenge, taking place online from Jan. 1-31.

Registration for the challenge, sponsored by Lerner Publishing Group, is open now at defiancelibrary.beanstack.org. Participants can also use the Beanstack Tracker app, available in the Apple & Google Play stores, to log their reading on the go.

All ages can participate, and readers are challenged to read (or listen to audiobooks) for at least four hours during the month. There will be a weekly drawing for a \$5 gift card to a local coffee shop, and a grand-prize drawing for a \$40 gift card. The prizes were sponsored by the Friends of Defiance Public Library and an anonymous donor.

This year's theme was inspired by the picture book 'Where We Come From,' by John Coy, Shannon Gibney, Sun Yung Shin, and Diane Wilson, and is centered on topics of family, identity, and personal history. Books do not need to fit the theme to count toward the challenge.

For more information, visit defiancelibrary.org/winter or call the library at 419-782-1456.

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