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NEWSLETTER



DELPHOS PUBLIC LIBRARY

<https://www.delphoslibrary.org>

ABOUT

309 West Second St.
Delphos, OH 45833

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Monday - Friday: 9 am to 6 pm

Saturday: 9 am - 12 pm

Sunday: Closed

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Looking for reading
recommendations? We're here
to assist you!

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LIBRARY NEWS

We are excited to announce that Delphos Public Library is a LSTA Competitive Grant award winner! This grant from the federal **Institute of Museum and Library Services**, awarded by the **State Library of Ohio** will be used to develop a makerspace in the original portion of the main library. Local funds to complete this project were awarded by the Arnold C. Dienstberger Foundation.

Create Space will feature 3D printers, sewing machines, simple robotics, and more. Based on our timeline, this space should be ready sometime in May of 2026! We'll keep the community updated as we make headway on this project.

Update on our **American Library Association** LTC: Accessible Small and Rural Communities Grant work. Today we added our **KultureCity** signage, sent our photos in for social story creation, and have our new Sensory Inclusive Bags available for patron use! There are signs to let those with sensory sensitivities know what areas may be loud, where to find sensory bags, and at the doors to let everyone know they are welcome here.

We have also purchased:

- * noise cancellation ceiling installations
- * a sensory tunnel
- * Sensory Friendly manipulatives

All of which will make our Early Literacy Play Area more inviting to ALL.

Our next steps are to:

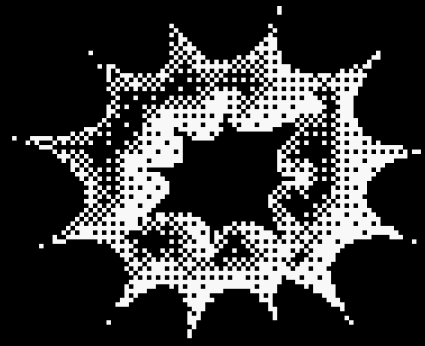
- *complete the play area refresh
- *purchase and install light covers to finish dimming the lights
- *install the tunnel and noise cancellation pieces
- *purchase new furniture for both the main library and storytime areas to make it more friendly to those who need alternative seating
- *provide assistive listening devices for programming etc.

We have even more to come, but these things take time. Please follow us for updates as we make the library more welcoming and accessible for every patron.

December 2025

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ADULT WINTER READ



Jan 5, 2026 - Feb. 14, 2026

Join our winter reading program.

Reading for 10 hours this winter is more attainable than you might think!
Here's what counts toward your goal.

- Listening to audiobooks
- Reading books
- Reading ebooks
- Reading magazines
- Using your phone, tablet, or computer to read
- Sharing stories with your children or grandchildren

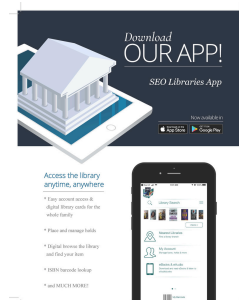
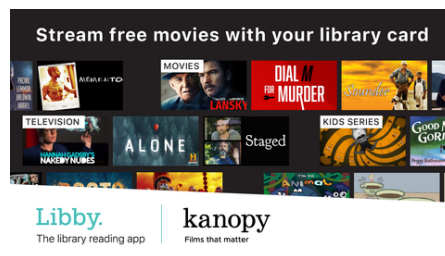
Once you reach the 10-hour mark, you will be eligible to enter our exciting prize drawing. Prizes are on display in our curio cabinet.

Join us and make winter reading a fun adventure! Reading logs available to pick up on January 5. Logs must be returned by Feb. 21, 2026. Prize drawing on February 23.



AT A GLANCE

We offer the following
databases free with your library
card and pin number.



CHILDREN & TEEN PROGRAMS

Beginning January 5th through February 14th



Join our WINTER READING PROGRAM to earn cool prizes just for reading! Pick up a log starting on January 5th and start logging. There will be logs for Preschool, K-4, Teens, and Adults.

January 13th | 4:00-5:00pm | 1st Ed. Building

WINTER LUAU



Come shake off the Winter blues with a beachy themed program full of games, crafts, and dancing! Perfect for children 10 and under and their families! No registration necessary.

TEEN ROOM

Teen Room is open each Thursday*
*When school is in session or unless otherwise noted.
3:00-4:00pm.

January: 8, 15, 22, 29

February: 5, 12, 26

March: 5, 12, 19

April: 9, 16, 30

May: 7, 14

Storywalk®

Have you visited our Storywalk down at Stadium Park? We switch the stories every 4-6 weeks except for our extended stories that run December through January and May through July.



Monthly Clubs



For approved members only!
Applications due by December 15th, 2025 for membership January through May 2026.

We meet the 1st Monday of each month at 4:00pm in the Teen Room.

Help plan programs, volunteers, and more.

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Members can join with a signed permission slip! We will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month from 3:30-5:00pm in the teen room.

Meet up with others teens who love all things anime and manga for show screenings, manga previews and more.



Each month, we will feature 4 options of book club in a bag kits. Each book selection will come with a craft, paper activities, discussion questions, and a few goodies. Return the book, keep the rest!

Sign-up is via google forms and will be open for the first FULL WEEK of each month.

Grades K-4th



Teens are allowed ONE book box per month. Give us some info on your likes and current reads and we will match you with a new book. Along with your book, each box will feature a few goodies to keep!

Sign-up is via google forms and will be open for the first FULL WEEK of each month.

Grades 5th - 12th

Storytime

Join us for Storytime starting in February!
We offer the following storytimes:

Mondays at 10:00am - Family Storytime
Great for all ages of children birth through 6 years

Tuesdays at 10:00am - Sensory Storytime
For those who need a quieter space and less
distractions as well as fidget/seating options.
Registration is required

Tuesdays at 11:00am - Family Storytime
Great for all ages of children birth through 6 years

Monday Session runs February 23rd through April 27th

Tuesday Session runs February 24th through April 28th

February

February 9th | 4:00-5:00pm | 1st Ed. Building



We provide the toys, games, crafts, and
snacks--you bring yourself and some
friends for a playdate without the stress.
Perfect for ages 10 and under.
No registration necessary.

February 19th | 4:00-6:00pm | 1st Ed. Building



Come walk through our life-size
Candyland and pick up sweet treats and
other goodies along the way. Perfect for
ages 10 and under.
No registration necessary.

March

March 10th | 4:30-5:30pm | 1st Ed. Building



We provide the PEEPS and some craft supplies, you bring the box and ideas! Come create your Peeps Diorama and we'll display them at the library. Fan Favorite wins a prize! Perfect for the whole family! No registration necessary.

March 18th | 10:00-11:00am | 1st Ed. Building



The Delphos Fire Department teaches us about fire safety, what it takes to become a firefighter and more! No registration necessary.

March 26th | 4:30-5:30pm | 1st Ed. Building



Use our collection of boxes and craft supplies to build a fort! Spend some quality time inside reading and snacking at this program perfect for families with children 10 and under! No registration necessary.

Curious about our kids & teen programs? Give us a ring at (419)-695-4015

Memorials and Gifts Donation Form

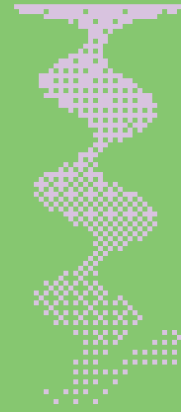
A gift to the Delphos Public Library is a meaningful way to honor a loved one and benefits the entire community. Whether given as a memorial, recognition of a happy occasion, or an expression of honor and esteem, a gift to the library is a satisfying way to remember someone special.

Cake Pans

Borrow a cake pan from us to bake for a holiday or a special family event. One pan may be checked out on a Delphos Public Library Adult Library Card. The pan can be checked out for 7 days with one renewal. Fines for pans returned late are \$.50 per day. The pans must be returned clean and washed. There will be a \$1.00 charge for a pan returned dirty. A \$4.00 fine will be charged if instructions are not returned with pan. Return borrowed pans to the front desk of the library, do not return in the bookdrop.

Need a Mobile Hotspot? Call us @ (419)-695-4015 for more information. Our Mobile Hotspot collection has grown.





Eagerly anticipating
spring! Be sure to look
out for our upcoming
newsletter in April.

