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#### Daring to DREAM with books

Local entities team up with Mazza Museum to put inclusive books in schools By Jeannie Wiley Wolf The Courier Public Library a

The University of Findlay's Mazza Museum is teaming up with the College of Education and other community partners to launch a new program called DREAM — Disability Representation, Education and Awareness in Media.

The goal is to increase awareness of literature that focuses on, includes and/or is created by people with disabilities.

A set of 14 different titles will be placed in elementary schools in Findlay and Hancock County as well as the Findlay-Hancock County Public Library and the Mazza library and gift shop where copies will be available for purchase, said Ben Sapp, director of the Mazza Museum.

"The books cover everything from physical disabilities to being autistic to visually impaired and hearing impaired. Many different types of disabilities are reflected in these books," he said. "That's kind of the idea, that the books would reflect students that these schools would be interacting and working with on a daily basis."

Mazza was recently awarded a \$2,420 grant from the Findlay-Hancock

County Community Foundation for the program.

"The Community Foundation, they were very supportive and we're grateful for their generous donation. Really truly the real expense was just the books and a lot of time that different individuals have given to make this happen," he said.



Rosemary Well's original "Max and Ruby" illustration and the final book illustration in "Max Cleans Up" are seen here at the Mazza Museum on the campus of the University of Findlay. (LEAH ALSEPT/The Courier)

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Mazza Museum offers a variety of displays and activities for children. Below are just a few examples.



This mixed media sculpture of a Grindylow, a creature from English and Celtic mythology, was one of 24 pieces on display in the University of Findlay Mazza Museum's Enchanted Brush exhibit last year. The exhibition is an annual summer show that features works by artists from around the world. (KEVIN BEAN/The Courier)



Carly Hull, right, drops a red disc into a giant Connect 4 game to try to out play her mom, Stephanie, in the STEAM Center of the Mazza Museum. (KEVIN BEAN/The Courier)



Susan Marks, left, watches as her granddaughter, Avery Benedict, 11, looks for Lego characters in a pile of Legos during a Funday Sunday in March 2022 at the Mazza Museum. (KEVIN BEAN/The Courier)

Sapp said the Toledo Public Library introduced the program a few years ago.

"Then it was brought to our attention and we felt like it was important to try and implement it in the Hancock County/Findlay City schools," said Sapp.

The first collection of books is aimed at the elementary school age level, he noted. "My hope would be somewhere down the road we could do the same with young adults and novels and just help to carry that theme through all the grades and help individuals to be more aware, more respectful and helpful of each other," explained Sapp.

He said individuals from Blanchard Valley School helped pick the books.

"I think we had maybe 30 different titles. They felt like these 14 really reflected them individually and some of the daily challenges they face," said Sapp.

They also worked together to try and get the books at a discounted rate from the publishers. In all, 950 books will be dispersed.

Sapp noted that some graduate students enrolled in UF's college of education will write lesson plans to go with the books. "And the great thing is that each year there will be new books that are released. This collection of books will continue to grow," he said. "And hopefully the Community Foundation might see the benefit of this program and continue to help support the purchasing of those books."

They're also hoping that the graduate students will continue to write lesson plans and find ways to use these books in the classrooms, he said. The plan is to have the books and lesson plans distributed by the end of the school year so librarians and teachers can begin preparing for next year. The public library also hopes to incorporate some of the books in its SummerRead program.

"So it kind of gets the awareness and the exposure of these titles out early before the school year starts in the fall," said Sapp.

"You never know the doors that this may open," he added. "I think of having some illustrators and authors of some of these books possibly coming over the next several years to do school visits and talks here at conferences for teachers and librarians. I think there are a lot of opportunities from this foundation that we're starting through the help of what's been done in Toledo."

Sapp said he would also like to see original illustrations from some of the books become a part of the Mazza Museum - the world's largest collection of original artwork by children's book illustrators.

"It's just I think a wonderful use of resources in our community," he said.

Featured books will include: "All the Way to the Top: How One Girl's Fight for Americans with Disabilities Changed Everything" by Annette Bay Pimentel; "Awesomely Emma: A Charley and Emma Story" by Amy Webb; "Benji, the Bad Day, and Me" by Sally J. Pla; "Brilliant Bea: A Story for Kids with Dyslexia and Learning Differences" by Mary Vukadinovich and Shaina Rudolph; "Dancing with Daddy" by Anitra Rowe Schulte; "A Friend for Henry" by Jenn Bailey; "I Don't Like Birthday Parties" by Maureen Gaspari; "I Will Dance" by Nancy Bo Flood; "Just Ask! Be Different, Be Brave, Be You" by Sonia Sotomayor; "Mighty Mila" by Katie Petruzziello; "My Three Best Friends and Me, Zulay" by Cari Best; "A Sky-Blue Bench" by Bahram Rahman; and "When Charley Met Emma" by Amy Webb.













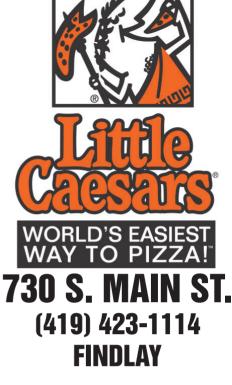






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#### April 1



#### **Easter Egg Hunt** 9 am - 1 pm Riverside Park - Shelter House 22, Findlay

Join the annual Findlay Family YMCA's Easter egg hunt. Please bring your own Easter baskets. Age groups: 0-2 years; 3-5 years, 6-8 years and 9-10 years. For more information call 419-422-4424.

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#### **Photography Hike** 9 - 10 am Litzenberg Memorial Woods, Findlay

Join Hancock Park District on a hike through the woods and bring your camera to this nature-oriented photography hike. Photographers will walk along the trails taking photos of wildlife and the Memorial Woods' scenery. All skill levels and camera types are welcome. Hikers should meet at the gatehouse.

Hike is free and open to anyone 16 or older, no registration required.



#### **Easter Egg Hunt** 10 am - 2 pm Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation, Findlay

NWORRP is hosting a continuous scavenger hunt for all ages, with a chance for hunters to win a "golden ticket" good for free admission all season. Treats are available for participating kids!

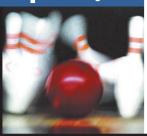
Admission \$3 Adults, \$2 Kids 12 and under. Includes a train ride. Rides will continue until 4 p.m.



#### Healthy Kids Day 5-8 pm University of Findlay Koehler Center

Findlay Family YMCA's Healthy Kids Day will be an evening of fun and activities that the whole family can enjoy.





#### **Bowling for Kids Plus** AMF Sportsman Lanes, Findlay

Get involved in the 40th Annual Children's Mentoring Connection fundraiser by becoming a sponsor, creating a team of 5 individuals, registering as a player or making a donation. Visit bowlathon.net for more details.

#### Sessions are at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm



#### Chocolate Walk 11 am - 3 pm and 4 pm - 8 pm Downtown Defiance

Stroll Downtown Defiance and enjoy some chocolate (and wine if you choose) along the way. This is a delicious opportunity to enjoy a spring walk through the six block area of downtown.

Tickets available April 4th at ddvb.ticketspice.com/2023-chocolate-walk



#### **Run for Beer 5k** 11 am Findlay Brewing Company, Findlay

The Ohio Brewery Running Series hits Findlay with a mapped-out 5K course that begins and ends at Findlay Brewing Company and stretches throughout the city. Participants get a free craft beer from the taproom and a choice of a collector's pint glass or a swag item from FBC. Door prizes also available. All ages and speeds welcome. A portion of proceeds go to local organizations like the City Mission of Findlay and others.

Admission is \$35 and you can register at findlaybrewing.com



#### **Fostoria Redman Club Casino Night** 6 pm Stacy's Place, Fostoria

Enjoy a night of dinner, drinks and gambling with all profits from the event benefiting the Redman student athletes. The evening is disco themed. Ticket information and additional details available at senecaregionalchamber.com.

Admission is \$75, must be 21+ to attend.

At press time, the information was pulled from community websites and was considered current.

We apologize for any information that may have been changed/updated after this edition was printed.







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#### Services for Holy Week & Easter

Maundy Thursday—April 6 Remembering Christ's Last Supper 7 PM—Holy Communion

**Good Friday—April 7** Watching at the Cross Noon—Meditative-Spoken Service 7 PM—A Tenebrae Service

Easter Vigil—April 8 Dramatic Experience the Passion & Paschal Victory 5 PM—Holy Communion

Easter Sunday—April 9 Alleluia! Christ is Risen! 9 AM—Holy Communion 11 AM—Holy Communion

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#### **Easter Sunday**

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service9:30 a.m. Worship Service11:00 a.m. Community Dinner



Alleluía!! He is Risen Indeed!

Holy Week & Easter Maundy Thursday - April 6 7:00pm

> Good Friday - April 7 7:00pm

*Easter Sunday - April 9* 8:15 & 10:45 am



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#### SUNDAY, APRIL 9



Come celebrate the Risen Savior with us! 7:30 am - Sunrise Service 8:15 am - Breakfast 9:00 am - Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am - Resurrection Worship

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#### Palm Sunday 9AM, 10AM\* & 11AM Maundy Thursday 7PM Good Friday 7PM

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"He is Risen"

April 2 - Palm Sunday Service 9:30am April 6 - Maundy Thursday Posted to St John's Findlay Facebook Page April 7 - Good Friday Outside - Stations of the Cross 6pm Community Easter Egg Hunt April 8 @ 11am April 9 - Easter Service 9:30am

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#### Easter Services

Sunrise Service 8:00 AM Complimentary Breakfast 8:30 AM Bible Classes for Children, Youth & Adults 9:15 AM Easter Worship Service 10:30 AM



#### HOWARD UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Easter Breakfast 8:00 AM Easter Service 9:00 AM 220 Cherry St., Findlay





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