



**WOOD COUNTY
DISTRICT PUBLIC
LIBRARY**

Fall at the library brought many things: colder weather, of course, but also an abundance of programming, new materials, and library love. As we continue to serve you in ways that are accessible for all, we also strive to stay connected with one another during the wintery months.

With the changing of the seasons, storytimes moved indoors at both Bowling Green and Walbridge. What a joy to see our smallest patrons dance and sing in the library! We will continue fun, interactive storytimes for families, as well as offering a variety of programming for readers of all ages.

Online programs continued for both adults and children with great success. We had two amazing authors join us: author and illustrator David Biedrzycki and bestselling author Beth Harbison. While Beth Harbison told us about her journey in publishing and enticed us with both stories and recipes, David Biedrzycki joined us for an incredibly interactive and engaging discussion with over 1,000 children that will inspire young writers and artists to become the next generation of storytellers.

We welcomed back students as a new school season began. We are always amazed to see the reading journey of our patrons, and our visits to schools and to BGSU for Campus Fest proved that the library is an ever-important resource for book lovers of any age. Paired with reading suggestions and assistance from our dedicated librarians, we continue to serve you in new and innovative ways.

Of course, while some things shift and change, other things remain the same. Our holiday tradition of joining the Bowling Green Holiday Parade continued, and we did so by taking J. R. R. Tolkien's much-loved *The Lord of the Rings* and bringing it directly to Main Street. We were honored that our elvish army won the award for "Most Unique" in the parade; a tradition we hope to continue as we brainstorm creative ideas to future parades.

As we enter a new year, we hope you will show the same support you have given through the years. If you would like to show your support or appreciation for the library, I encourage you to make a donation to the WCDPL Foundation. As always, we are incredibly grateful for your support and the library love you continuously show us.

See you at the library!

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