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Dear Parents and Summer Readers,

Congratulations on your participation in this year's Summer Reading Program!

If you haven't already visited the library's website for on-demand videos, I encourage you to check out a brand-new offering. I am excited to announce Schiffel's Safety Scholars as part of this year's Summer Reading Program. It's a video-based series of books, all aimed at keeping our kids safe.

I have worked with library leaders to carefully choose and construct the four-book series of videos. The message in each video provides informative, but age-appropriate messages about staying safe and aware. Topics include: online responsibility, staying drug-free, stranger danger, and body boundaries and consent.

As a part of the Schiffel's Safety Scholars program, my videos are available through the Delaware County District Library website. ***At the end of each video, a question or key word is announced. Participating Scholars are invited to submit the key word or answers in order to be entered into a prize drawing, to be awarded at the conclusion of the Summer Reading Program.*** (At the end of each video, a link will be available to submit the key word and other necessary information.)

I am truly looking forward to taking this summer reading journey with you and your child. As a prosecutor, I know it's so very important to arm our children with the tools they need to stay safe. As the mother of a young daughter myself, I strongly believe that education and prevention are the some of the best tools we have as parents.

Each year my office receives funds from drug forfeiture cases, and we are required to allot those funds for drug education. I can think of nothing more important than a program aimed at keeping our children safe, which is why I partnered with our libraries to create Schiffel's Safety Scholars. This program is free for all Delaware County residents.

Thank you for taking this journey with me, and entrusting me to be a part of the discussions you have with your children.

Sincerely,

Melissa A. Schiffel
Delaware County Prosecutor