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Up for Discussion at Library this Fall: Four Guest Authors with Local Roots

September 14, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) –Stark County District Library presents an exciting variety of guest author speakers this fall with topics ranging from sports talk and organized crime to stirring memoirs and war stories. This fall’s guest authors appearing at Perry Sippo and Lake Community Branches -- Kyle Kondik, Mark Perretta, Terry Pluto, and Dan Moldea – all share one thing in common: local roots.

Kyle Kondik, our first local author this fall, is a Cleveland native living in Washington, DC. He will join us on September 21 at 6:30 at the Lake Community Branch. He works as a political analyst for the University of Virginia Center for Politics and is the Managing Editor for Sabato’s Crystal Ball. Learn why they say “As Ohio goes, so goes the Nation” as this expert on campaigns fills our evening with history, politics and intrigue. Kyle will discuss his book “The Bellwether”, share his predictions for November and discuss Ohio’s pivotal role as a national model.

Next, join Massillon resident and teacher Mark Perretta on September 22 at 6:30 at the Perry Sippo Branch for an evening discussing his novella, “Heaven Above, Earth Below”. The central character in Mark’s story is based on his former Central Catholic High School Student, Jason Manse, who was killed in a military training exercise in 2006. What started out as a way to honor a former student has grown into a tribute to a fallen hero and a touching reminder of the events of the USS Indianapolis.

Each event is free and will feature a discussion by the author followed by a question and answer session and book signing. Friends of the Library volunteers will have additional copies of the book available for purchase the night of the event. Dates, times, and locations include:

- Kyle Kondik, author of “The Bellwether”
Wednesday, September 21, 6:30- 7:30 p.m., Lake Community Branch
Political analyst and author Kyle Kondik will discuss swing states, Ohio’s pivotal role as a national model, and his predictions for November.
- Mark Perretta, author of “Heaven Above, Earth Below”
Thursday, September 22, 6:30- 7:30 p.m., Perry Sippo Branch Room B
Massillon resident and teacher Mark Peretta will discuss the inspiration behind his story and thoughts on the USS *Indianapolis*.

- Terry Pluto, author of “The Curse of Rocky Colavito”
Wednesday, November 16, 6:30- 7:30 p.m., Lake Community Branch
Author and sports columnist Terry Pluto discusses the good, the bad and the ugly of Cleveland sports.
- Dan Moldea, author of “Confessions of a Guerrilla Writer”
Tuesday, November 22, 6:30-7:30 p.m., Perry Sippo Branch
Akron native and independent investigative journalist Dan Moldea will discuss his recently published, action-packed memoir.

“We’re excited to showcase such great talent with a local connection this fall,” said Marianna DiGiacomo, Community Services Director, “These events are a great way to spur conversation in the community. We call this “Sharing Smart” at the Library and it’s just one of the ways that we try to be The Smart Store® for Stark County.”

All events are free, but registration is requested due to limited seating. To register and for more information about these free author events, visit StarkLibrary.org. The Lake Community Branch is located at 585 Market Avenue SW, Uniontown, Ohio 44685. The Perry Sippo Branch is located at 5710 12th Street NW, Canton, OH 44708.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

One of the 9 largest library systems in Ohio – and the county’s oldest library -- Stark County District Library serves the community through 10 locations, six mobile libraries, and a 24/7 digital branch.

A 2009 winner of the prestigious National Medal for library service, the Library serves over 105,000 active cardholders, annually circulating 3.85 million items from its 1.4 million item collection and providing access to an additional 66 million items from lending networks throughout Ohio. Each year the library presents more than 9,000 programs for 170,000 attendees and provides 260,000 computer sessions on the publicly available computers found in each branch.

Today, as it reimagines itself as The Smart Store, where everything is free®, the Library is emerging as a national thought-leader with innovations such as its “no overdue fines” policy, the BikeSmart bike sharing network, and the Start Smart School Partnership.

For more information, call 330.452.0665 or visit <http://www.starklibrary.org>.

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