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Start Smart Educator Showcase and CEU Opportunity at Library

September 12, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) –Area educators of all types are invited to the Start Smart Educator Showcase on September 20 at Stark County District Library.

This showcase offers six mini workshops for educators of all grades to attend. Workshop topics include Genealogy in the Classroom, Elementary and Preschool story time, and Novelist database workshops. There will also be a tech petting zoo, basket giveaways, and teachers attending will receive a certificate for one contact hour of professional development. The showcase will run from 3:30-7 p.m., with workshops beginning at 4:30 p.m., at the Main Library in downtown Canton.

“Stark County District Library has so many great resources from databases to storytelling workshops and, of course, all of our books for educators at all grade levels,” said Julia Shaheen, Literacy Manager. “We just want to showcase what we have to offer the amazing educators in our community and help make life in the classroom just a little bit easier.”

This event is one of the many efforts at the Library to enable educators, caregivers, and families to help children “Start Smart” by developing early literacy skills and being prepared for school. Studies show that school readiness and literacy development can have a significant impact on a student’s academic performance throughout their school career. Start Smart, along with Stay Smart (lifelong learning) and Share Smart (community engagement) are the Library’s three core areas of focus under its recently launched campaign as The Smart Store®.

Registration is recommended, but not required for this free event. Those who have questions about the Start Smart Educator Showcase can contact the Main Library at 330-452-0665 or visit StarkLibrary.org. The Main Library is located at 715 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio 44702.

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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Stark County District Library: Start Smart. Stay Smart. Share Smart.