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Get Up Close and Personal with Furry Friends at the Inaugural Animal Expo From Stark County District Library

September 8, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) – Whether you prefer cute and cuddly or wild and woolly, the new Animal Expo at Stark County District Library is the place to be on September 17 from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.! Meet baby wild animals, K-9 cops, greyhounds, three surprise visitors from the Akron Zoo and more at this free family event!

Families can get up close with animals, read their favorite story to service dogs and enjoy touchable displays, animal tips from experts, and goody bags. The Stark County Humane Society will be at the event with animals available for adoption that day!

The Library is also accepting donations to support our local animal care organizations including: The Humane Society of Stark County, Friends of the Pound, Cloverfield Wildlife Center and People Care Pet Pantry. Donation bins will be available at Stark County District Library starting August 22 to collect wish list items including:

Litter	Pet Food	Bleach
Dawn Liquid	Pet Shampoo	Paper Towels
Leashes	Copy Paper	Bedding (i.e. sheets, towels, pillow cases, etc.)

Other organizations participating in the Animal Expo include Cripple Creek Ferals and Friends, Peace for Pets, Greyhound Adoption, Friends of the Pound, People Care Pet Pantry, and area veterinarian and pet emergency services.

"The Animal Expo is just one of many ways that the Library is helping our community start, stay, and share 'smart' by offering fun, free and unique learning opportunities," said Marianna DiGiacomo, Community Services Director. "It's why we like to call ourselves The Smart Store®. We think people of all ages are going to love this new way to encounter animals."

Registration is not required for this free family event. Those who have questions about the event 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.

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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.