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### Library Rolls Out New Bookmobile

#### *The First Mobile Smart Store at Stark County District Library*

**August 29, 2016 (Canton, Ohio)** – Stark County District Library is excited to launch its first Mobile Smart Store as part of its ongoing reimagination as the Smart Store®. A next generation bookmobile with state of the art features, it will offer the same services as the library’s permanent branches at stops throughout the county. Patrons can sign up for a library card; checkout and request books, DVDs, and technology items; and sign up for events.

The spacious new Mobile Smart Store is the largest in the library’s fleet at 36 feet long and is wheelchair accessible. The additional square footage will provide more browsing room and space for materials, allowing the library to serve more patrons at each community stop. The new unit holds approximately 2,448 items and will service the busiest route. It replaces the 1994 Bookmobile, the oldest in the fleet

“We’re excited to showcase our beautiful and functional new Bookmobile,” said Tammy Long, Mobile Services Manager. “With the extra space, we can better serve the needs of our patrons.”

Mobile Services touches every corner of Stark County. Stark County District Library has the largest mobile fleet in the state with four bookmobiles for school and community stops and two vans that deliver to the homebound and elderly. In addition to 26 community stops, Mobile Services visits seven workshops for adults with special needs, every senior center, senior community, school district, day care, and preschool in the Library’s service area.

The public’s first opportunity to take a peek at the new Mobile Smart Store will be at the Stark County Fair August 30 – September 5. It will begin serving community stops on September 6.

For more information on the Stark County District Library Mobile Libraries, or to find a stop near you, visit [starklibrary.org](http://starklibrary.org).

### 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<sup>®</sup>, 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.*