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Hall of Famer Derrick Brooks to Host Special Story Time at Library

July 27, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) –Join Derrick Brooks, Hall of Famer and former linebacker for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, for a special story time at Stark County District Library on Friday, August 5.

Due to schedule changes, the start time is earlier than originally listed in the Library's Smart Store Guide. Story time will be from 12:30-1:30 p.m. in the Main Library Atrium in downtown Canton. This family event is free to attend and will also include football themed activities and a question and answer session with the football great.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame and Stark County District Library offer the Hall of Famer Story Time annually during the Enshrinement Festival. The Hall of Fame's collaboration with the Library is one of many efforts to encourage children and families to Start Smart by developing early literacy skills. Start Smart, Stay Smart and Share Smart are the Library's three areas of focus as it reimagines itself as The Smart Store®.

Derrick Brooks is an eleven-time Pro Bowl selection and six-time All Pro, named AP NFL Defensive Player of the Year in 2002. He earned a championship ring with the Buccaneers in Super Bowl XXXVII and was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 2014.

"The Library is thrilled to partner with the Hall of Fame. This special story time with one of the greatest linebackers to play the game gives children the opportunity to connect with a famous role model and get excited about reading," said Marianna DiGiacomo, Director of Community Services for the Library.

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 www.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.