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## Jackson Township Library to Open Doors at New Location on August 1

**July 19, 2016 (Canton, Ohio)** –On Monday, August 1, the Jackson Township Branch of the Stark County District Library will open the doors at its new temporary home in the Marketplace at Nobles Pond. The last day of service at the current location will be Saturday, July 30. For the convenience of library patrons, the transition between the current branch and the storefront location will occur with no extra “down time” for one of Stark County District Library’s busiest branches.

Conveniently less than half a mile from the current location, the new storefront is located at the intersection of Fulton and Wales near the 3 Brothers restaurant at the west end of the plaza. The library will be at this location for about two years while a new permanent facility is built. The new address starting August 1 will be 7186 Fulton Drive NW, Canton, Ohio 44718. Hours will be changing with the move. New hours will be: Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Friday-Saturday 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Starting September 11, Sunday hours will resume from 1 p.m.-5 p.m. The branch can still be reached via telephone at 330-833-1010.

This storefront location will serve as both the temporary home of the branch as well as a Smart Store incubator to test pilot many of the new technologies, features, and services the Library plans to introduce in all of its locations in the near future. Innovative user-friendly additions being tested include the 24/7 Lobby which offers patrons access to on-hold materials and self-serve lending machines allowing patrons to borrow popular materials day and night.

Tena Wilson, Executive Director of Stark County District Library is excited for the Library patrons in Jackson Township to experience the changes. “We are eager to welcome residents to our new interim home in the Marketplace at Nobles Pond. We think it will allow them to experience a taste of the future of the Jackson branch and all of our libraries.” said Wilson.

While the new location is smaller than the eventual permanent location, Jackson patrons will still have access to all of the same materials and services they have come to expect from the Library. Community partnerships and creative solutions will allow the library to continue to hold events and provide services outside of the branch space. “Think ‘library without walls’,” Wilson encourages, “because book club may be at the juice bar, teens may be meeting at the David YMCA across the street, and a children’s program may be at the Buehler’s meeting room. “

**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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