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### Lake Library to host mystery author Linda Castillo

**June 10, 2016 (Canton, Ohio)** –Stark County District Library is hosting two book discussions featuring author Linda Castillo. Castillo is a New York Times Best Selling author who has written numerous novels generally focused on the Amish Thriller genre. Castillo will host two book discussions on July 13, from 2-3pm at the Lake Community Branch and from 6:30-7:0pm at the Perry Sippo Branch.

The focus of Castillo's presentations will be her newest release, "Among the Wicked," an Amish mystery thriller set in Holmes County, Ohio. The book will also be available for purchase and autograph signature. Castillo wrote her first novel at age thirteen and has since published 30 books for three New York publishing houses.

Both of the presentations are made possible through the support of the Friends of the Library (FOL). FOL groups raise funds to support local libraries in a variety of ways. The Lake Community and Perry Sippo FOLs are sponsoring Linda Castillo's visit.

Castillo is originally from Ohio, where her Amish thrillers are set. Her work has gained popularity and praise through the years, granting her several awards and nominations. Her debut thriller, "Sworn to Silence," spent four weeks on the New York Times bestseller list and eventually was adapted into a two-hour movie re-titled "An Amish Murder."

Based on her popularity the library anticipates these presentations to be very well received by the community. Marianna DiGiacomo, Director of Community Services, is pleased to offer Castillo as a speaker. "We are excited to once again host Linda Castillo at two of our libraries. She is a very popular author and always draws a big crowd when she visits Stark County District Library," said DiGiacomo.

Registration is requested for both of Castillo's presentations. Please call 330-452-00665 or visit [www.starklibrary.org](http://www.starklibrary.org) to register. Lake Community Branch is located at 565 Market Ave SW, Uniontown, Ohio 44685. Perry Sippo Branch is located at 5710 12<sup>th</sup> St. NW, Canton, Ohio 44708.

#### 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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