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Library to host first ever Mini Maker Faire® in Stark County

April 25, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library is hosting the area’s first ever Mini Maker Faire® on Friday, May 6 at the Main Library in downtown Canton. The free public event will run from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. and will be included in the Canton Arts District First Friday lineup.

Part science fair, part county fair, and part something entirely new, Maker Faire is an award winning, family friendly event, celebrating technology, education, science, arts, crafts, engineering, food, sustainability, and more. A maker is anyone who is a tech enthusiast, crafter, tinkerer, hobbyist, engineer, author, or artist.

Exhibitors will highlight unique maker-type activities and share them with the public. They will demo their work for event attendees as they visit each station or instruct others on what they do. The event is not designed to be an arts or crafts faire and items will not be for sale at the Library.

Several exhibitors are signed up to participate, and will feature projects from Canton Hacker and Maker Place, a build your own arcade cabinet demonstration, 3D printing, building fishing lures, spinning, cookie decorating, sewing, musical activities, gardening and growing, a visit from the WYKC WAM weather mobile, and many more.

In addition to traditional exhibitors, students from the STEAMM Academy at Hartford Middle School will also be showcasing their work. Students in sixth, seventh and eighth grade will exhibit several projects, including green architecture home models, coding projects, Japanese Lanterns, and 3D educational board games. The students will also be promoting their Give Shade community service project, which raised funds for and awareness of the homeless community in Stark County.

Marianna DiGiacomo, Director of Community Services, is leading the event. “We are excited to bring the Mini Maker Faire to Stark County. It provides a great opportunity for individuals to show off the new and unique things that they’re doing, whether they are hobbies or careers,” said DiGiacomo.

More information is available at www.starklibrary.org or by calling 330-452-0665. The event is free and open to the public and is appropriate for all ages. Registration is not required and attendees can come and go as they please in this open-house style event.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

One of the 8 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 100,000 active cardholders, annually circulating 3.5 million items from its 1.2 million item collection and providing access to an additional 66 million items from lending networks throughout Ohio. Each year the library presents nearly 8,000 programs for 170,000 attendees and provides 280,000 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 recently launched 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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