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### Library seeks exhibitors to participate in first Mini Maker Faire®

**March 29, 2016 (Canton, Ohio)** – Stark County District Library is hosting the first ever Mini Maker Faire® in Stark County on May 6 from 2:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the Main Library. The Library is currently looking for individuals and organizations that identify as makers and wish to participate in this one-of-a-kind event.

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.

Several exhibitors have already 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, and a visit from the WYKC WAM weather mobile. The Mini Maker Faire® will be part of First Friday in the Canton Arts District and will be appropriate for all ages.

Exhibitors can participate in the event for free and are asked to highlight unique maker-type activities and share them with the public. Exhibitors will demo their work for event attendees as they visit each station or instruct others on what they do. The event is not designed for selling goods or services.

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.

Those who are interested in being an exhibitor at the Mini Maker Faire® can contact Marianna DiGiacomo for more information, [mdigiacomostarklibrary.org](mailto:mdigiacomostarklibrary.org), 330-458-2769. An application for exhibitors can also be completed online at [www.starklibrary.org/starkmakers](http://www.starklibrary.org/starkmakers).

#### 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<sup>®</sup>, 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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