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Library and Symphony collaborate to offer Listen at the Library: a unique musical story-telling experience

March 23, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library and the Canton Symphony Orchestra are once again hosting Listen at the Library and Sundays at the Symphony at various Library locations. Listen at the Library brings together music and story time, creating an interactive experience for children of all ages, and Sundays at the Symphony offers free orchestral performances to Library patrons.

Each Listen at the Library program will feature stories read aloud with musical accompaniments adding sound effects to go along with the story. In between stories the musicians will teach the children about their instruments, demonstrating how each different instrument makes different sounds.

Ten programs are scheduled at each of the Library's locations:

- Tuesday, March 29, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., North Branch
- Tuesday, March 29, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Madge Youtz Branch
- Wednesday, March 30, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., DeHoff Memorial Branch
- Wednesday, March 30, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Sandy Valley Branch
- Tuesday, April 5, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., Plain Community Branch
- Tuesday, April 5, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Lake Community Branch
- Wednesday, April 6, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m., East Canton Branch
- Wednesday, April 6, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Main Library
- Thursday, April 7, 10 – 11:30 a.m., Jackson Township Branch
- Thursday, April 7, 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Perry Sippo Branch

Sundays at the Symphony are one hour performances that allow patrons to enjoy the music of the Canton Symphony Orchestra. Patrons are welcome to relax and take in the whole performance or simply enjoy the music as they browse, read, and use the Library. The orchestra will perform on Sunday, April 3 at the Main Library from 2-3:00 p.m. and at the Perry Sippo Branch from 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Marianna DiGiacomo, Director of Community Services, is proud to offer this unique program. "Listen at the Library and Sundays at the Symphony are always popular events for us. There's nothing like it, and it's enjoyable and educational for children and for their parents," said DiGiacomo. "We are grateful that the Orchestra continues to collaborate with us on this project."

More information including location addresses is available at www.starklibrary.org or by calling 330-452-0665.

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.

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