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### Author Lisa Beazley to headline Library Local Authors Week

**March 23, 2016 (Canton, Ohio)** – Stark County District Library is hosting its annual Local Authors Week from April 4 – 9. Patrons will have the chance to participate in two Local Authors Fairs as well as a two Meet the Author events. All Local Authors Week events are free and open to the public.

The highlight of the week is Author Lisa Beazley's book debut for "Keep Me Posted" at the Canton Palace Theatre. Keep Me Posted, to be released on April 5, 2016, is a novel about the relationship between two sisters who correspond from New York to Asia. Beazley, an Ohio native, is presenting her book as part of the Library's Speaking of Books Author Series at The Palace Theatre on Saturday, April 9 at 6:30 p.m. The event will include Beazley's presentation, a question and answer session, and a book signing. Copies of her newly released novel will be for sale at the event through the Friends of the Library. Ticket reservations are encouraged and can be arranged by calling 330-454-8172 or visiting [www.starklibrary.org/LisaBeazley](http://www.starklibrary.org/LisaBeazley).

The Lake Community Library will host New York Times Bestselling Author Beverly Lewis on Saturday, April 9 at 10:00 a.m. Lewis is on tour for her newest novel, "The Atonement." A native of Pennsylvania Dutch country, Lewis has written more than 80 books and is considered a pioneer in the Amish fiction genre. "The Atonement" and other books by Lewis will be for sale at the event courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Registration is requested for this event and patrons can call 330-877-9975 or visit [www.starklibrary.org](http://www.starklibrary.org) to register.

In addition to the meet the author events, two Local Authors Fairs will be held at Lake Community Branch on Tuesday, April 5 from 6-8:00 p.m. and at the Main Library on Saturday, April 9 from noon to 4:00 p.m. The events will feature local authors who have published their work. Each participant will have the opportunity to interact with patrons, talk about his or her work with them, sign their books, and sell their books if they so choose. Registration is not required for the Local Author Fairs and patrons are encouraged to come for part or all of the events.

The week of celebration will also include a series of web posts featuring various local authors. The Library's website will put the spotlight on a different local author for each day of Local Authors Week (Monday through Friday). These spotlights will include personal details about local authors based on interviews with them. The spotlights will be shared daily on the Library's Facebook page as well, [www.Facebook.com/StarkLibrary](http://www.Facebook.com/StarkLibrary)

Local Authors Week is consistently a positive event for the Library and the community, and this year its expansion will reach even more audiences. “Local Authors Fairs give writers in our own community the chance to promote their work, grow their audience, and generally increase their visibility. With the addition of two meet the author events, we are bringing in authors who have seen great success and can bring their expertise back to our community,” said Marianna DiGiacomo, Director of Community Services

All of the Local Author Week events are free to attend. For information on registering or reserving tickets, visit [www.starklibrary.org](http://www.starklibrary.org).

### **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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