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Gardening and seed programs return to the Library for spring

February 25, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library is welcoming spring with the return of the Heirloom Seed Bank and many collaborative gardening and agricultural programs. The Seed Bank and the collaborative programming are offered free of charge at The Smart Store®.

The Heirloom Seed Bank is returning on March 1 at the Main Library. The Seed Bank is a diverse collection of seeds free to anyone interested in planting a garden or a single plant, and it is a partnership with Stark County Master Gardener Volunteers and the OSU Extension Services. In addition to the wide collection of standard seeds, there is an additional set of seeds that are geared toward children. In order to start growing, patrons can visit the Library and make their selections free of charge.

Several programs are scheduled to accompany the Library's Seed Bank, some of which are offered through a partnership with StarkFresh. StarkFresh is a multi-faceted non-profit organization focused on increasing people's consumption of fresh, locally sourced, healthy and affordable foods through equal food access and educational opportunities for everyone. Programs that are offered in partnership with StarkFresh are denoted with an asterisk. Please refer to the Library's website for additional details and locations.

Saturday March 12, 10-11:30am - Vegetable Gardening 101*

Thursday, March 17, 7:00pm – Watch “Dirt! The Movie” *

Saturday, March 19, 10-11:30am – Honey Bees & Butterflies

Saturday, March 19, 1-2:30pm – Spring Into Lawn Care

Saturday, March 19, 2:30-4pm – Joys and Sorrows of Gardening *

Monday, March 21, 6-7:45pm – Birds and Bees in your Garden

Thursday, March 24, 6:00pm – 101 Tips for a Happy Gardener: Notes from the Field*

Saturday, May 21, 10-11:30am – Arranging Cut Flowers

Saturday, May 21, 10am-Noon – 8th Annual Plan Swap

Marianna DiGiacomo, Director of Community Services, is excited to offer these popular programs. “We have seen success in years past with the Seed Bank and gardening programs. This is just another way that the Library is offering new and unique services that meet the needs of our community and enable us to Share Smart,” said DiGiacomo.

For more information visit www.StarkLibrary.org/spring-2016. The Main Library is located at 715 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio 44702.

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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