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Here Comes Santa Claus family fun day at the Exploration Gateway

November 24, 2015 (Canton, Ohio) – The Smart Store® and Stark Parks are hosting a holiday fun day, “Here Comes Santa Claus,” at the Exploration Gateway on Saturday, December 5 from 10am – 4pm. The event is free to attend and will include fun activities for the whole family. Highlights include a visit from Santa Claus, a performance by Jacks-N-Jills show choir, and a holiday concert by the Canal Fulton Band.

A schedule of events is listed below:

- Here Comes Santa Claus: Santa will stop at the event from 10:00am – 11:30am. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras for a photo opportunity. Santa’s visit will also include stories by the fireplace.
- Holiday Movie: Holiday movies will play from 10:00am – 2:00pm. The movies will be appropriate for the whole family.
- Crafts: Holiday crafts will be made from 10:30am – 12:00pm.
- Jacks-N-Jills Show Choir Performance: Jackson High School’s show choir, the Jacks-N-Jills, will perform holiday songs at 11:00am.
- Canal Fulton Band Holiday Concert: The band will perform holiday music from 3-4pm. Attendees are encouraged to bring a non-perishable food item for a donation to a local food pantry.
- Friendly “Reindeer”: The canines of the TAILblazers Pet Patrol will be specially dressed for the occasion throughout the day.
- Cookies and milk: Enjoy cookies and milk throughout the day.

The event is sponsored by Stark County District Library and Stark Parks. The Library’s Perry Sippo Branch and Stark Parks share the Exploration Gateway building, which is located in Perry Township on Sippo Lake. In addition to a Library branch and Parks offices the building features FeLeap’s Lily Pad Gift Shop, event spaces, and The Congressman Ralph Regula Canalway Center, which features exhibits highlighting the natural and cultural history of the Ohio & Erie Canalway.

The Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park is located at 5710-5712 12th St NW, Canton, Ohio 44708. For more information please contact Lisa Szeles, Perry Sippo Branch Manager, at 330-477-8482 or visit www.StarkLibrary.org.

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ABOUT THE EXPLORATION GATEWAY

The Exploration Gateway at Sippo Lake Park is a center of nature, culture, and life-long learning established in June 2007 as a partnership between the Stark County Park District and the Stark County District Library. Staff members work together daily to demonstrate a commitment to education, the environment, community outreach, and stewardship of financial resources.

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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