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Stark County District Library Foundation hosting Tap Into Literacy Fundraiser

October 9, 2015 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library Foundation is hosting an evening of great food and craft brews in support of Stark County District Library. Tap Into Literacy will be held on Thursday, October 29 from 6 -9pm at Canton Brewing Company in downtown Canton.

Tap Into Literacy is distinctly unlike other fundraisers, designed to introduce new friends to the Library's critical work in addition to raising funds.

Guests will enjoy a fun, casual evening in the unique setting of Canton Brewing Company's Speakeasy, located in the lower level of 120 3rd St. NW, Canton, OH 44702. The ticket price of $50 per person includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar will be available.

Throughout the evening, instead of a formal program guests will discover how the Library is reimagining itself as The Smart Store® by exploring several "Smart" stations showcasing unique Library offerings including 3D printing, the BikeSmart bike sharing network, and interactive family play spaces.

Likewise, there will be no auction, raffle, or other trappings of a traditional fundraiser. Rather, in keeping with the night's theme, guests will use a "guest check" to choose from a menu of Library services and resources that they can support with their donation.

Tap Into Literacy is being co-chaired by Ryan Fulmer of Beese Fulmer Private Wealth Management, Tony Lambos of Kendall House Inc. KFC, and Kyle Sheposh of Solmet Technologies, all members of Stark County District Library Foundation's Board of Directors. The Foundation is an independent nonprofit organization founded to raise funds in support of the Library and its staff in their mission to serve the citizens of Stark County.

The Foundation is chaired by Paula Mastroianni of Western Reserve PBS. Mastroianni is looking forward to the evening, "We have a great event planned for October 29. Library supporters will have a chance to see some of the new, innovative, and unique services that the Library offers in the relaxed setting of

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Canton's newest hotspot."Mastroianni is hoping that both long-time supporters of the Library Foundation and those who are less familiar with the group's efforts will attend the event.

Tickets to the event are now on sale. Information is available at www.starklibrary.org/tap. Individuals who want to learn more or receive an invitation can contact Stephanie Soduk, Public Relations and Development Manager, at 330-458-2699, ssoduk@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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