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Stark County District Library hosting author and Massillon native Jim Proebstle

Local author's book explores his personal experience with football head injuries

October 13, 2015 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library, The Smart Store, where everything is free®, is hosting Stark County native and author Jim Proebstle on October 22, 2015 at 6:30pm. Appearing at the Library's Perry Sippo Branch, Proebstle's story as told through his book, "Unintended Impact: One Athlete's Journey from Concussions in Amateur Football to CTE Dementia," is sure to be of high interest to the community that serves as home to the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

Proebstle's latest book highlights an increased need for player safety in football through the story of his brother Dick Proebstle. Dick passed away in 2012 after a successful high school and college football career, including his induction into the Stark County High School Football Hall of Fame Class of 2011. Despite his success in football, he also suffered head injuries in the sport which may have eventually led to his diagnosis with CTE dementia.

Jim Proebstle was born in Massillon, Ohio in 1944 and attended Canton Central Catholic High School. A successful football player in his own right, he played for Michigan State University and was on their National Championship football team in 1965. He and his wife Carole live in Deer Park, Illinois and spend their summers in northern Minnesota.

Football related head injuries and their long term effects have been an important topic of conversation recently, and will even be featured in "Concussion," a major motion picture starring Will Smith and Alec Baldwin that is set to launch on Christmas Day of 2015. Marianna DiGiacomo, the Library's Director of Community Services, feels that Proebstle's presentation is particularly timely and relevant. "Proebstle has offered to share his knowledge and experience with the Stark County Community. Through telling his brother's story he wants to shed light on a topic that is becoming increasingly relevant in conversations about the sport," said DiGiacomo.

More information on Proebstle's upcoming appearance is available on the Library's website, www.starklibrary.org, or by calling 330-452-0665. Stark County District Library's Perry Sippo Branch is within the Exploration Gateway, located at 5710 12th St NW, Canton, Ohio 44708.

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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