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## Stark County District Library announces fall events and activities schedule

**September 10, 2015 (Canton, Ohio)** – Stark County District Library, The Smart Store®, is offering an exciting variety of “smart” events and activities for all ages and interests this fall. The fall schedule features hundreds of events for September, October and November at all of its ten locations and dozens of bookmobile stops. Best of all, everything is free® at Stark County District Library.

“Start Smart” offerings focus on literacy and learning skills from early childhood through primary, middle school, and high school. Popular activities include Story Time, LEGO® Club, Minecraft Monday, Pups and Pages, and Anime Club.

Those whose student days are past can still “Stay Smart” with lifelong learning opportunities like technology training classes, book clubs, knitting groups and the Lifelong Learning series of educational programs. New this fall, SCORE and the Library are co-sponsoring a series of workshops for small business entrepreneurs.

Finally, the Library invites the community to “Share Smart” by coming together to explore smart ideas and engage in relevant conversation. This fall, the county will join in reading the One Book One Community Stark County selection, *Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline and participating in a multitude of activities linked to it.

Readers can also join the conversation at one of several author appearances: Christina Baker Kline, author of *Orphan Train*; Trevor Zahara, author of *Confessions of an OSU Usher*; and Doug Lipp, author of *Disney U*. Two special programs for women and teenagers featuring guest speaker Christine Mabon will focus on the importance of friendships throughout life.

For more information on these events and many others, see the complete calendar at [www.StarkLibrary.org](http://www.StarkLibrary.org) or stop in your favorite Library location to pick up a copy of the Smart Scene events and activities guide. For events that request reservations, patrons can sign up on the library’s website, in person at any location, or by calling 330.452.0665.

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**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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