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Stark County District Library Jackson Township Branch hosting Edmund Fitzgerald remembrance program

August 13, 2015 (Canton, OH) –Stark County District Library Jackson Township Branch is hosting “Edmund Fitzgerald: What Really Happened” in partnership with the Great Lakes Historical Society and National Museum of the Great Lakes. On Monday, August 17, 2015 at 6:00pm Underwater Archaeologist Carrie Sowden will provide the presentation, which is free and open to the public. Sowden is Director of Archaeology for the National Museum of the Great Lakes and has been conducting archaeological search and survey work on the Great Lakes for the museum for the past eleven years. Ms. Sowden has given approximately 250 presentations during this time and is the museum’s most sought public speaker.

The program is part of the National Museum of the Great Lakes efforts this year to remember one of the most mysterious shipwrecks in American history which sank forty years ago this November 10. Monday’s program at Jackson Township Branch Library is one of 29 programs offered across Ohio and Michigan over the next several months to remember each member of the crew of 29 that were lost in this tragic accident.

Monday’s program is offered in honor of Allen G. Kalmon who served as a second cook aboard the Fitzgerald on that last trip. The second cook is primarily responsible for all baking activities, such as the making of pies, breads, donuts and desserts for the crew. Kalmon would have been at the stern of the boat when she sank, but would not have been on duty at that time.

Ms. Sowden’s program will explore the major theories that have been offered as to why this relatively young vessel sank so mysteriously on Lake Superior on November 10, 1975.

The Jackson Township Branch of Stark County District Library is located at 7487 Fulton Dr. NW, Massillon, OH 44646. More information is available on the Library’s website or by calling the Jackson Township Branch at 330-833-1010.

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