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Stark County District Library and Pro Football Hall of Fame Present Hall of Famer Story Time

July 31, 2015 (Canton, OH) –Stark County District Library is hosting a Story Time event featuring Hall of Famer Bobby Bell. The program will be offered on Friday, August 7, beginning at 2:00pm at the Main Library in downtown Canton. Children and their parents are invited to attend this unique program where they will hear and see Gold Jacket Bobby Bell as he reads a children’s story out loud to attendees. In addition to Bell reading, with time permitting there will be a Question and Answer session after story time.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame and Stark County District Library offer the Hall of Famer Story Time annually during the Enshrinement Festival. The Hall of Fame’s collaboration with the Library is one of many efforts to connect enshrinees to the community through the sharing the Hall’s values of commitment, integrity, courage, respect and excellence.

Gold Jacket Bobby Bell was enshrined into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in 1983. The University of Minnesota standout quickly became an integral part of the Kansas City Chiefs stellar defense. An outstanding linebacker/defensive end, he starred for the Chiefs from 1963 to 1974. He played in six AFL All-Star Games, three AFC-NFC Pro Bowls and was named to the AFL’s All-Time Team. In all, he record 26 interceptions and scored nine career touchdowns including six on interception returns.

Recently Bobby Bell has gained recognition for earning his college degree at the age of 74. In May, 2015 Bell earned his diploma from University of Minnesota after being 17 credit hours short when he was first drafted into pro football in 1963.

Bell’s recent accomplishment of completing his college degree makes him the perfect fit for the Library’s Hall of Famer Story Time. “Not only is he a legend on the football field, but he can also be admired by children and adults alike for being determined to make education a priority after all of his accomplishments,” said Marianna DiGiacomo, Director of Community Services for Stark County District Library.

Stark County District Library is located at 715 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio 44702. Children of all ages and their parents are invited to attend the Hall of Famer Story Time. Attendees are not required to register for this event. More information is available at www.starklibrary.org.

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About the Library:

The [Stark County District Library](http://www.starklibrary.org) is a winner of the [National Medal](#) for library service. Its Main Library, nine Branch Libraries, two Bookmobiles and two Kidmobiles serve 100,000 library card holders. More than 1.4 million people visit the Stark County District Library each year and 3.6 million items are circulated annually. The collection includes traditional holdings including books, audio visual materials, and periodicals, plus digital collections of downloadable materials and other unique items. In addition, the Library provides programs and classes for adults, teens, and children, genealogy services, traveling collections and outreach services to shut-ins, nursing homes, and housing units. As The Smart Store, where everything is free®, Stark County District Library is reimagining what it means to be a library by being a leader in providing accessibility to technology. It is one of the nine largest library systems in the state of Ohio, serving 12 local school districts. For more information, call 330-452-0665 or visit <http://www.starklibrary.org>

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