



Main Library, DeHoff Memorial Branch, East Canton Branch,  
Jackson Township Branch, Lake Community Branch,  
Madge Youtz Branch, North Branch, Perry Sippo Branch,  
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## NEWS RELEASE

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Stark County District Library DeHoff Memorial Branch hosting snack program in partnership with Stark County Hunger Task Force.

**May 29, 2015 (Canton, OH)** –The Stark County District Library and Stark County Hunger Task Force are collaborating to offer a snack program at the DeHoff Memorial Branch throughout the summer. A healthy snack will be added to the library’s existing Summer Read-Aloud Program at the DeHoff Branch . Beginning on Thursday, June 4, at 1pm the Summer Read Aloud Program will be held weekly at DeHoff and will be open for children who reside in the branch’s nearby neighborhoods. DeHoff Memorial Branch is located at 216 Hartford Avenue SE, Canton, Ohio 44707.

Funding for the snack program is provided through the Summer Feeding Service Program (SFSP) and Canton Calvary Mission. The program will provide nutritious weekly afternoon snacks to school-aged children who attend the program.

Summer Read-Aloud is provided by DeHoff Memorial Branch and promises that any child who attends will be read to by a staff member. Reading aloud with children is statistically shown to improve literacy, and continued reading throughout the summer months ensures that students maintain or increase skills while school is not in session.

The snack program provides an opportunity for Stark County District Library and Stark County Hunger Task Force to collaborate and expand child feeding initiatives. The program will help to bridge a critical gap for many children who rely on supplemental meals during the school-year, such as free and reduced price breakfast and lunch. The snack program will also encourage attendance at the library’s Summer Read-Aloud program, encouraging literacy and education throughout the summer months.

No registration is necessary for this program. Any child who attends Summer Read-Aloud on Thursdays throughout the summer will be offered a snack without needing to qualify financially.

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**About the Library:**

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**About Stark County Hunger Task Force**

Founded in 1981, The Stark County Hunger Task Force (SCHTF) fights hunger in our community by providing strategic, logistic, financial, and food support to a network of over 30 local food pantries and 5 Backpack for Kids programs. We believe our work does more than just provide free groceries to those in need: we ease anxiety, inspire hope, and promote wellness. For those in this community who are hungry and unsure of what to do, SCHTF's pantry network is a lifeline in their time of crisis. Whether that crisis is temporary or extended, they turn to our food pantries and programs for a basic need that is deceptively simple: a free, 3-5 day food supply to help carry them through. During 2014, we distributed free groceries to an average of 27,335 people each month. Please visit [www.starkhunger.org](http://www.starkhunger.org) to learn more and get involved in the fight against local hunger.

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