



Main Library, DeHoff Memorial Branch, East Canton Branch,  
Jackson Township Branch, Lake Community Branch,  
Madge Youtz Branch, North Branch, Perry Sippo Branch,  
Plain Community Branch, Sandy Valley Branch

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## NEWS RELEASE

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

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Stark County District Library, The Smart Store, where everything is free ® hosts poetry contest, workshops and reading events in honor of Poetry Month.

**March 10, 2015 (Canton, OH)** –The Stark County District Library, The Smart Store, where everything is free ® is celebrating Poetry Month with several programs and events, including a poetry contest, workshops and poetry readings throughout March, April and May, 2015. April is designated as Poetry Month by the Academy of American Poets.

Throughout the months of March, April and May the Stark County District Library will host events for different age groups at various library locations in Stark County. Programs are designed to encourage children, teens and adults to harness their inner poet and get creative with this form of writing.

In addition to programs and workshops, two poetry contests (divided by age group) are open now and will remain open for submissions through the end of April. Poets may submit their work online or by visiting any Stark County District Library location.

The culminating events of this series of programs and poetry contests will be poetry reading nights for youth and adults held at the Main Library. Poets who are interested in reading their poetry must submit their work through the poetry contests referenced above. Children and teens in grades two through twelve are invited to submit poetry to be read aloud at Youth Poetry Café on May 21 at 6:30pm. Adults are invited to submit poetry to be read at Open Mic Night on May 28 at 6:30pm.

Poetry programs for youth include:

- Hip Hop Poetry, March 11, 2-3:00pm, DeHoff Branch, Age K-5
- Party with Poetry, March 16, 6-7:30pm, Perry Sippo Branch, Age 6-12
- Visual Poetry, March 21, 10:30-11:30pm, Main Library, Age K-5
- Visual Poetry, April 7, 2:30-4:00pm, Sandy Valley, Teens
- Visual Poetry, April 9, 6-7:30pm, North Branch, Teens
- “One Liner” Poetry, April 14, 6-7:00pm, Plain Community Branch, Grades 6-12

Poetry programs for adults include:

- Poetry Workshop, March 16, 6-7:30pm, Main Library, Adults
- Writers Group, March 19, 6:30–7:30pm, North Branch
- Poetry Reading, April 2, 6-7:30pm, North Branch

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Writers Group, April 16, 6:30–7:30pm, North Branch  
Poetry Writing Workshop, April 23, 4-5:00pm, Madge Youtz Branch

System wide poetry programs for all ages include:

Floor-Etry  
Illustrate our Branch Poem  
Poem In Your Pocket Day

Additional information pertaining to all poetry programming and workshops, poetry contests, Youth Poetry Café and Open Mic Night is available online at [www.TheSmartStore.org](http://www.TheSmartStore.org).

### **About the Library:**

The [Stark County District Library](http://www.starkcountylibrary.org) is a winner of the [National Medal](http://www.nationalmedal.org) for library service, is one of the best 100 libraries in the U.S. according to the [HAPLR](http://www.haplr.org) rating, and is a [Library Journal 5 Star library](http://www.libraryjournal.com). Its Main Library, nine Branch Libraries, and two Bookmobiles and two Kidmobiles serve 150,000 library card holders. More than 1.4 million people visit the Stark County District Library each year, holdings number 884,000 items, and annual circulation is 3.6 million items. The collection includes books, audio visual materials, and periodicals for all ages. In addition, the Library provides programs and classes for adults, teens, and children, computer and Internet access, a downloadable collection of books and music, genealogy services, traveling collections on Bookmobiles and Kidmobiles, as well as outreach services to shut-ins, nursing homes, and housing units. 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.thesmartstore.org>.

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