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One Book, One Community-Stark County 2014 Community Events throughout
October Focus on Bullying and Kindness

(Canton, Ohio)-September 19, 2014 – Four community events will be held in conjunction with the 2014 One Book, One Community-Stark County program. The themes of the events are anti-bullying and kindness, based on the 2014 book selection, 'Wonder' by R.J. Palacio. All events are free of charge and open to the public. Additional events will be held at various libraries throughout the county. For further information on all One Book, One Community-Stark County programs, visit www.starklibrary.org/index.php/home/about/one-book-one-community-stark-county/.

A One Book, One Community-Stark County event, presented in conjunction with the 2014 Canton Film Festival, will take place as part of First Friday on October 3, 2014. The movie 'Bully' will be shown at the Palace Theatre, preceded by Elec Simon's anti-bullying campaign. Doors open at 6 p.m. The event is family friendly and the movie is rated PG-13. The Canton Palace Theatre is located at 605 Market Ave North, Canton, Ohio.

The One Book, One Community-Stark County Kindness Kick-Off Event will take place on Tuesday, October 7 at 6 p.m. at the Cultural Center for the Arts, 1001 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio. This family friendly performance celebrates the 10th anniversary of the One Book, One Community programs. Local entertainment troupes will interpret the 2014 book selection, with performances by the Canton Ballet, New Direction Performing Arts Academy, and the Young People Making It Big student choir from the Arts Academy at Summit. Light refreshments will be served.

An adult-centered, informational approach to the topic of bullying will be held at the event Bullying: Its Causes, Effects, and Solutions on Saturday, October 18 at 2 p.m. at the Perry Sippo Branch Library, 5710 12th Street NW, Canton, Ohio. A panel of professionals and community members, including a former bully, will be on hand to talk about bullying at this roundtable discussion.

The finale for the 2014 One Book, One Community-Stark County is the Masks We Wear event, held on Wednesday, October 29 at 6 p.m. at the Stark County District Main Library, 715 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio. The event is family friendly. Medical, educational, and mental health professionals will be on hand to address topics such as bullying, self-esteem,

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differences, and more with the adults present. Children will have the opportunity to make a mask at a make it and take it craft station. The winning students from the Stark County Education Service Center's 2014 Kindness Art and Precept Contest will also be announced at this event.

About the Library:

The [Stark County District Library](#) is a winner of the [National Medal](#) for library service, is one of the best 100 libraries in the U.S. according to the [HAPLR](#) rating, and is a [Library Journal 5 Star library](#). 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 www.thesmartstore.org.

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