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Stark County District Library Offers Summer Reading Challenge: Fizz, Boom, Read!

May 20, 2014 – The 2014 Summer Reading Challenge at the Stark County District Library will take place at all branches June 9 through August 2. The theme, Fizz, Boom, Read!, focuses on connections to the sciences. All participants are challenged to read 40 days to earn prizes along the way, with a bonus prize if they read 50 days. Hands-on activities will be held at each branch, including a Summer Reading Kick-off event, science-themed programs, and Jeopardy challenges, and just to name a few. Beginning June 9, kids and teens ages 0-18 can register in person at any library branch, or online at www.starklibrary.org/summerreading to join the Fizz Boom fun!

There is no required amount entrants have to read each day, although 15-30 minutes depending on age is recommended. Any kind of reading counts: fiction, nonfiction, audio books, e-books, comic books, magazines, and blogs. If registering in person, participants will fill out a registration card, which will be kept at the library. If registering online, participants will register and track their reading through their account at www.starklibrary.org/summerreading. Bookmarks explaining how to register online will be available at all locations. Participants will receive coupons for area activities or goods from businesses for every five days they read. They can bring their game cards to the library to show their progress, or visit the library after logging in five days online.

Participants who complete their 40 days of tracked reading by Aug. 2 will receive a free book, a coupon, a golden ticket to attend a special finale event at their library location, and will be entered into grand prize drawings for their age group. Readers who complete the 40 day requirement and read 10 more days will receive a bonus book.

In addition to the reading fun, numerous activities, programs, and events will take place as part of the 2014 Summer Reading Challenge, such as creating Rube Goldberg machines, Canton Symphony Orchestra concerts, a photography contest, and more. All programs are free.

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 <http://www.starklibrary.org>.

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