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Stark County District Library Adult Poetry Contest 2014 Winners

May 30, 2014 – An Open Mic Adult Poetry Night was held recently at the Stark County District Library’s Main Library. Poets were invited to read their original works to the audience. Booklets featuring all of the poems entered in the 2014 Adult Poetry Contest were available. A digital version of the booklet may now be found at <http://www.starklibrary.org/librarypublications>. Winners of the Adult Poetry Contest, which was judged by a panel of area writers, received awards. A reception followed, courtesy of the Friends of the Stark County District Library and Subway. An eloquent time was had by all.

Adult Poetry Contest 2014 Winners:

JoAnne Burkhart McKinney of Sandyville for *Recipe for a “Seasoned” Life*

Cheryl Voiklis of Canton for *Summer Berries*

Connie Kramer of Tallmadge for *String Theory*

Eric Schlabach of North Canton for *Collector*

Andi Michelson of East Sparta for *Untitled*

Amanda Lamadanie for *Portrait of Youth*

Tyler Maag for *Baseball In Me*

Margaret Hassen for *The Day Before Was the Pay Before*

Desire Diehl for *You & I*

Dominique Mayle for *The Last Fight: Fifth Times a Charm*

Congratulations to the winners. The Stark County District Library thanks all who entered the 2014 Adult Poetry Contest, all who read their work aloud, and those who attended Open Mic Night.

About the Library:

The [Stark County District Library](http://www.starklibrary.org) 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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