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Stark County District Library Holds 15th Annual Poetry Contest: Kapow! Pop! Poetry!

February 20, 2014 –The Stark County District Library’s 15th annual poetry contest, titled Kapow! Pop! Poetry!, will be held March 1 through April 30. The contest is open to kids in second grade through adults. One original poem of no more than 250 words may be submitted per person. Entry forms and rules are available beginning March 1 at www.starklibrary.org/poetrycontest and at each SCLD location. The deadline for submissions is April 30. A panel of judges will determine multiple winners in each of six age categories: grades 2-3, grades 4-5, grades 6-7, grades 8-9, grades 10-12, and adult. All eligible submitted poems will be compiled into a booklet for circulation at the SCDL and will be published on the SCDL website.

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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