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Stark County District Library Celebrates Black History Month in February

January 28, 2014 –The Stark County District Library will celebrate Black History Month during February with programs throughout the county at the Main Library and six of the branch libraries. African-American history, food, music and more will be explored, including a musical event featuring Elec Simon at the Plain Community Branch Library on February 8 at 2:30 p.m.

Celebrate Black History with the SCDL:

DeHoff Memorial Branch
216 Hartford Avenue, SE
Canton, Ohio

Emancipation Proclamation
Saturday, February 15
11 a.m.

Adults: Historian Paul Goebbel will recount the origin and controversy surrounding the Emancipation Proclamation.

Registration requested, please visit <http://www.starklibrary.org/calendar-search> or call 330-452-9014.

Black History Makers of Stark County
Saturday, February 15
1–2 p.m.

Adults: Charita Goshay, writer for The Repository, will discuss the famous and not so famous black history makers of Stark County, Ohio

Registration requested, please visit <http://www.starklibrary.org/calendar-search> or call 330-452-9014.

The African–American Table

Saturday, February 15

2:30–3 p.m.

Adults: Learn about the origins of soul food in African–American culture. Food samples will be provided.

Lake Community Branch

11955 Market Avenue, North

Uniontown, Ohio

Harlem Renaissance Poetry

Thursday, February 20

6:30–7:30 p.m.

Adults: The 1920s and 1930s provided a cultural explosion in Harlem: the Harlem Renaissance. Read and discuss poetry from this rich time period.

Registration requested, please visit <http://www.starklibrary.org/calendar-search> or call 330-877-9975.

Madge Youtz Branch

2921 Mahoning Road, NE

Canton, Ohio

African American Folklore

Wednesday, February 5

4–5 p.m.

All Ages: The telling of African American stories from members of the community that extends up five (5) generations. Plus, taste traditional dishes and take home the recipes too.

Main Library

715 Market Avenue, N

Canton, Ohio

The Harlem Renaissance with Tom Evert

Thursday, February 20

10 a.m.

Grades K–8: Read excerpts from the poetry of Langston Hughes and interpret it through dance. Listen to samples of blues and ragtime music and experience the heartfelt expression of the people of the time.

North Branch

189 – 25th Street, NW

Canton, Ohio

Harlem Renaissance Poetry

Wednesday, February 12

6–7:30 p.m.

Adults: The 1920s and 1930s provided a cultural explosion in Harlem: the Harlem Renaissance. Read and discuss poetry from this rich time period.

Perry Sippo Branch
5710 – 12th Street, NW
Canton, Ohio

The Sound of My Own Drum with Mama Fasi

Tuesday, February 11

10 a.m.

Grades K–6: Drum with rhythms solo and with others, construct and experiment with rhythms, and understand that everyone has something to say in this interactive performance.

Plain Community Branch
1803 Schneider Street, NE
Canton, Ohio

Stomp! With Elec Simon

Saturday, February 8

2:30 p.m.

All Ages: Join STOMP star and local celebrity Elec Simon while connecting with music, rhythm, and fun.

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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