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Family Holiday Event Listing for Stark County District Library

November 15, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library is celebrating the 2016 Holiday season with several programs and events for all age groups at branch locations in Stark County. Events include a Gingerbread House Extravaganza, special story times, crafts, a Polar Express Party, meetings with Santa Claus and more. All events are free, but registration is requested, if indicated, due to limited seating.

A schedule of events to get you in the holiday spirit is listed below:

- Light up Downtown
Thursday Dec 1 6-8 p.m., Main Library
715 Market Ave. N, Canton
Santa Claus is coming! Visit the library during Canton's annual launch of the holiday season for entertainment, crafts, and, of course, the jolly old elf himself.
- Gingerbread House Extravaganza
Submit entries starting Nov 28
Entries on display Dec 1-23, Main Library
715 Market Ave. N, Canton
Design and build a gingerbread creation and bring it to the Main Library to decorate the Children's Department.
- Here Comes Santa Claus (In Partnership with Stark Parks)
Saturday Dec 3 10 a.m.-1 p.m., Perry Sippo Branch
5710 12th ST NW, Canton
Bring your cameras and visit Santa at the library. Continue the holiday celebration throughout Exploration Gateway with crafts, stories, live animals, refreshments and musical entertainment.
- Pysanky Holiday Eggs (Sponsored by Lake Community Friends of the Library)
Tuesday Dec 6, 3-5 p.m., Lake Community Branch
656 Market Ave. SW, Uniontown
Children will learn this folk art and make their own holiday egg. Registration is required. Class size limited. Grade 4 and up with a caregiver.

- **Holiday Open House**
Thursday Dec 8 3-5 p.m., Madge Youtz Branch
2921 Mahoning Road NE, Canton
Celebrate the holidays with music, activities, and cheer!
- **Santa Story Time**
Saturday Dec 10 9:30-11:30 a.m., Lake Community Branch
656 Market Ave. SW, Uniontown
Saturday Dec 17 10:30 a.m-12 p.m., North Branch
189 25th Street NW, Canton
Hear a story, sing songs, do crafts and tell Santa your Christmas wish list.
- **The Polar Express Party**
Monday Dec 12 6:30-7:30 p.m., East Canton Branch
224 North Wood Street, East Canton
All aboard the Polar Express! Wear your pajamas, and join us for the classic Christmas story with a treat and craft.
- **Holiday Open House**
Thursday Dec 22 4-5 p.m., DeHoff Memorial Branch
216 Hartford Ave. SE, Canton
Celebrate the sights and sounds of the holiday season. Enjoy music, activities, and cheer. There will be a surprise visit from Santa.

For more information about upcoming events and to register, visit StarkLibrary.org or call 330-452-0665.

ABOUT THE LIBRARY

One of the 9 largest library systems in Ohio – and the county’s oldest library – Stark County District Library serves the community through 10 locations, six mobile libraries, and a 24/7 digital branch.

A 2009 winner of the prestigious National Medal for library service, the Library serves over 105,000 active cardholders, annually circulating 3.85 million items from its 1.4 million item collection and providing access to an additional 66 million items from lending networks throughout Ohio. Each year the library presents more than 9,000 programs for 170,000 attendees and provides 260,000 computer sessions on the publicly available computers found in each branch.

Today, as it reimagines itself as The Smart Store, where everything is free®, the Library is emerging as a national thought-leader with innovations such as its “no overdue fines” policy, the BikeSmart bike sharing network, and the Start Smart School Partnership.

For more information, call 330.452.0665 or visit <http://www.starklibrary.org>.

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