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## Library Launches New Digital Archive of Over 90 Years of Historic Local Publications

**November 28, 2016 (Canton, Ohio)** – Stark County District Library just made available online over 180,000 pages of local historical out-of-print publications dating back to 1840. These publications, previously available only on microfilm, can now be accessed by users from anywhere via computer browser.

The publications include: Canton Daily News, Canton Morning News, Canton Evening News, Canton News Democrat, Democratic Transcript, News Democrat, Stark County Democrat, and Stark County Republican.

The digitization of these out-of-print resources enables easier access by a wider group of users while minimizing damage to the original materials. Features include remote access, a comprehensive keyword searchable database, and free, 24/7 access. This new online offering is just one of the innovative services the library is introducing as part of its re-imagination of itself as The Smart Store®.

“We’re very excited to have these unique holdings digitized,” said Lauren Landis, Manager of the Genealogy Division. “It’s a great way to assist researchers and we’re always excited to remove barriers to information. Many people are surprised to learn that all of our genealogy services – including this – are available for free.”

Online visitors can explore the digital archives free of charge at [StarkLibrary.org/DigitalArchives](http://StarkLibrary.org/DigitalArchives). The Genealogy Department can be contacted at 330-458-2765 for help with the archive or other genealogy research questions. The department is located in the Main Library at 715 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio 44702.

### 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<sup>®</sup>, 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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