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Library Journal Names Stark County District Library a Star Library

November 22, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library has been recognized as a Star Library in *Library Journal's* latest list of “star libraries.”

Library Journal, a national publication, assigns libraries star ratings similar to those used by Michelin and other travel guides. The ratings are based on per capita measures of circulation of library materials, number of visits to the library, library program attendance, e-circulation and library computer use—as reported to state library agencies and compiled nationally by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). This year's index uses that data from 2014.

“While we appreciate the recognition from *Library Journal* as a Star Library, our most prestigious vote of confidence comes from the 110,000 people in Stark County who actively use The Smart Store, where everything is free®,” says executive director Tena Wilson. “We feel like a Star Library every day when library resources are used and valued.”

Star Library ratings are awarded to libraries that generate the highest combined per capita outputs among their spending peers. This year, there are 260 ranked Star Libraries across the nation out of 16,766 public libraries.

For more information, 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. The Main Library is located at 715 Market Avenue North, Canton, Ohio 44702.

A 2009 winner of the prestigious National Medal for library service, the Library serves over 110,000 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.

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Stark County District Library: Start Smart. Stay Smart. Share Smart.