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Stark County District Library Names New Community Libraries Director

December 20, 2016 (Canton, Ohio) – Stark County District Library is pleased to announce that Jen Welsh has been named the new Community Libraries Director. In this role, Welsh will oversee public services at the nine branches, Main Library and Mobile Services department of the Stark County District Library.

Welsh has been with the Library since 2006, serving as a Children’s Librarian, Lake Township Branch Manager, and Main Library Manager before moving into her new position. She previously taught English, writing and Children’s Literature as an Adjunct Professor at Kent State Stark, Pepperdine University and the University of Southern California in Los Angeles.

Welsh is also a member of the 30th class of the Leadership Stark County Signature program. She earned her B.A. in English from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, M.A. in English from the University of Southern California, and M.L.I.S. from Kent State. She primarily serves the Stark County community through volunteering with school events for her kids in the North Canton City Schools.

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 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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