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#1 New York Times Bestselling Outlander Author Diana Gabaldon Skype Discussion at Lake Community Branch

January 3, 2017 (Canton, Ohio) – Lake Community Branch of Stark County District Library invites patrons to participate in an exciting and unique discussion with #1 New York Times bestselling Outlander author Diana Gabaldon on Tuesday, January 17 from 6:30- 7:30 p.m.

This virtual author event will connect patrons with Gabaldon via Skype where she will discuss her historical sci-fi adventure romance novels, the hit show Outlander, time travel, Scotland and more. This unique and free event will include an audience question and answer session.

The wildly popular Outlander series focuses on a 20th century Army nurse, who accidentally time travels to 18th-century Scotland and finds adventure. The series includes Outlander, Dragonfly in Amber, Voyager, Drums of Autumn, The Fiery Cross, A Breath of Snow and Ashes, An Echo in the Bone, and Written in My Own Heart's Blood. The series has won the Romance Writers of America's RITA Award and the Quill Award for Science Fiction/Fantasy/Horror. It has also been adapted into an award winning BBC series starring Caitriona Balfe and Sam Heughan.

"Gabaldon is such an exceptional storyteller; she's seamlessly stitched a variety of genres together to create the Outlander series—and it works so well! We're excited to welcome her to the library," said Brett Neff, Lake Community Branch Manager. "Unique and interesting programming options like this Skype event are how we try to be "The Smart Store" for our patrons."

Diana Gabaldon holds three degrees: a BS in Zoology, MS in Marine Biology, and PhD in behavioral ecology. She has written software reviews, technical articles, popular science articles and comic books for the Walt Disney Company. She was a professor for 12 years before leaving to write full time.

Registration is requested for this free event due to limited seating. For more information about upcoming author events and to register, visit StarkLibrary.org or call 330-877-9975. The Lake Community Branch is located at 585 Market Avenue SW, Uniontown, Ohio 44685.

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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