

## LIFESTYLE

# Lisa Szeles shares Stark Library's 'central inventory' concept, exciting things at library

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Szeles is the Central Selection, Inventory and Processing Manager. Here she shares what her job entails, how the “central inventory” concept works, exciting things happening in February at Stark Library and more.

**Q. I understand the “Central Inventory” concept is new for Stark Library. Can you explain more about it and how it works?**

**A.** It’s easiest to think of Central Inventory as a transit station for the library with materials moving in and out daily. This integral department allows all of our other locations to have the room for the hottest titles by storing materials that may no longer be bestsellers but are still of interest to our patrons.

**Q. As Central Selection, Inventory and Processing Manager, what does your day-to-day job look like?**

**A.** I am responsible for selecting eBooks and eAudiobooks to be added to our collection as part of our consortium with the Ohio Digital Library, as well as serving as manager to two departments, Collection Development and Central Inventory. These two departments select materials for each library location, based on patron interest.

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**Q. If you could tell About readers one thing about Stark Library, what would you want them to know?**

**A.** With so many people spending money on streaming services, I would like for patrons to check out a FREE service we provide called Hoopla. People may be

familiar with Hoopla as a place for eBooks or eAudiobooks, but you can also stream movies and TV services on Hoopla; there is even an app to stream directly to your Roku or Firestick.

**Q. How did you come to work at the library in your current position?**

**A.** I returned to Stark Library in 2007 after 15 years with the Akron-Summit County Public Library. My most recent previous position with Stark Library was manager of the Perry Sippo Branch.

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**Q. February is National Library Lover's Month, and I understand Stark Library is having a contest asking people to share their library stories. Can you explain more about this and how patrons can participate?**

**A.** In February, we will be publishing the Love your Library entries received by patrons. Participants will be entered into a drawing for library bling and tickets to the Hall of Fame by following a link on our website.

**Q. What's your favorite thing about the library?**

**A.** I'm someone who always looks for ways to save money. Our community is so lucky to have such a great library system which offers so much in books, DVDs and online resources, and all for FREE.

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**Q. anything else about your job or Stark Library that you'd like About readers to know?**

**A.** I continue to be honored to work for a library system which takes such care to serve the community in so many ways. From online materials to partnering with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library and the Ohio Governor's Imagination Library initiatives, to continuing to offer a variety of programs right in your neighborhood.

## **On Lisa's Bookshelf**

**What are you currently reading?**

*"The Last Thing He Told Me" by Laura Dave.* A thriller about a husband's disappearance and a wife questioning if she really knows her spouse.

## **What's your favorite book of all time?**

*"The Outlander Series" by Diana Gabaldon.* It's been a 30-year love affair with all things Outlander, which began when I happened to pick up the first in the series in 1991 through the current ninth book, *"Go Tell the Bees that I am Gone."*

## **Do you have a go-to book for vacations?**

I love biographies, particularly about the lives of musicians. The last one I read was *Dave Grohl's "The Storyteller: Tales of Life and Music."*

## **What is the last book that made you laugh out loud?**

*"Clanlands: Whisky, Warfare, and a Scottish Adventure Like No Other" by Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish.* You don't have to be an Outlander TV series fan (but it doesn't hurt) to enjoy this book.

## **What is the last book that made you cry?**

*"The Midnight Library" by Matt Haig.* This is a poignant book that makes you think about all the choices we make as we live our lives.

## **What is next up on your reading list?**

*"Renegades: Born in the USA" by Barack Obama and Bruce Springsteen.* Based on the podcast of the same name, this is an expanded look at the wide-ranging conversation from these two men.

## **What book have you read that you think the movie is better?**

*"The Princess Bride" by William Goldman.* This is one of my favorite movies of all time, and it is much sweeter and kinder than I found the book to be.

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