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Library to Hold 5th Annual Gingerbread House Contest



November 15, 2007 – The Stark County District Library Children's Services Department is holding its **5th Annual Gingerbread House Contest** this holiday season. Create a gingerbread confection, bring it to the Main Library Children's Services department between November 26 and December 4, and you might be a winner.

A panel of judges will choose the best gingerbread creation in each of five categories as well as an overall winner. Winners from each branch will compete for a "systemwide" gingerbread title. Entries will be judged on imagination, construction, uniformity in baking, and design and decoration. Winners will be announced during Canton's annual *Light Up Downtown* festival, Thursday, December 6.

Design categories were developed to offer something for every gingerbread artist. They are: *Traditional Gingerbread House*; *Gingerbread Buildings*, such as churches, schools, firehouses, or barns; *Gingerbread Originals*, such as wreaths or baskets; *Children's Creations*, a category for children in fifth grade and younger; and, *Family or Group Projects*.

If you need some help with building techniques, attend the library's **Gingerbread House Workshop**, Tuesday, November 20, 6:30 pm at the Main Library, 715 Market Avenue N. Please register for this event by calling 330.458.2641.

Contest rules and entry forms, plus gingerbread recipes are available at all Stark County District Library locations, and for download at the library's website www.starklibrary.org.

About the Library:

The Stark County District Library is one of the best 100 libraries in the United States, ranked 6th in its population category. Its Main Library, 10 Branch Libraries, and two bookmobiles and two Kidmobiles serve 143,000 library card holders. More than 1.4 million people visited the Main Library or its Branches and Bookmobiles last year. Holdings number more than 925,000 items, and annual circulation is 3.8 million items. The collection includes books, audio visual materials, and periodicals for all ages. In addition, the Library provides programs and classes for adults, teens, and children, computer and Internet access, inter-library loans, reference and genealogy services, and traveling collections on two Bookmobiles and two Kidmobiles, as well as Outreach services to shut-ins, nursing homes, and housing units. It is one of the nine largest library systems in the state of Ohio, serving 12 local school districts. For more information, call 330.452.0665 or visit www.starklibrary.org.

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