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Learn the Basics of Grant Writing for Your Non-Profit Organization

October 2, 2007 – Learn the basics of applying for grants and how the foundation system works on Thursday, October 11, from 1:00 to 4:00 pm at the Stark County District Library, 715 Market Avenue N, Canton. This class, which will be held in the Main library's McKinley Room, will focus on finding funding sources and how to write a successful grant request.

Mark Guyer, fundraising coordinator for the library, and author of *A Concise Guide To Getting Grants for Nonprofit Organizations* will present the class which is free. Due to space limitations, pre-registration for this educational session is requested by calling 330.458.2758.

In addition to providing this training session, the Stark County District Library holds a Cooperating Collection from the Foundation Center, the nation's leading authority on philanthropy. This organization's mission is to connect non-profits with the foundations which support them. This Collection holds information on many of the charitable foundations operating in the United States.

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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