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Blast Off into Summer Break!

Retired and inspired!
From the Director

It’s getting warmer outside, and the Library is buzzing with activity. The transition to this warm season and the anticipation of a new summer adventure fills us with immense excitement!

Are you seeking a new and thrilling experience this summer? Blast off into Summer Break, from the sea to the STARS! There is something for everyone in your family to enjoy. Launch an intergalactic mission! Step into a world of wonder and excitement at the Library, where a galaxy of space-themed events and games await your family’s discovery. Let me share an interesting fact with you: our Library of Things has equipment specially crafted for space exploration. Not only will you have an educational adventure, but you’ll also have a great time using our high-quality telescopes.

Imagine setting off on a journey with your loved ones, where you can unravel the mysteries of the universe and discover its awe-inspiring wonders. And there’s more. We have a NASA-themed Adventure Pack, as well as many other themes, that comes conveniently bundled with books and toys for learning. The endless possibilities for your family’s play and exploration are out of this world.

Let your summer adventure unfold at the Library!

Mary Ellen Icaza
CEO/Executive Director

But Wait, There’s More!

Renovations aren’t the only thing happening at your Library – not by a long shot! Scan the QR code to see all the events that are happening this summer.

StarkLibrary.org/SummerEvents

3rd Annual

Touch-a-Truck Extravaganza

Sat Jun 15 | 10 am–1 pm | Central Catholic High School

Explore and experience first responder vehicles, vintage cars, local bookmobiles, big trucks, and more! Have a blast meeting farmers and firefighters, petting farm animals, and touching trucks. This event benefits the Stark County Imagination Library. Snacks, beverages, and prize raffle tickets will be available for purchase. EL
Work continues this summer on both the Southgate and Plain Community Branches. We’re excited to welcome patrons into these spaces in the late summer or early fall.

Patrons in the southern portion of Stark County will soon have a new service in their community to allow round-the-clock access to their library materials through our 24/7 lockers. Patrons can return their books, pick up materials they’ve put on hold, and access free WiFi at one convenient location. Watch our website for updates!

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**Storytime + more!** There will be no regular storytimes July 1–6 and Aug 5–31.

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STARK LIBRARY

summer BREAK!

From the **sea** to the **STARS**

For all ages | June 3–August 3, 2024

*Let the endless possibilities of summer take over! Steer into a fun-filled challenge by tracking reading and activities for a chance to earn cool prizes.*

Sign up at StarkLibrary.org/SummerBreak or at any Stark Library location

Track on paper (available in-branch or online) or in the Beanstack app.

Earn prizes at 10, 25, and 40 points! ▼

Have a chance to win one of 6 grand prizes! ▼
Kickoff Events

Sign up, check out books, pick up a tracker, and have a whale of a good time at these themed events. Details at StarkLibrary.org/SummerBreak.

Top 5 Reasons to Join

1. **Break into Adventure**
   - Read a book or do any of the fun Summer Break activities.

2. **Break Away from Stress**
   - Improve your mental health.

3. **Break Away from Devices**
   - Reduce the pressure of life.

4. **Break Away to Anywhere**
   - Visit anywhere in the world – or out of it!

5. **Break Out of the Summer Slide**
   - Nurture your child’s learning skills.

Now that summer is here, we can finally relax and enjoy a much-needed break from... well, everything.

So, why should you participate in summer programming and reading?

But the top reason to join Summer Break:

Register for events at StarkLibrary.org or 330.452.0665

- **Early Learners**
- **Elementary**
- **Tweens**
- **Teens**
- **Adults**

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**DeHoff Memorial**
Sat Jun 1 | 1–4 pm
ELWA

**East Canton**
Tue Jun 4 | 1:30–2:30 pm
ELWA

**Jackson Community**
Sat Jun 8 | 2–4 pm
ELWA

**Lake Community**
Mon Jun 3 | 2–8 pm
ELWA

**Madge Youtz**
Thu Jun 6 | 3–4 pm
ELWA

**Main Library**
Tue Jun 4 | 3–4 pm
ELWA

**North Branch**
Wed Jun 5 | 2–4 pm
ELW

**Perry Sippo**
Wed Jun 5 | 2–4 pm
ELWA

**Sandy Valley**
Wed Jun 5 | 11 am–12 pm
ELWA

Pirates 6–7 pm
Live music 6:30–7:30 pm (see page 6).

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**EAST CANTON**

**Out of This World Bath Bombs**
Thu Aug 29 | 3–4 pm
Kids into sci-fi or astronomy can explore hands-on chemistry. LWT

**Messy Moon Expedition**
Tue Jun 25 | 1:30–2:30 pm
Enjoy a messy adventure of moon activities that fizz, squish, and roll. L

**Interactive Movie**
WALL·E (Rated G)
Jul 9 | 1:30–3 pm L

**Astronaut Camp**
Jul 16 | 1:30–2:30 pm
Discover fun facts about space as you tackle an obstacle course and learn how to launch rockets. L

**Alien Invasion Escape Room**
Mon Jul 22 | 1–7 pm
Tue Jul 23 | 11 am–4:30 pm
Figure out how to escape before time runs out. Call 330.488.1501 to schedule a time slot. LWT

**Highlights of the Night Sky**
Presented by the Hoover-Price Planetarium
Tue Aug 13 | 6–7:30 pm
Learn about the wonders of the night sky, as well as how to read and navigate the stars. A

**LAKE COMMUNITY**

**Sea Shanty Music with the Donegal Doggs**
Mon Jun 3 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Join the fun and sing along with one of Cleveland’s premier Irish Celtic bands. Bring a lawn chair and enjoy kettle corn provided by Grosenbaugh Farms. LWT

**Book Club**
Tue Jun 4 | 2–3 pm
Drowning by T.J. Newman

**Movies @ Lake**
Popcorn provided.
- Aquaman and the Lost Kingdom
  Fri Jun 7 | 2–4 pm
  Rated PG-13
- Wish
  Fri Jun 28 | 2:30–4:15pm
  Rated PG
- The Little Mermaid
  Fri Aug 2 | 2:30–4:15pm
  Rated PG

**Have T-Shirt, Ready to Read!**
Mon Jun 10 | 2–4 pm
Learn to use Cricut Design Space to make a t-shirt. Please bring a plain t-shirt with you. L

**Try-It Tuesday**
Supplies provided, or bring yours. A
- Sea Glass Jewelry
  Tue Jun 11 | 6–7:30 pm
- Starry Sky String Art
  Thu Jun 27 | 3–4 pm
Wrap a star-studded picture in this fun retro craft process. LWT

**What Lies Beneath: The Most Bizarre Items Found in the Ocean**
Sat Aug 3, 2–4pm
Explore the economics, natural beauty, recreation, and habitats of Lake Erie. A

**Titanic & the End of the Edwardian Era**
Sat Aug 10 | 2–4pm
The Massillon Museum will share the history of the Titanic. A

**From the Sea to the Stars:**
**Explore the Night Sky**
Sponsored by the Lake FOL
Tue Jul 2 | 6:30–7:30 pm
A photographer will help guide you to what can be seen in the sky with a pair of binoculars. A

**Lake Erie: Our GREAT Lake**
Sponsored by the Lake FOL
Thu Jul 11 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Explore the economics, natural beauty, recreation, and habitats of Lake Erie. A

**What Lies Beneath: The Most Bizarre Items Found in the Ocean**
Sat Aug 3, 2–4pm
Explore the economics, natural beauty, recreation, and habitats of Lake Erie. A

**Book Club (Parent/Child)**
Mon Jul 22 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea by Lisa Church LA

**Titanic & the End of the Edwardian Era**
Sat Aug 10 | 2–4pm
The Massillon Museum will share the history of the Titanic. A

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- Elementary L
- Teens T
- Adults A

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MAIN LIBRARY

Explore Ohio!
Thu Jun 6 | 1–2 pm
Discover different historic sites, new hiking trails, and museums to explore. ☞ A

Family Movie Night
Popcorn provided. ☞ LW
Treasure Planet (Rated PG)
Thu Jun 6 | 5:30–7:30 pm
Lightyear (Rated PG)
Thu Jun 27 | 5:30–7:30 pm
Oceans (Rated G)
Thu Jul 25 | 5:30–7 pm

Late Night Painting
Wed Jun 12 | 6–7:30 pm
Enjoy painting in a stress-free, music-filled environment. How does it make you feel? ☞ ELWTA

Airplane Science
Sat Jun 15 | 2–3 pm
Learn about the science of flight and see how far you can get your airplane flying. ☞ WT

Geocaching at Your Library
Mon Jun 24 | 5–6 pm
Learn about geocaching—the outdoor scavenger hunt. ☞ TA

Galaxy in a Jar
Tue Jun 25 | 6–7 pm
With glow-in-the-dark paint, we’ll make galaxies that glow! ☞ L

Tuesday Trivia
From the Sea to the Stars
Tue Jun 25 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Bring a team (up to four people total) or join one here. All are welcome. Prizes available. ☞ A

Galaxy Goo and Lava Liquid
Wed Jul 10 | 2–3 pm
Create slime and lava while learning about the natural wonders they resemble. ☞ LWT

Journey to Space with COSI
Mon Jul 15, Wed Jul 17, Fri Jul 19, Mon Jul 22, Tue Jul 23 | 10–11 am
In this 5-session program, discover the mysteries of outer space and build a rocket ship. ☞ L

Wicked Women of the Sea
Thu Jul 11 | 3–4 pm
Not all crimes of the seas were committed by black-bearded pirates. Presented by author Wendy Koile. ☞ A

Folktales with Lindsay Bonilla
Wed Jul 17 | 3–4 pm
Lindsay Bonilla will share fairy tales and personal stories and how they inspired her book The Storyteller. ☞ ELWTA

Aquarium in a Bottle
Mon Jul 22 | 6–7 pm
Explore the mysteries of the ocean and make your own mini aquarium. ☞ L

Titanic and the Edwardian Era
Tue Jul 30 | 6–7 pm
Discover why the Titanic was so significant through stories and a reenactment. ☞ A

My Happy Place: Intro to Poster Printing
Make It @ Your Library
Fri Aug 9 & Sat Aug 17 | 2–3:30 pm
Learn how to use the poster printer to make a beautiful poster to give or keep. ☞ A

NORTH BRANCH

Mermaid Whipped Body Soap and Movie Showing
Sat Jun 8 | 2–4:30 pm
Watch The Little Mermaid while you make some soap. Rated PG. ☞ LWT

Shark Art
Thu Jun 20 | 3:30–4:30 pm
Don’t get in the water! Instead create shark-themed art with a variety of materials. ☞ ELT

Movie
The Marvels (Rated PG-13)
Fri Jul 12 | 2–4:30 pm
Patrons under 13 must have parent or guardian present. ☞ TA

Galaxy Tie Dye Shirts
Tue Jul 23 | 6–7:30 pm
Create a shirt that’s out of this world! Bring your own t-shirt to tie dye in this fun activity. ☞ WT

60 Years Under the Stars at the Hoover Price Planetarium
Tue Jul 30 | 2–3 pm
Director Suzie Dills will share the history of the planetarium. ☞ A

Multicultural League
Wed Jun 5 | 2:30–4 pm
Test your cultural knowledge, use your crafting skills, and enjoy snacks from around the world! ☞ WT

Try Some Tech
Wed Jun 26 | 11 am–12 pm
Play with some cool technology like the Code-a-Pillar, Ozobots, and Hexbugs. ☞ LW
Finale Events for All Ages

When you’ve completed your activity and reading goals, then it’s time to celebrate all that hard work. Bring your Golden Ticket for a free cup of Kona Ice.

**DeHoff Memorial**
Sat Aug 10, 1–2 pm

**East Canton**
Tue Aug 6 | 1:30–2:30 pm

**Jackson Community**
Wed Aug 7 | 4–6 pm

**Lake Community**
Mon Aug 5 | 5–7 pm

**Madge Youtz**
Thu Aug 8 | 3–4 pm

**Main Library**
Tue Aug 6 | 3–4 pm

**North Branch**
Wed Aug 7 | 2–4 pm | (Kona Ice 3–4 pm)

**Perry Sippo**
Thu Aug 1 | 2–4 pm

Sandy Valley - Fry Family Park
Wed Aug 7 | 4–6 pm | (Kona Ice 4–5 pm)

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Summer Fun School Returns

Each week from June 10 – August 2, our bookmobiles will visit locations in Canton to bring summer learning (and more) to our kids and families.

**Activity Kits**

Kids in Kindergarten through 5th grade will get kits that include books and fun activities designed to help build skills in reading, math, and science.

**Food for Kids**

It’s hard to learn on an empty stomach. Pick up FREE Summer Backpacks for Kids filled with food!

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**Schedule**

Jackson Sherrick
Mondays 12:45–1:45 pm

Ellisdale Homes
Tuesdays 12:30–1:30 pm

Linwood Acres
Wednesdays 12:30–1:30 pm

Skyline Terrace
Wednesdays 2–3 pm

Mahoning Manor
Thursdays 12:30–1:30 pm

Early Learning Center at Schreiber School
Fridays 12:30–1:30 pm

This program is brought to our community with support from:

![Sisters of Charity Foundation of Canton](image)

Ohio Department of Education and Workforce

![Backpack for Kids Program](image)

Stark County Hunger Task Force
Journey into Juneteenth!

Immerse yourself in an array of books, events, and more that honor the emancipation of African Americans from slavery!

**DEHOFF MEMORIAL**

Movies @ DeHoff
*Till*
Rated PG-13
Tue Jun 18 | 5–7:30 pm
Celebrate Juneteenth with us as we present *Till*, a powerful retelling of Emmett Till’s story. Children younger than 13 must come with a guardian. Free popcorn provided. 🍿

**JACKSON COMMUNITY**

Juneteenth Freedom Quilts
Thu Jun 20 | 6:30–7:30 pm
Learn about the history of Juneteenth, discover the significance of quilt patterns, and create your paper quilt! 🎨

**MAIN LIBRARY**

Juneteenth Jewelry
Fri Jun 14 | 2–4 pm
Unleash your creativity and become the artist! Join us for a hands-on experience, crafting your own jewelry pieces inspired by the essence of Juneteenth. 🎨

Origins of Juneteenth
Sat Jun 15 | 2–3 pm
Get a glimpse into history as Dr. James Seelye, Associate Professor in the History Department at Kent State University at Stark, sheds light on the significant moments that shaped Juneteenth into the celebration of freedom we know today! 🎨

**NORTH BRANCH**

Juneteenth and the Journey to Emancipation
Mon Jun 17 | 2–3 pm
Spring Hill Historic Home delves into the meaning behind Juneteenth and the historical events that preceded the end of slavery two years after President Lincoln issued the Emancipation Proclamation. 🎨

The History of Juneteenth’s Food & Flag
Tue Jun 18 | 6–7:30 pm
Celebrate Juneteenth, Freedom Day! Learn the symbolism behind eating red food and the Juneteenth flag. We will make our own strawberry ice cream too! 🍓

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**Juneteenth Book Clubs**

Find more book clubs at StarkLibrary.org

**North Branch**

_Banned Book Club_
Mon Jun 24 | 11 am–12 pm
_The 1619 Project_ by Robert Jones, Jr. 📚

**Main Library**

_Saturday Sizzlers_
Sat Jun 15 | 2–3 pm
_Let Us Descend_ by Jesmyn Ward 📚

**Lake Community**

_Booked on Tuesday_
Tue Jun 25 | 6–7 pm
_The Extraordinary Life of Sam Hell_ by Justin Torres 📚

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All Stark Library locations are closed on June 19 for Juneteenth.
DEHOFF MEMORIAL

Summer Self-Care
Sat Jun 15 | 10–11 am
The summer season is a wonderful time to recharge your mind, body, and spirit. Join NAMI Stark County as we learn how to provide renewal to yourself and others. 🌞

Headaches Decoded
Thu Jul 18 | 10–11 am
Ever had a headache? It is not always easy to identify the cause. Learn how to identify, distinguish, and find appropriate treatment for different types of headaches older adults may experience. Presented by a representative from Associated Underwriters Insurance. 🌞

Healthy Sleep
Thu Aug 15 | 10–11 am
Are you having trouble sleeping? Gain helpful tips and tricks that can help you deal with insomnia, overcome age-related sleep problems, and get that good night’s rest your body and mind are craving. Presented by a representative from Associated Underwriters Insurance. 🌞

EAST CANTON

Mindfulness Walking Club
Mon Jun 17, Jul 15, Aug 19 6–7 pm
Bring your comfy shoes to learn mindfulness and meditative techniques and enjoy getting some fresh air! 🌞

Minute to Win-it Olympics
Tue Jul 30 | 1:30–2:30 pm
You have 60 seconds for a chance to win the gold as you compete against your family and friends in several Minute to Win It games. 🌞

JACKSON COMMUNITY

Toddler Olympics
Sat Jul 27 | 10 am–12 pm
Join us for the Toddler Olympic Games and unleash your inner athlete. Create your medal and take a victory photo on our mini-Olympic podium. Don’t miss out on this thrilling opportunity to win big! 🌞

Yoga at the Library
Tue Aug 6 | 1–2 pm
Experience Hatha Yoga, led by Samantha Collmar of Neti-Neti Wellness. Ideal for adults of all ages, emphasizing strength, flexibility, and mindfulness. Remember to bring your yoga mat! 🌞

LAKE COMMUNITY

Summer Olympics
Equestrian Event
Thu Aug 1 | 2:30–3:30 pm
Do you like to ride horses, or wish you could? Come create your own hobby horse from a pool noodle then challenge yourself to ride our Lake Olympic Equestrian Course. Giddy-up! If you can’t make it to this event, stop in anytime in the next week to take a trot around the course. 🌞
**MADGE YOUTZ**

**Meal Planning**  
*Presented by Central State University*  
**Wed Jun 5 | 1–3 pm**  
Don’t know what is for dinner? We will discuss different strategies for creating a weekly or monthly meal plan that fits your family’s needs. 🌟

**Mental Health for New Adults**  
**Wed Jul 17 | 3–5 pm**  
Enter the adult world can be stressful! Learn how to manage the stress and your mental health with NAMI. 🌟

**Chair Yoga**  
*Presented by Cleveland Clinic*  
**Fri Jul 19 | 2–4 pm**  
Join us for a rejuvenating Chair Yoga session designed to promote relaxation, flexibility, and overall well-being. 🌟

**Tai Chi**  
*Presented by Cleveland Clinic*  
**Fri Aug 16 | 2–4 pm**  
Embark on a journey of tranquility and balance with Tai Chi, an ancient Chinese martial art that combines gentle movements with deep breathing to promote relaxation, flexibility, and overall well-being. 🌟

**How to Self-Care**  
**Mon Aug 19 | 3–5 pm**  
Discover a renewed sense of well-being and self-empowerment through our engaging self-care program presented by NAMI. 🌟

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Expanded Food and Nutrition Education Program (EFNEP)**  
*Presented by Stark County EFNEP OSU Extension*  
**Tuesdays Jun 4–Jul 30 | 11 am–12:30 pm**  
This 9-week class helps you learn how to choose nutritious foods, stretch a budget, and more! 🌟

**Beginning Yoga for Families**  
**Sat Jun 8 | 10–11 am**  
Try yoga for the first time or the hundredth time. Jean Reisdorf will lead a fun-but-basic, intro-level class for all ages. 🌟

**Stark Hunger Taskforce-What to Know**  
**Thu Jun 13 | 1–3 pm**  
Learn about local food pantries, how they are fighting hunger and participate in building backpacks for kids on their mobile unit! Even bring some items to donate if you’d like! 🌟

**Medicare 101 with The Health Plan**  
**Tue Jul 16 | 1–2 pm & 6–7 pm**  
Find out what to expect when enrolling and using Medicare, and have your questions answered about plan options, benefits, cost, and more! 🌟

**Beyond the Birds and the Bees**  
**Wed Jul 24 | 5–7:30 pm**  
In this presentation presented by OhioGuide-stone, learn how to talk to the teens in your life about sexual education and health. 🌟

**Obstacle Olympics**  
**Thu Jul 25 | 3–4 pm**  
You’re in charge of the challenge! Work with the team to build an obstacle course and time how fast you can make it through. 🌟

**Health & Wellness Fair**  
**Sat Jul 27 | 11 am–2 pm**  
Get free health screenings, donate blood, and learn about the health and wellness resources in your neighborhood. 🌟

**Understanding IEPs**  
**Wed Aug 28 | 5–7 pm**  
**Main Library**  
Individual Education Plans or IEPs are tricky to understand. Join the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities as they discuss what this document means for you and your child. 🌟

**NORTH BRANCH**

**Summer Break Finale Olympics**  
**Wed Aug 7 | 2–4 pm**  
Let’s end the summer with a challenge! Can you make it through Olympic events fit for all? Let’s see who takes home the gold! Bring your golden ticket to cool off with free Kona Ice (3–4 pm). 🌟

**SANDY VALLEY**

**Freezing and Dehydrating Food**  
*Presented by Central State Extension*  
**Tue Jun 25 | 6–7:30 pm**  
Do you always have produce going to waste? Discover how to preserve your produce by freezing and dehydrating, and how to store your finished product. Taste test soup made with dehydrated vegetables! 🌟

**PERRY SIPO**

**Color Yourself Calm**  
**Thu June 13 | 6–7:30 pm**  
Join us for an evening of coloring and calming music. Coloring is a healthy way to relieve stress. It calms the brain and helps your body relax. All materials provided. 🌟

**Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention**  
**Wed Jun 26 & Aug 21 | 11 am–12 pm**  
Tai Chi for Arthritis and Fall Prevention utilizes Tai Chi’s Sun Style for its ability to improve relaxation, balance, and ease of use. Slow movements work to improve mental and physical balance. 🌟

**Olympic Training Camp**  
**Tue Jul 23 | 5:30–7 pm**  
The Summer Olympics are heading to Paris, and so are we! Stop by the training camp for Olympic-themed mini games. Then visit the patisserie for a sweet Parisian craft. Are you ready to be an Olympian? 🌟

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**DEHOFF MEMORIAL**

**Jeopardy!**
* LGBTQ+ Pop Culture
* Tue Jun 25 | 6–7 pm
Participate in the ultimate quiz experience—Jeopardy LGBTQ+ Edition where knowledge meets diversity! Celebrate inclusion and have a blast with fun trivia. 🌈TA

**JACKSON COMMUNITY**

**Get Your Pride On**
* Sat Jun 29 | 2–4 pm
Celebrate Pride at the Library! Meet local LGBTQ organizations, make crafts, and support the community. 🌈TA

**MAIN LIBRARY**

**Express Your PRIDE**
* Thu Jun 6 | 2–3 pm
Make flags, stickers, and buttons that express your identity, allyship, or colorful imagination. Take them home and display them with pride. 🌈WLT

**Movie Showing**
* Casa Susanna (Rated TV-14)
* Tue Jun 11 | 6–7:45 pm
Told in the memories of those who visited, Casa Susanna looks at a secret world where the persecuted and frightened found freedom, acceptance, and the courage to live out of the shadows. 🌈A

**Origins of Pride**
* Tue Jun 18 | 6–7 pm
Familiarize yourself with the Stonewall Riots and the pivotal moments that ignited the LGBTQ+ rights movement. Presenter Lauren Vachon is an Assistant Professor and the LGBTQ Studies Coordinator for Kent State University. 🌈A

**NORTH BRANCH**

**Just Checking In**
* Sat Jun 22 | 2–4 pm
A program for parents and teens with questions about LGBTQIA+. Representatives from NAMI and Wellness Grove will talk about available resources and spend time answering individual questions. 🌈WTA

**PERRY SIPPO**

**Pride Parade Ready**
* Thu Jun 6 | 2–3 pm
Get ready for Stark Pride by creating your own rainbow gear! Learn how to tie-dye with Sharpies, paint a rainbow outfit, make a flag button, or craft a colorful bracelet. Bring an article of clothing to paint or use a provided bandana. 🌈WT

**Painting Palettes**
* Rainbows
* Fri Jun 28 | 2–3 pm
Follow a tutorial or your own inspiration to paint your next masterpiece at Perry! All necessary materials will be provided, as well as instructions on painting a rainbow! 🌈A

**PRIDE Book Clubs**

Find more book clubs at StarkLibrary.org

**Perry Sippo**
* Chapter Chatter
* Thu Jun 6 | 6–7 pm
* The Prophets by Robert Jones, Jr. 🌈A

**Main Library**
* Saturday Sizzlers
* Sat Jul 20 | 2–3 pm
* Blackouts by Justin Torres 🌈A

**North Branch**
* Banned Book Club
* Mon July 22
* 11 am–12 pm
* This Book is Gay by Juno Dawson 🌈A

**Try a Playaway**

Easy to use — anywhere! It’s an audio player, audiobook, and headphones, all-in-one.

Borrow at 330.452.0665 or StarkLibrary.org/Playaway

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ALL are Welcome!

Here we’re committed to being a welcoming and supportive space for everyone to proudly be themselves!
We’ve had a long-standing relationship with Stark Library that has seen us through raising ten children, growing in our professional careers, promoting literacy in the community, enjoying 26 grandchildren, and now volunteering in our retirement years. We simply can’t imagine our lives without it.

Of course, we were often there with our children as they were growing up – checking out books and getting helpful resources for their schoolwork, but it was really great for us as adults as well. Over the years, we both worked in sales for various companies and had substantial territories that required lots of driving – hours of car time! Between the two of us, we covered Ohio, every state east of the Mississippi River, and even had a weekly commute to an office in Ontario! Cell phone minutes were pricey, daydreaming was dangerous, and we’d quickly run out of radio stations, so audio books from the Library became the best way to fill ‘dead time.’ And eventually, audio books became a way to entertain and occupy the entire family when we’d embark on a road trip.

These days, I take my daily walk by the Library and pop in for a variety of reasons: I love perusing all the new books, attending fantastic programs at the North Branch, checking out DVDs to watch, and even grabbing some tax forms. And we both love to attend the Speaking of Books series, where we’ve heard from some fantastic writers as they visit Stark County. Even better, it’s nice to know that our kids and grandkids are continuing this legacy of literacy across the world – in Singapore, Malaysia, and Africa – where they all read and borrow books from the public libraries where they live (and where we get to visit)!

Get your library card and play bingo!

Stop by any of our 10 branches today to get your free Stark Library card – or sign up for one online – and turn the page to the next chapter of entertainment, education, and information for wherever you’re at in life!

Pick up a bingo card from your nearest branch filled with libraryish activities, complete it to receive a sticker and be entered for a chance to have your story featured!
As the minutes tick by, the people at Jason’s Place are eagerly waiting for the truck to arrive. They burst with excitement as they spot the brightly colored truck turn the corner. They know that the truck carries something very special. A friendly staff member greets them, offering many delights and wonders, and the best part is they’re all free. The Bookmobile is packed with books, movies, and more!

The Bookmobile is open to all, and each visitor leaves with a smile, having found just the right item to suit their needs. Often, the staff surprises them with something enjoyable based on their taste.

“They mark the days on the calendar until the next visit,” Melissa, owner of Jason’s Place, says. Melissa founded Jason’s Place, with her son Jason in mind, with the belief that everyone, regardless of their abilities, should have access to lifelong learning opportunities. The Library’s mission of advancing literacy and the center’s goal of ongoing learning work together to make a delightful experience, like a scoop of cool mango sherbet on a hot day.

The Bookmobile has welcomed JD, one of the individuals who spends his days at Jason’s Place, for more than a decade. Over the years, JD has attended several adult centers. Recently, he excitedly exclaimed:

“This sweet tradition is thanks to the Mobile Services department’s dedication to making sure that all members of our community can thrive, regardless of access to the Library.

This truck is one of five Library bookmobiles that serve the diverse communities of Stark County. They have something for everyone—from kids in daycare and school who read Goosebumps and Junie B. Jones to people in the county jail who want to expand their horizons. Each month, almost 10,000 items are checked out. “We may be someone’s first impression of a library. Everyone leaves with something,” says Cheryl, Mobile Services Manager.

Everyone leaves with something, but Gavin, a 12-year-old patron in the Wilmot Community, usually leaves with fifteen somethings (books). As a young author, he finds inspiration in the pages of his books. Amanda, his mother, on the other hand, reads for fun and to escape the day-to-day.
“Without the Bookmobile, our trips to the library would be limited to once every three weeks due to us living so far,” she says.

Just outside, a steady stream of visitors arrive on foot, bike, and even buggy, eager to discover new items in the Library. “Each time, it’s something new. We always find what we’re looking for—it’s convenient,” shares Cynthia, a homeschooling mom. Cynthia and her family make it a point to visit the Bookmobile once a week since they learned about it a few months ago. Cynthia is thrilled when our librarians give her a personalized tote full of books and other materials that they chose just for her.

Cynthia’s daughter sums it up nicely, “it’s like an ice cream truck, with books!”

### Library Hours

#### JUNE–AUGUST

**Jackson Community**  
7487 Fulton Dr. NW, Massillon

**Lake Community**  
565 Market Ave. SW, Uniontown

**Main Library**  
715 Market Ave. N, Canton

**North Branch**  
189 25th St. NW, Canton

**Perry Sippo**  
5710 12th St. NW, Canton

**Mon–Thu ........9 am–8 pm**  
**Fri–Sat ............9 am–5 pm**

**DeHoff Memorial**  
216 Hartford Ave. SE, Canton

**East Canton**  
224 N Wood St., East Canton

**Madge Youtz**  
2921 Mahoning Rd. NE, Canton

**Sandy Valley**  
9754 Cleveland Ave. SE, Magnolia

The Sandy Valley Branch will close beginning July 1 in preparation for the relocated branch at Southgate.

**Mon–Tue........9 am–8 pm**  
**Wed–Thu ........9 am–6 pm**  
**Fri–Sat ............9 am–5 pm**

**Plain Community**  
1803 Schneider St. NE, Canton

The bookmobile is providing service while the branch is closed for renovation through mid-Aug.

**Bookmobile Hours:**

**Tue................ 1:30–3:30 pm**  
**Wed.....................9–11 am**  
**Sat .......................9–11 am**

Closed:  
June 19 (Juneteenth)  
July 4 (Independence Day)

**Check StarkLibrary.org for schedule updates**

#### Bookmobile

**MONDAYS**

Carriage Hill .................. 9–9:45 am  
Woodlawn Village........ 10–10:45 am  
Magnolia ....................... 10–11 am  
Village Tower.......... 11 am–12:15 pm  
Wilmot......................... 2:30–3:30 pm  
Beach City.................... 4:30–6 pm

**TUESDAYS**

Pleasant View........... 10:45–11:30 am  
Southgate.................. 4:15–5:15 pm

**WEDNESDAYS**

Waynesburg.............. 4:30–6 pm

**THURSDAYS**

Bender Woods........ 12:30–1:15 pm  
East Sparta..................... 1–2 pm  
Mayfield Manor....... 1:45–2:30 pm

Friends of the Library Book Sales

**Main Library**  
FOL Garage, North of the Library

Sat Jun 8 (Bag Day)  
Sat Jul 6 (Bag and Box Day)  
Sat Aug 10 (Bag Day)  
9 am–5 pm

Tue Jun 11 & Tue Aug 20 | 1–5 pm  
StarkLibrary.org/MainFOL

**Lake Community Branch**

Members-Only Presale:  
Wed Jun 19, 9:30–7:30 pm

Open to the Public:  
Thu Jun 20 | 9 am–7:30 pm  
Fri Jun 21 | 9 am–5 pm  
Sat Jun 22 (Bag Sale) | 9 am–1 pm

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