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The North Canton Public Library Explores the World of Giving & Community in November

NORTH CANTON, Ohio, October 29, 2013 - The North Canton Public Library is excited to explore the world of giving and community in November. The library will partner with the Canton Chapter of the Foundation for Community Betterment to encourage patrons to participate in acts of giving and to demonstrate how small acts of kindness can have a ripple effect.

Patrons are encouraged to utilize the library's "explore the world" guidebooks, enabling them to receive special incentives for participating in programs and activities throughout the month. Adults and teens will receive a special "Be The Good" print and children will receive a Lemonade Ripple starter kit. One lucky participant will receive a \$100 donation made to their favorite Stark County charity courtesy of North Canton's CKP Heating & Cooling.

In partnership with Betterment, the following programs will be offered:

[Promoting Community Betterment through Random Acts of Kindness](#)

Wednesday, November 6 from 6-7 p.m.

Come learn about the Foundation for Community Betterment and how you can easily join their Random Acts of Kindness movement. Register to attend at 330.499.4712 x311.

[Community Involvement Fair](#)

Saturday, November 16 from 12-2:30 p.m.

Join us and meet with organizations seeking volunteers as we enter the "season of giving." Kindness crafts for children include bird feeders, giving jars, cheers for heroes and lollipop bouquets. Prize opportunities and refreshments will be available for all.

["Lemonade Ripple" for children 5 and older](#)

Saturday, November 9 from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Betterment's book, *Lemonade Ripple*, is a great way to introduce children to the act of giving and how a small act of kindness can have a ripple effect on others. There will be kindness crafts and all children will receive their own lemonade ripple starter kit. Register to attend at 330.499.4712 x318

In partnership with Project REBUILD, the library will host a "Warm Paws" dog house building project November 18 and 19 at 4:30 p.m. Teens and middle school students will build and paint dog houses to be donated to the Stark County Humane Society for distribution to dogs in our community who do not have proper housing. Teens and middle schoolers can register to participate in advance at 330.499.4712 x311.

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The library is excited to be a participant in "Holiday Mail for Heroes," a program of the American Red Cross, this year. Throughout November, patrons can make a holiday card for our troops and the library will send the cards to the Red Cross for distribution. Patrons can pick up all of the necessary supplies to make a card at the library's reference desk.

Additionally, each year the library looks forward to supporting community giving programs for the holidays. "We average 750 patrons through our doors each day, and we feel that if we can help spread awareness about needs in our community, we want to do that," explained Christina Weyrick-Cooper, community relations manager for the library.

For the 2013 holiday season, the North Canton Public Library will host the following:

A "[Giving Tree](#)" in which names of local nursing home residents, children, and adults are placed on a gift card, along with the age and special need, if any. The tags hang on the tree and library patrons can select a card, purchase a gift and return it wrapped with the tag attached. The gifts are then delivered to the recipients in the various nursing homes, schools and agencies. (November 11-December 9)

A "[Mitten Tree](#)" where items such as mittens, gloves, hats, undergarments, and socks for children from infancy to high school age serve as decorations until they are removed and given to "A Community Christmas" for distribution to those with a need. (November 11-December 9)

A "[Coats for Christmas](#)" collection box where new and gently used coats can be donated. "A Community Christmas" will distribute the coats to Goodwill, Calvary Mission, Refuge of Hope, Wesley United Methodist Church in Massillon, Avondale Kindergarten, Domestic Violence Project and others in need. (October 20-December 9)

A "[Holiday Paws Pantry](#)" collection bin where unopened pet food, pet treats and pet toys will be collected. In 2012, the program, sponsored by The Ad Lab and the North Canton Chamber of Commerce, collected 4800 pounds of pet food, as well as miscellaneous pet supplies and kitty litter. The food and other items were distributed to 132 area families. (November 11-December 15)

A [Stark County Hunger Task Force](#) collection bin where non-perishable food items will be collected. (November 1-November 30)

The North Canton Public Library is committed to corporate social responsibility including programs like these, and our ongoing monthly "Meet the Need" program in which we promote and collect in-kind donations for Stark County non-profit organizations.

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