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The North Canton Public Library Plans for the Holiday Season

NORTH CANTON, Ohio, October 27, 2014 - Gearing up for the holidays, the North Canton Public Library is excited to explore the world of family in November and the world of generosity in December. Along with several programs for the family, the library will encourage charitable giving through collection of items for a number of Stark County organizations in November and December.

Each month, patrons are encouraged to utilize the library's "explore the world" guidebooks, enabling them to receive incentives for participating in special programs and activities. Throughout November, patrons will have an opportunity to celebrate family with the library and will be rewarded with a custom luggage tag from library partner business, ChoreChaser. December's exploration will be centered around generosity. Patrons who participate in one of our many giving programs, will be rewarded with a k-cup kit they can use to make a cup of coffee, tea or cocoa at the library.

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 community relations manager for the library.

For the 2014 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. (begins second week of November)

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. (begins second week of November)

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. (through December 9)

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A Pawssitive Ohio “[Holiday Paws Pantry](#)” collection bin where unopened pet food, pet treats and pet toys will be collected for families struggling to feed their companion animals during the holiday months. (begins second week of November)

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

Additionally, St. Jude’s Recycled Card Program returns this year. St. Jude’s accepts used all-occasion greeting cards for repurposing to raise money to support programs and services for abused, neglected and homeless children, young adults and families. Throughout the month of December, please bring any unwanted greeting cards for our collection basket, and we’ll take care of the rest. At the end of the month, we’ll mail them to St. Jude’s Ranch for Children. Please note that St. Jude’s is unable to accept Hallmark, Disney or American Greeting cards.

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

The library is excited to offer the following holiday programs in 2014:

[Overcoming Holiday Overwhelm](#)

November 1 at 2 p.m.

Join professional organizer, Natalie Gallagher from Refined Rooms, L.L.C. as she provides planning and organizational strategies that can help reduce stress and increase joy during the hectic holiday season. Registration at ncantonlibrary.org

[Crafter’s Corner](#)

November 11 at 6 p.m.

Calling all crafters! Learn to make a festive fall wreath using recycled books! Register at ncantonlibrary.org.

[“Board” in the library?](#)

November 15 from 2 – 4:30 p.m.

Join us for Family Game Day, and celebrate family and the beginning of the holiday season by participating in an afternoon of fun and games. Bring your favorite board game to share, or play with one of ours. Light refreshments will be provided. You can attend this program to get your Explore the World of Family sticker and prize for the month of November.

[Teen Card Making Party](#)

December 2 from 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Come help with our service project as we spread some holiday cheer by making cards for an organization that will distribute them to those in need of some extra joy this holiday season. Holiday music and snacks will be provided! You can attend this program to get your Explore the World of Generosity sticker and prize for the month of December.

[Pictures with Santa \(bring your own camera\)](#)

Wednesday, Dec. 10 from 6-7:30 p.m.

[Cookie Decorating for grades 3-5](#)

December 12 at 4:45 p.m.

Registration for this program begins November 24.

[Pictures with Santa \(bring your own camera\)](#)

Saturday, December 13 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

[Sounds of the Season with Tom Conner](#)

December 13 from 2 - 4 p.m.

Back by popular demand! Enjoy the sounds of the season provided by veteran acoustic guitarist, Tom Conner. CD's will be available for purchase at the conclusion of the program.

[Crafter's Corner](#)

December 15 at 6 p.m.

From homemade gift tags to embellishments that add that personal touch, learn how to dress your holiday gifts in style. All materials provided, but space is limited. Register beginning December 1.

[Cookie Exchange](#)

December 17 from 6-7 p.m.

Back by popular demand! The North Canton Public Library will be hosting a cookie exchange December 17 at 6 p.m. Bake three dozen of your favorite cookies to share and spend the evening sampling each other's festive holiday treats. Don't forget to bring a copy of your recipe as well as a container so you can take home goodies. Registration begins December 1.

[Teen Gift Making Program](#)

December 18 from 3 – 4:30 p.m.

Help us celebrate the start of winter vacation by taking part in our gift making program! Come learn how to make a homemade gift for a family member or friend. No last minute shopping required! All materials to be provided. Registration will open at ncantonlibrary.org two weeks before the event.

[Saturday, December 13 from 10:30 am-12 pm.](#)

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