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### **How-to Festival**

The North Canton Public Library will host 40 classes in one day.

NORTH CANTON, Ohio, February 3, 2016 - In response to the North Canton community's strong desire for educational opportunities, the North Canton Public Library will host its first How-to Festival Saturday, March 5 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. The festival will offer 40 classes in five hours. Each class will be 30 minutes long, with as many as five intro level classes hosted in various library spaces concurrently each hour.

Attendees will learn how to: keep bees, make a Harry Potter wand, teach their dog to listen, use a 3D printer, keep backyard chickens, recognize the signs of Alzheimer's, find the best local restaurants, plan a Disney trip, use cloth diapers, take digital photos, make safe cleaning products, container garden, twist balloons, plan for retirement, stream video on their television, do chair yoga, run a marathon, understand their cat, make a crepe, do nail art, decorate a cookie, use the Stark County Community Timebank, pay down debt, use Lynda.com, make an educational feltboard, compost, make a dog toy, use an Android tablet, use a telescope, do basic self defense, cook seasonally and more.

"We hope our community will come out and spend this fun day of learning with us," said Christina Weyrick, library community relations manager. Because the festival extends through the lunch hour, the library will provide a simple brown bag lunch to the first 300 people to request them. The library's Teen Community Service volunteers will also host a bake sale during the event.

"When we had the idea for the How-to Festival, we worried we might have difficulty finding people to teach so many classes, but we had no problem at all. In fact, as word about the festival has spread, we've had to turn some great teachers and classes away because we don't have enough space to add anything additional," said Weyrick. "We are thrilled with the response we've had from the community so far," Weyrick added.

The North Canton Public Library's recently completed strategic plan allows for a focus on three areas: Library as Community Hub, Creating a Vibrant Learning Center and Enhancing the Customer Experience. The How-to Festival provides a means to each of these objectives, and is the first of several larger-scale events that will be hosted in 2016 with a goal of meeting the needs of the North Canton community.

The How-to Festival is open to everyone. There is no registration required, and all classes are first come, first served. For additional information, please contact Christina Weyrick at 330.499.4712 x331 or cweyrick@northcantonlibrary.org.

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north canton public library

March 5, 2016

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5 hours  
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## 10 a.m.

how-to use cloth diapers\*

presented by Morgan Miller, Baby Sweet Pea's Boutique

how-to use a telescope\*

presented by John Shulan, Summit County Astronomy Club

how-to pay down debt

presented by Brian Hartong, Premier Bank & Trust

how-to do chair yoga

presented by Heidi Beke-Harrigan

how-to stream video on your television

presented by Nate Moran, NCPL

how-to use a 3D pen\*

presented by Nicole Yoder, NCPL

## 10:45 a.m.

how-to use a 3D printer\*

presented by Nicole Yoder, NCPL

how-to find the best local restaurants

presented by Barb Abbott, Canton Food Tours

how-to use essential oils for health

presented by Lisa Frank, doTERRA Wellness Advocate

how-to plan for retirement

presented by Ryan Armstrong, Premier Bank & Trust

how-to make a Harry Potter wand\*

presented by Alicia Loughry, NCPL

## 11:30 a.m.

how-to recognize the signs of Alzheimer's

presented by Kaylene Way, Alzheimer's Association

how-to twist balloons\*

presented by Ken Palosi

how-to make safe cleaning products

presented by Lisa Frank, doTERRA Wellness Advocate

how-to use a telescope\*

presented by John Shulan, Summit County Astronomy Club

How-to compost\*

presented by Teresa Kaminski, StarkFresh

## 12:15 p.m.

how-to keep backyard chickens\*

presented by Teresa Kaminski, StarkFresh

how-to grow a no-mow yard

presented by Crhis Phillips, StarkFresh

how-to run a marathon

presented by Peggy and Ray Fryan

how-to answer "why does my cat do that?!"\*

presented by Jennifer Mauger, L'Chaim Feline

how-to twist balloons\*

presented by Ken Palosi

how-to make the perfect sweet or savory crepe\*

presented by Andrew, Hazel & Rye Bakery

## 1 p.m.

how-to use *lynda.com*

presented by Nicole Yoder, NCPL

how-to make a feltboard/characters for educational use

presented by Carolyn McBee, NCPL

how-to teach your dog to listen\*

presented by Jennifer Mauger, L'Chaim Canine

how-to decorate a cupcake shaped cookie\*

presented by Toni Cotopolis, 4 Cookie Divas

how to cook seasonally

presented by Ryan Miller, Deli Ohio

how-to take digital photos

presented by Rod Lang, Rod Lang Photography

## 1:45 p.m.

how-to keep bees\*

presented by Rick and Diane Blessing, Stark County Beekeepers Association

how-to keep kids safe with technology

presented by Darlene Howald, North Canton Schools

## 1:45 p.m. continued

how-to use the Stark County Community TimeBank\*

presented by Tom Phillips, StarkFresh

how-to do nail art (for kids)\*

presented by Stella Burick

how-to use an Android tablet

presented by Nicole Yoder, NCPL

how-to decorate a cupcake shaped cookie\*

presented by Toni Cotopolis, 4 Cookie Divas

## 2:30 p.m.

how-to container garden\*

presented by Eva Houghton, StarkFresh

how-to plan a Disney trip with insider tips and tricks\*

presented by Kim Borcoman and Abby Millsaps

how-to use personal protection to keep yourself safe

presented by Alex Lanshe, author of *Warrior Attitude: 21 Ways to Think and Act like a Warrior That Will Transform Your Outlook on Life*

how-to use Overdrive and hoopla

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how-to make a no sew dog toy\*

presented by Kara Firestone, Kara's Canine Creations

how-to get involved with the NCPL Teen Community Service Group\*

presented by Edyta Metz, NCPL

\*denotes family friendly class

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