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### **The North Canton Public Library Announces Summer Reading Programs and Family Film Fridays**

NORTH CANTON, Ohio, May 21, 2015 – The North Canton Public Library is gearing up for its annual summer reading programs and the return of the popular Family Film Fridays outdoor movie series. This summer, special programming will be offered for library patrons of all ages.

For children, not only is reading over the summer fun, but it's critical to their literacy achievement. Research shows that as much as three months of reading progress that a child gained during the previous school year can be lost over the summer if they do not continue reading. This loss is cumulative year after year. The North Canton Public Library offers fantastic resources and popular summer reading programs to help encourage children to remain engaged in reading throughout the summer months.

The children's summer reading program will kick-off May 30, 2015. The program theme for 2015, "Every Hero has a Story," lends itself well to a variety of fun programming centered around heroes of all kinds including superheroes, public heroes, animal heroes and more. A special Reading Record, which allows children to track their reading throughout the summer, will be available at the children's desk on the second floor of the library, beginning May 30. Children are eligible to earn prizes for the reading accomplishments they record. Additionally many specialized children's programs will be offered from June through August. "Summer reading season is our busiest time of the year and also our favorite time," said Christina Weyrick, community relations manager for the library. There are special summer reading programs for middle schoolers, teens and adults.

#### **Teen Summer Reading Program: UNMASK!**

June 1 through July 31

Readers ASSEMBLE! Teens and middle schoolers can pick up a sheet of entry forms from the teen room or reference desk, and complete an entry form for every three hours they read or every library program they attend. A gift card winner is drawn every two weeks, with a grand prize drawing at the end of the program.

#### **Adult Summer Reading Program: ESCAPE THE ORDINARY**

June 1 through July 31

Adults can "Escape the Ordinary" this summer by participating in North Canton Public Library's Summer Reading Program. Every time they read a book or attend a program, they can complete an entry form at the Adult/Teen Services desk to be entered to win a prize. Drawings will be held bi-weekly.

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Also this summer, the popular Family Film Fridays series will return the second Friday of June, July and August. In 2013 and 2014, the programs were a great success with attendance at each outdoor film averaging 200 community members in 2013 and 500 last summer. "We anticipate even higher attendance this year with the addition of the Family Fun Zone that MissionView Church will be providing, and because word is spreading about how much fun these free, family events are," said Weyrick. This year, the series will continue to be held at North Canton's Witwer Park, which is located adjacent to the North Canton Middle School. Attendees are encouraged to bring a blanket, a snack and their family and friends.

The series is sponsored for the third consecutive year by Premier Bank & Trust, and is possible thanks to partnerships with MissionView Church, the City of North Canton, Papa John's North Canton, The North Canton Chamber of Commerce and Community Growth Association.

#### NEW THIS YEAR:

Huge Family Fun Zone presented by MissionView Church from 7 p.m. until dusk.

Drum Circle led by Elec Simon and Friends from 7:45 - 8:45 p.m.

A special section for lawn chair seating (blankets are strongly encouraged as an alternative to lawn chairs when possible).

#### RETURNING FAVORITES:

Balloon Animals with the incredibly kindhearted Ken Palosi.

Free Pizza from the very generous folks at Papa John's North Canton.

Free Popcorn from the film series' fantastic sponsor, Premier Bank & Trust.

The dates of the film events are June 12, July 10 and August 14. Film titles are listed at [ncantonlibrary.org](http://ncantonlibrary.org).

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