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**Connect, Explore the World, Enrich your Life**

The North Canton Public Library to host event celebrating education for all ages.

NORTH CANTON, Ohio, January 2, 2014 - In response to the North Canton community's desire for educational opportunities, the North Canton Public Library will host a fair celebrating knowledge seekers of all ages from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, January 24. The fair aims to connect community members with the many educational opportunities available to them both inside and outside of the library's walls. Attendees will be exposed to resources that will allow them to learn about the arts, technology, literacy, fitness, cooking, music, finance, entrepreneurship and more.

Both the obvious and not-so-obvious education providers from in and around North Canton will be on-site from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to share information with library visitors. These include the Stark County Community TimeBank, the North Canton YMCA, WordCamp North Canton, the Canton Hacker and Maker Place and many more. Additionally, four mini-classes will be hosted in the Little Art Gallery throughout the event. These include drum instruction with Elec Simon, upcycled artwork instruction with Pam Neff, "So you wanna be an Entrepreneur" with Joe Rozsa and a 3D printing demonstration presented by the Canton Hacker and Maker Place.

The library's children's department will feature the many educational materials available to families with children of all ages. A list summarizing these materials is attached.

"Education is one of the library's priorities, and this event coincides with the launch of two powerful new continuing education services that are designed specifically for members of public libraries. Beginning January 1, NCPL card holders have access to Gale Courses and Universal Class through the library's website," explained Christina Weyrick, North Canton Public Library community relations manager. Whether library members are looking for college-level, professional development, or personal enrichment courses, they can utilize to these online courses that are accessible anywhere, anytime. Some classes may provide CEU credit (at a fee to the user). During the Connect, Explore, Enrich event, librarians will be available to offer instruction for getting started with these new products.

The event is open to everyone. For additional information, please contact Christina Weyrick at 330.499.4712 x331 or ccooper@northcantonlibrary.org.

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# children's educational resources available at ncpl

We encourage you to take advantage of the many resources offered in our children's department for students, parents and educators.

## Literacy Link Activities

These kits help children build language skills with a game and corresponding book.

## Hooked on Phonics Sets

We offer a large selection of kits from this popular tool that helps struggling children learn to read.

## Reading Center Kits

These great tools help children practice their literacy skills.

## Beginner Books

Browse through our large collection of beginner books, including phonics and sight word based books.

## Audio Books

Listening to a story while reading along is a great way for a child to improve reading skills. Check out our collection of books with CDs and our preloaded devices such as Go Readers or Playaways.

## Leap Frog Tag Readers

Borrow one of our many Tag Reader books or games to help make learning to read more fun. (Tag Reader Pen not included)

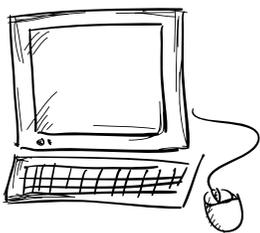
## Databases

We provide online databases that help with reading, comprehension and school reports through the library's website. All you need is a library card and PIN to access these anywhere, including the classroom!

**PebbleGo:** a K-3 database that makes research and literacy accessible for the youngest students.

**BookFlix:** an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related nonfiction.

**TrueFlix:** an online resource that leverages the award-winning True Books content to help students hone literacy skills, build knowledge of subject-area content and cultivate 21st Century Skills through the inquiry process.



**FreedomFlix:** an online resource that transforms content from the highly successful Cornerstones of Freedom series into enhanced eBooks. FreedomFlix aligns to the Common Core Standards by featuring multiple text types and a cross-curricular, nonfiction focus.

## All Flix Programs

- Include timely and engaging content that is accessible for all patrons
- Provide digital tools for homework help and research
- Support the Common Core Standards and the school and homeschool curriculum

## Math in a Bag

Children improve their math skills using the fun tools in these bags.

## Hooked on Math Sets

We offer a large selection of kits from this popular tool that helps children improve their math skills.

## Math Center Kits

These kits provide more math skill practice.

## Science in a Bag

Children improve their science skills using the fun tools in these bags.

## Themed Activity Kits

Our TAKits include a selection of books, activities, worksheets and games all based around a central theme such as bugs, dinosaurs, safety and holidays.

## Leap Frog Cartridges

Educational games that can be used in Leap Frog Explorer or LeapPad and LeapPad2.

## Flash and Activity Cards

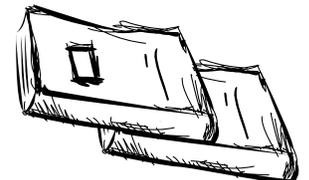
Practice different skills, such as math, foreign languages, spelling and more with our educational flash and activity card sets.

## Educational DVDs

Reinforce a new concept by pairing an educational DVD with the lesson.

## And BOOKS, of course!

Our collection includes concept books, easy biographies, non-fiction books and graphic novels for reluctant readers.



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