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Celebrate Earth Week with the North Canton Public Library

The library invites the community to “explore the world” of green all week long!

NORTH CANTON, Ohio, March 25, 2015 - The North Canton Public Library has a week of Earth friendly programming planned for Earth Week. It kicks-off with a Lorax Party for all ages Saturday, April 18. Dr. Suess’s *The Lorax* was first published as a book in 1971. A film adaptation of the book was released in 2012. The story chronicles fictional character, the Lorax, who speaks for the trees, in his fight to protect the environment from corporate greed.

The Lorax party on April 18 will begin at 11 a.m. with live music from Earth advocate and musician, Zach Friedof. North Canton’s Sol Pie Pizza will generously provide free pizza topped with locally grown, sustainably produced ingredients. Lorax themed activities and other treats will be available, and the movie will begin at 12 p.m.

“The library has a green team and a growing sustainability initiative that we’re excited about,” explained Christina Weyrick, community relations manager. “Earth Day and the surrounding week present us with an important opportunity to educate the community about our own green efforts and to offer information to anyone who might like to begin or extend their own journeys toward becoming more sustainable,” Weyrick added.

The library is honored to have been awarded a sustainability audit scholarship from Stark State College and the H.W. Hoover Foundation in 2013. The scholarship provided a full sustainability audit and a plan for decreasing our carbon footprint from a certified green business consultant. Currently, a green team comprised of staff members from each of the library’s departments meets monthly with a goal of leading the organization in implementation of the plan.

“A library is innately green because we circulate materials from person to person. We purchase one copy of a book or DVD and the entire community can enjoy it, yet the resources to create only one of each item is necessary. Sustainability is much more than this, but it’s nice that we had a start without even really thinking about it” explained Weyrick.

Earth Week Programs for Adults

Tuesday, April 21 at 6 p.m.

Crafter’s Corner for adults: Create a stylish, upcycled craft.
Register at ncantonlibrary.org beginning April 1.

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Stark Knights Poetry Tour visits the Little Art Gallery.

Thursday, April 23, at 2 p.m.

What Is Organic: Brian Simon of Simon Organic Farming will teach us about organics and CSAs.

Tuesday, April 25 at 2 p.m.

Essential Oils Basics for health.

Earth Week Programs for Teens and Children

Thursday, April 23 at 3:30 p.m.

Teen Community Service: Help us kick-off our Terrabag snack bag upcycling project by decorating a collection box and creating signs.

Thursday, April 23 at 6:45 p.m.

The children’s department will provide a “green” selection for the Mother/Daughter Book Club for girls in grades 3-5 with their moms. Discussion takes place April 23.

Join us all week for book displays, a make-it, take-it craft in the children’s department and more! For additional information, contact Christina Weyrick at 330.499.4712 x331 or ccooper@northcantonlibrary.org.

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