

**November 29, 2018**  
**Statement from the North Canton Public Library**

On November 17, 2018, during the library's Libcon (a comic convention at the library) event, one of our management team members was alerted to the possibility that one of the community members presenting a program for the event was a convicted sex offender. The presenter, known to the library as Jason Drake, was known to the event attendee as Jason Mazan.

The staff member immediately alerted the full-time library employee who was in the room with the presenter as well as the library director. As soon as our staff knew there was a problem, we reached out to law enforcement.

Jason Mazan/Drake was not an employee of the library, but was one of many outside presenters the library brings in to deliver programs to patrons. The library had Mazan/Drake in to deliver a total of seven programs since 2016. All regular library employees hired in the past ten years have received background checks. One of these regular library employees is in the room when an outside presenter delivers a program targeted to children or teens.

The safety of our patrons is our number one priority. We are reviewing our policies for non-employee program presenters and are currently working with law enforcement officials to conduct a full investigation.

Any questions can be directed to library director, Sandi Lang at 330.499.4712 x315 or community relations manager Christina Weyrick at 330.499.4712 x331.

