

Sweet!

FOL Members (including Linda Moledor and Kathleen Kling) provided sweets for librarians on Valentine's Day.



PERKS

Say Yes to Less Stress

Tuesday, May 7th
McKinley Room of the Main Library
Coffee at 10:00am
Program at 10:30am

Leigh Shaheen will encourage our group to consider the use of Reiki, a Japanese technique for stress reduction and relaxation that also promotes healing.

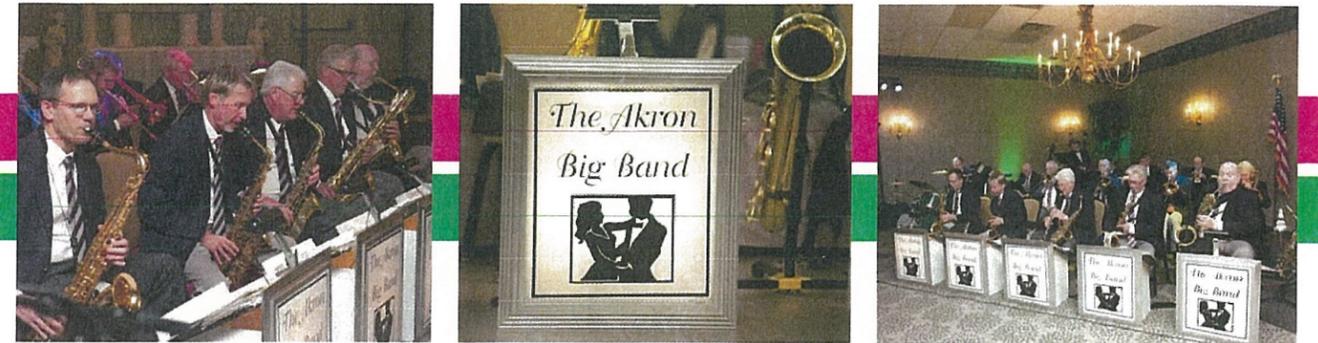
Our 2019-2020 Officers

From left to right: Joellen Esber (Vice President), Mary Anna Kling (Secretary), Sherry Seybert (Past President), Kathleen Kling (President), and Louise Moore (Treasurer)



FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY PRESENT

SWING INTO Spring WITH THE AKRON BIG BAND



Friday, May 17th

St. George Romanian (144 30th St., NW, Canton, Ohio 44709)

6:00pm Doors Open
6:30pm Appetizers
7:15pm Dinner
7:30-9:00pm Akron Big Band
Silent Auction / 50/50 Raffle / Basket Raffle

YES! I would love to attend

\$40/single or \$75/couple (cash or check only)

Number of Single Tickets _____ x \$40 = _____ (total enclosed)

Number of Couple Tickets _____ x \$75 = _____ (total enclosed)

I cannot attend, but wish to donate \$ _____ (enclosed)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Please return by May 10th, 2019. Your paid tickets will be held at the door.

Friends of the Library / Attention "Swing" / 715 Market Ave., North / Canton, Ohio 44702

All proceeds benefit the Stark County District Library.

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Spring 2019



**2019
Book Sales**
Saturdays
10:00am to 4:00pm

May 4
June 1
July 6
August 10
September 7
October 5
November 2
December 7

**In the Main Library
and across the parking
lot in the Garage**

Poetry and Brews for a Good Cause

On April 5th the FOL teamed with Muskellunge Brewing Company to celebrate First Friday in downtown Canton. Befitting the theme of the night, "Locally Literate," FOL arranged a poetry reading in which five poets, inspired by the occasion and location, read poems about April, beer, libraries, bars, and fish. Muskellunge generously donated one dollar for each brew poured at the event by the FOL's guest bartender. More than a few brews were consumed, and some much needed funds were raised to support our local library.



CANTON FIRST FRIDAY
APRIL 5 at 7:00pm
"LOCALLY LITERATE"

Poems & Brews

**Muskellunge Brewing Company
and Friends of Stark Library
present**

John Burroughs
Shelley Chernin
Diane Kendig
Cat Russell
Laura Weldon

**reading poems about beer, bars,
April, Friday, and (of course) fish!**

**For every pint sold from 6pm to 10pm
by guest bartender Gary Bradway,
one dollar will be donated to FOL.
Buy a beer and support your library!**



Above (left to right): Diane Kendig, Laura Weldon, Cat Russell, Shelley Chernin, and John Burroughs.

Below: Diane Kendig hoists a microphone and Shelley Chernin hoists a brew.



"Why I Can't Tell You About My First Time" [An Excerpt]
by Cat Russell

I can't remember
the first time I stepped into a library
and smelled the sweet musty smell
of used paperbacks,
hardcovers, escapism and knowledge-seeking . . .

I do remember being disappointed
when our local library moved to a new location;
my mother could no longer take me.
I remember spending most of my free time
in the Elementary School library
where I checked out a book on anatomy
that I read cover to cover,
yet didn't check out again after I dreamed
the library was literally
the beating heart of the school . . .

I get that now.

From *Soul Picked Clean* (used with permission of the author)

ISSUE 8 INFORMATION

What is Issue 8?

On May 7, Stark Library is placing a levy on the ballot that will allow us to increase services and materials, and maintain and invest in our buildings, giving the community expanded access to all the Library has to offer.

Library Funding

More than half of the Library's funding comes from the current levy, expiring at the end of 2019. The remaining funds come from the State of Ohio's Public Library Fund, which has decreased 17% over the last decade.



What will be on the ballot in May?

A request will be on the May 7th ballot for a 2-Mill property tax levy for Stark County District Library.

Does the Library already have a tax levy?

Yes, the library currently has a 1.7 mill property tax levy which expires at the end of 2019.

What will happen to the current levy?

If the 2-Mill levy passes in May, the 1.7 mill levy will be eliminated.

Why does the Library need this levy?

Because of the decrease in the Ohio Public Library fund, it is critical to obtain additional funding for Stark Library to continue to offer vital services to the community.

How will the levy impact me?

For owners of a \$100,000 property, the levy would cost about an additional \$26.50 per year.

A better Library for just the price of a new book.

What happens if the levy doesn't pass?

Without the levy, Stark Library would lose more than half of its operating budget, resulting in major cuts to services, hours, books, other collections, and, potentially, loss of jobs.

If the levy passes:

- More children will be ready for school
- More people can receive career assistance
- More books, ebooks, and materials

If the levy fails:

- Stark Library will lose more than half of its funding
- Fewer children will benefit from the Library's literacy program
- Programs and services will be cut

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Stark Library *Your Community Library*

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