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Focus is on staff expertise for National Library Week 2017

(AKRON, OH) – The Akron-Summit County Public Library is celebrating the dynamic changes that are happening in today’s libraries. April 9-15 is National Library Week, a time to highlight the changing role of libraries, librarians and library workers.

The Akron-Summit County Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with the Libraries Transform promotional campaign “I’m an expert in.” The campaign will recognize the expertise of staff in subjects such as: Science Fiction, Classic Movies, Craft Programming, Story Time, and the subjects that patrons wouldn’t expect such as: Excel, Car Repair, Norse Poetry, Yoga for Babies, Starting a Small Business, Video Recording and Boy Bands.

Patrons can participate with how their library staff have helped them by answering “What is your staff an expert in?”

Libraries aren’t only a place of quiet study, but also creative and engaging community centers where people can collaborate using new technologies, learn how to use a 3D printer or just relax. Our library offers access to a variety of print and digital resources, including a mobile app, mobile printing, e-content, and online databases. Recent launches include passport services, and a microbusiness center and co-working space, and free tutoring services.

Libraries of all types are evolving to meet the needs of the communities they serve. At the Akron-Summit County Public Library, we are transforming by providing resources for learning and leisure, meeting spaces for community groups, and programs for all ages that support, improve and enrich individual, family and community life.

“Service to the community has always been the focus of the library,” said David Jennings, Library Director. “Libraries level the playing field for people of any age who are seeking the information and access to technologies that will improve their quality of life.”

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

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