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LIBRARY READING PROGRAM RECEIVES FUNDING BOOST FROM TARGET STORE GRANT

CANTON, MI—The Canton Public Library is the recipient of a \$3,000 Target store Early Childhood Reading Grant. Money from the grant, combined with funds from the Friends of the Canton Public Library, will be used to sponsor Family Reading Nights at the Canton Public Library.

Librarian Anne Cnockaert applied for the grant on behalf of the library and helped to create the Family Reading Night program, which will start in October and run through June, 2010.

“This program encourages the whole family to become involved in reading,” says Cnockaert. “There will be a themed storytime, then families can complete a craft and have a snack related to the story. The family will receive a free book that they can read together and take home to keep.”

Canton residents can find more information about Family Reading Night, including registration details, on the library’s website, www.cantonpl.org, beginning in September.

Target store grants support nonprofit programs that impact the arts, early childhood reading and family violence prevention in the community in which they do business. Early Childhood Reading Grants support programs that foster a love of reading and encourage children, from birth through age 9, to read together with their families.

“We are very pleased to be the recipient of this Target grant. As we continue to deal with our shrinking budget, the work of staff in applying for grants like this is even more important,” says library director Eva Davis. “We have also been chosen as a grant collaborator with the Ann Arbor Hands-On Museum and Project S.N.A.P., thanks to the work of librarian Jillean McCommons.”

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