

Inventapalooza – Saturday, October 2, 2010

A Day of Education and Fun for Inventors, Entrepreneurs and Families

Annual inventor's festival brings nationally-known author, television producer, and serial-entrepreneur Louis Foreman.

Inventors who think they might have the next great idea can come one step closer to realizing their dream at Inventapalooza on Saturday, October 2, 2010 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Main Library. A reception celebrating the depository will be held at 4 p.m. immediately following Inventapalooza.

The goal of Inventapalooza is to provide information on creating, patenting and profiting from a product and also to bring together community resources for people who are starting a business. Additionally, 2010 marks the fifteenth year for the Akron-Summit County Public Library being a patent depository library in association with the United States Patent & Trademark Office. "Our mission as a patent depository library is to provide resources and education to the public about the patent process and to support the intellectual property needs of the public. With Inventapalooza, we promote the ways in which creativity and product development benefit the entire community through enhanced economic activity," said librarian Monique Mason, who is coordinating the event. The event will also foster an interest in invention and innovation in conjunction with the Teen and Children departments of the Library.

Featured speaker is Louis Foreman. He is founder and CEO of Eventys, a product design and engineering firm in Charlotte, NC, responsible for developing over 400 patents. He is also founder of 9 other start-up companies, the first one in his dorm room as a sophomore at the University of Illinois. He is the holder of 10 U.S. patents as well as being the creator and producer of PBS' Everyday Edisons program.



Louis Foreman



Michael Hydorn

Michael Hydorn, a former patent examiner and current analyst with the US Patent & Trademark Office, and local intellectual property attorney Dominic Frisina are also scheduled to speak. In addition, there will be an exhibitors' hall and both a story time and block building party for children.



Dominic Frisina



2010 Schedule of Events

10 am Welcome

10:15 am **Louis Foreman**, Eventys CEO and Everyday Edisons producer, "You Have an Idea, What's Next?"

11:30 am Lunch on your own

12:30 pm **Michael Hydorn**, Analyst, United States Patent & Trademark Office, Overview of patents, trademarks, and copyright

1:30 pm **Dominic Frisina, Esq.**, Principal, Dominic Frisina and Associates, "Intellectual Property as a Business Tool"

3 pm Break

3:15 pm **Michael Hydorn**, "Smart Questions to Ask Invention Promotion Firms"

4 pm **Reception.** Celebrate the Library's 15th Anniversary as a Patent & Trademark Depository Library. *Atrium*

Children's Activities

11 am **Story Time** with stories, songs, activities, and a craft about boxes, *Children's Library, 2nd floor.*

2 pm **Tower Power**, Big and small building units provided for green, open-ended building activities, *Meeting Room 2 and Lobby*

All events will take place in the Main Library Auditorium unless noted.