



CONNECT

Stories of Meaningful Interactions

—by Lyndsey Brennan

With the theme for National Library Week being “connection,” we got curious: What are some particular interactions that stand out in staff members’ minds as meaningful, where they had the chance to connect with a patron or connect them with an important resource?

This is an instance that came to mind for our Local History Librarian, Gretchen Quinn:

“One day, I received an email from a person in the Netherlands. She volunteered at the Henri-Chapelle American Cemetery in Belgium as a caretaker of American soldiers’ graves. One of the graves she adopted was for **Edwin Palmer**, a resident of Stow who died in service to our country on September 10, 1944. She was hoping to find someone from the Palmer family and asked for my help.



It took about a week but using the Local History archives and a variety of library databases, I found a name and phone number of a possible relative in Pennsylvania. I made the phone call. Recognizing a Stow area phone number, she answered. I had connected with Eddie Palmer’s niece.

We spoke for a while. Not only about her uncle, but also about her childhood in Stow. She seemed amazed that her relative who died so young was still remembered and honored. She was looking forward to communicating with the volunteer who is caring for her family member’s grave.

Local history is amazing. Every day, I get to help people connect the past to the present. It was my honor to help two women on different sides of the Earth help keep the memory of a young soldier from Stow alive.”

Follow us on Facebook to read more of our stories during National Library Week, April 3 - 9!

We’ll also have special programs and events listed inside this newsletter along with giveaways that you won’t want to miss all week long during National Library Week. Our giveaways include:

Spike the Turtle Decals (April 4 - 9): Get a Spike the Turtle decal free with your checkout while supplies last. Ask for

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Join other fans ages 12 - 18 for anime and manga-related activities on Mon., April 11 at 7 PM.

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Specialty Book Sale featuring

ABC Books

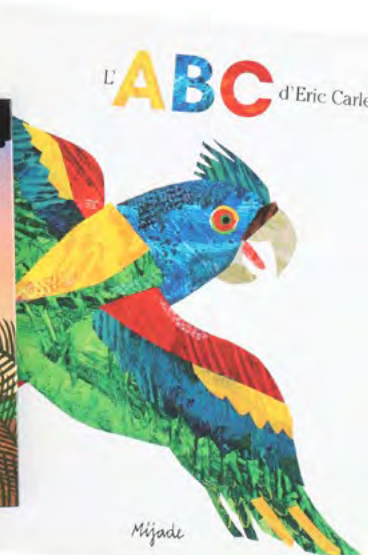
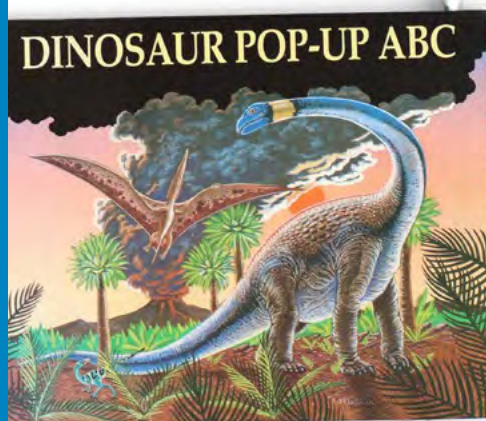
Thurs. - Sat.: March 31 - April 2, 2022:

Thurs: 10 AM - 8 PM, Fri. & Sat.: 10 AM - 4 PM

Join us as the Friends of the Library present a Specialty Book Sale of ABC Books. **ABC Books are alphabet books that list each letter of the alphabet with corresponding pictures or information.** Intended for young children, they are of particular interest to **parents, teachers, children, collectors, and home-schooling families.**

The books in this sale are from the private collection of **Marie Holt.** Marie has been a dedicated member of our Friends of the Library Board for over two decades. Her collection includes thousands of ABC books which she recently donated to the Friends. This sale will be held in the Stow Room at the library. All proceeds benefit the Friends of the Library.

Due to close contact with others, masks are recommended. Please note that room occupancy will be limited. ●





Margaret D. Cooper

SMFPL remembers former director who expanded building

—by Lyndsey Brennan

The children’s department at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library would not be the spacious, vibrant place it is today without Margaret Cooper.

When Cooper became library director in 1986, the library was struggling to serve one of the most rapidly growing communities in Summit County and had maxed out all available floor space.

For instance, one Akron Beacon Journal reporter noted that during a 1994 story time, the space was “packed to the rafters,” with children “on the floor, on their mothers’ laps and pounding the keys at the computer terminals.” Librarians were having to “get rid of a book before we shelved a book,” Cooper told the reporter, because the first floor stacks were full.

And though library administrators had added a second floor to the library in 1978, it was never completed.

Cooper wanted to change that. She had a vision that the

library would become a community center in a city that doesn’t have a downtown core, where people could gather and learn.

In 1990, she and the library board attempted to put a \$9 million bond issue on the ballot that would be used to construct a new building on a 19-acre site just west of Darrow Road, behind the Stow Post Office.

Though critics resisted this plan, Cooper was not deterred.

In 1995, she tried again with a proposal to finish the second floor of the existing building, add a new entry on the north side and double the parking lot for \$3.9 million. This time, voters approved.

“Margaret had a passion for our library and the community,” said Cheryl Nelson, a library graphic designer who worked with Cooper and remained friends with her until her death. “She really wanted more for us than what we had.”

Betsy Adams, who worked as a program director in the children’s room during Cooper’s tenure, said Cooper had been a schoolteacher before working in libraries. “She loved children. I think that’s why she supported the children’s room so much.”

On Cooper’s watch, the children’s room became a place Adams described as “magical.” Cooper hired a carpenter to build a playhouse for the children’s room and an artist to paint murals showcasing Ohio’s history with depictions of Native American and Amish families, Adams said. Before Spike the Turtle became a fixture of the children’s area, patrons often visited with the rabbits Cooper acquired in the enclosure her husband had built for them.

Both Nelson and Adams remember Cooper as a warm, inviting woman who catered staff holiday parties and hosted new teacher luncheons in the fall before school started, to try to get teachers involved with using the library.

“Every director had a different style and personality. Doris [Jyurovat] was the motorcycle-riding librarian. John Patane was an Oreos-and-Styrofoam-cup director — at every event, we had that. But Margaret was a “get the silver out and polish it, and bring the crystal from home” kind of director. She would make all these wonderful gourmet meals and desserts, and she would bring her garden produce that she had grown on the farm — tomatoes and squash and fresh basil. That was her style,” Nelson said.

“She would sit in her office and drink from her China teacups,” Nelson added, laughing. “I called her ‘Margaret Stewart.’”

Even though Cooper’s home was on a farm in Lucas, Ohio, over an hour south of Stow, during the week she stayed at an apartment she rented at the Silver Lake Towers and became heavily involved with community groups like the Stow Chamber of Commerce, which she was the president of for several years.

Her involvement with the community inspired other staff members to get involved as well, said Adams — who, following Cooper’s example, joined a community organization at the height of the AIDS crisis that helped residents get the resources they needed.

Cooper passed away February 12 in Ashland, Ohio, and is survived by six children and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

We join her family and friends in thanking her for the library — and community — she worked tirelessly to build for us.

“She was exquisite and did everything well,” Nelson said. “I felt honored to be able to work for her.” ●



Friends of the Library

This spring, our Friends of the Library are remembering three dedicated members of their group who have collectively devoted decades of years of service: **Marge Gabriel, Peg Niemeyer, and Jenny Birnbaum.** Our sympathy is extended to their families along with our gratitude for their steadfast commitment for making our library what it is today. ●



Marge Gabriel (L) & Peg Niemeyer (R)



Jenny Birnbaum (R) with her granddaughter

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yours at the Drive-Up Window, the Checkout Desk, or the Children's Department. They're perfect for laptop covers and water bottles.

Tote Bags (Thurs., April 7): How has the library improved your life? We invite you to write about your experience on a note card, pin it to the rack near the windows at the front of the library, and take a free, heavy fabric tote bag.

Bumper Magnets (Fri. & Sat., April 8 & 9) : It's another opportunity to express how the library has improved your life. We invite you to write about your experience on a note card, pin it to the rack near the windows at the front of the library, take a bumper magnet, and show your love for the library as you drive around town. ●





WITH YOUR



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NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK April 3 - 9, 2022

Programs and Events

Connect with Your Library: Explore the Library's Digital Services

Mon., April 4 at 7 PM and Wed., April 6 at 2 PM



Virtual Author Talk with Emilie Richards,

Best-selling author of more than 70 novels

Wed., April 6 at 7 PM

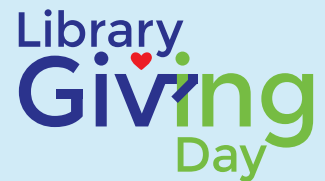


Join us on Facebook for a conversation with bestselling contemporary romance and mystery novelist Emilie Richards. She will discuss her latest book, *The House Guests*.

Library Giving Day

Wed., April 6, All Day

Library Giving Day is an important opportunity to show your ❤️ for our library. If you're in a position to donate, a one-time or repeating monthly gift of any amount to the Library Foundation will support significant projects that improve the building and expand services. To donate online, visit www.smfpl.org/donate. Find out more about the Library Foundation at www.smfpl.org/foundation.



Dine and Donate Library Foundation Fundraiser at Bellacino's of Stow

Thurs., April 7 between 4 PM - Close



If you order dine in or carry out from Bellacino's Pizza and Grinders between 4 PM - close, 15% of sales will go to the Library Foundation. Just mention the library, pick up a flyer at the library's Check Out Desk to show the cashier, or show the flyer from our Facebook page.



Have You Heard...

Find out what's streaming for free on Hoopla Digital

—by Kristin Casale



As long as I can remember, the pursuit of music has been a constant in my life. I have memories of music I heard from as early as the age of 3, and I repeatedly asked my parents to play my favorite songs on repeat, one of them being The Doors' **Riders on the Storm**, my favorite song as a toddler, much to my mother's chagrin.

My quest for new music continues to this day, but let's face it—prices are going up—and I'm

less likely to spend the money to experiment than I used to.

That's why I like Hoopla Digital—a free music, video and audiobook streaming service available through The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Use your library card to start listening to all kinds of great music, including new releases. There are also a lot of great graphic novels on Hoopla, plus eBooks.

Go to <http://www.hoopladigital.com> to listen on your computer, or download the free app from your app store. You'll need a valid email address, your library card number, and your PIN number (by default, it's the last four digits of your phone number). The great thing about Hoopla is that all of the materials can be downloaded immediately—no waiting. Music albums will automatically disappear from your device after 7 days.

In this issue, I'd like to highlight some classic albums that will reach milestone status in 2022. These works have stood the test of time among fans and critics alike. And, don't forget to explore Hoopla's suggested listens to broaden your musical horizons.

Rap/Hip-Hop

The Notorious B.I.G. released his sophomore album **Life after Death** 25 years ago that features the hit single, **Mo Money Mo Problems**, as well as guest appearances by Puff Daddy and Jay-Z.

Eminem released **The Eminem Show** to critical acclaim in the same year—1997. This album featured five singles and was listed at No. 56 on the Greatest of All Time Billboard Albums in 2015.

Country

Shania Twain's **Come on Over** was released 25 years ago, and catapulted Twain from country artist to pop superstar. **You're Still the One** was ubiquitous in 1997, as well as the other 11 singles released from this album.

Classic Rock and R&B

The Queen of Soul Aretha Franklin released her eighth studio album, **Young, Gifted, and Black** in 1972. This year the album will be 50 years old and features the top 10 hits **Rock Steady** and **Day Dreaming**.

Two rock 'n' roll classics were released during the same year in 1972: **Exile on Main Street** by the Rolling Stones and **Ziggy Stardust and the Spiders from Mars**.

All three of these artists are institutions in their own right and need no further embellishment.

Rock and Pop

Moving forward, arena rock mainstays Coldplay released their seminal sophomore effort **A Rush of Blood to the Head** in 2002. **Clocks** continues to be featured in a variety of ads and TV shows.

Another country crossover act that made her way into the pop realm was Norah Jones, who released her debut **Come Away with Me** 20 years ago. The album won the Grammy Award for Album of the Year, and **Don't Know Why** won the Grammy Award for Song of the Year.

While it seems as if Justin Timberlake has always been popular, at one time the artist was still finding his feet as a solo artist. His debut album **Justified** turns 20 this year.

The last album on this list to reach the 20-year mark is **Sea Change** by Beck. Known for genre-bending singles such as **Where It's At** and **New Pollution**, Sea Change saw the artist going in a more folk-driven direction. This album remains a favorite among critics.

Check back next time as we delve into Hoopla's incredible selection of landmark jazz albums. ●

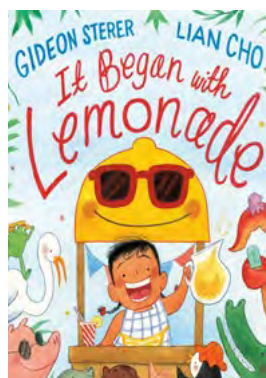
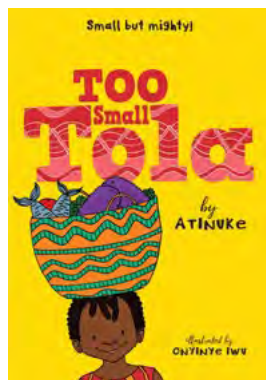
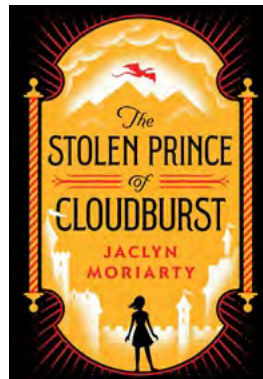
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Get Ready for Summer Reading!

Summer Reading is just around the corner, and it's not too early to start putting together your reading list. Staff members from the Children's Department voted these titles as the **Best Books from 2021**. See how many you can read this summer and earn prizes along the way!

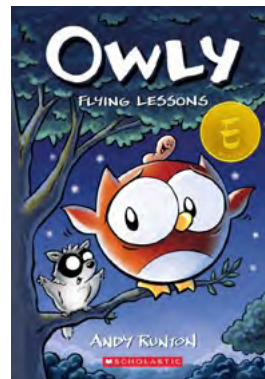
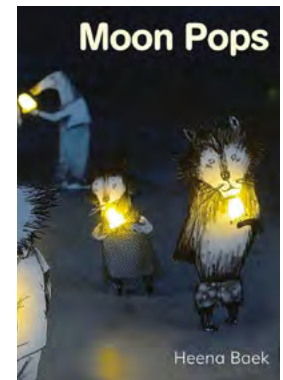
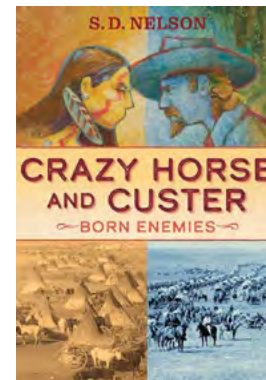
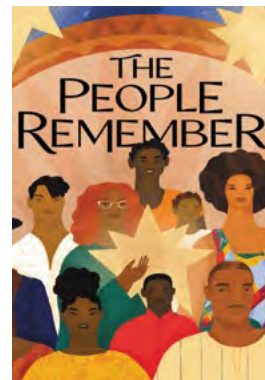
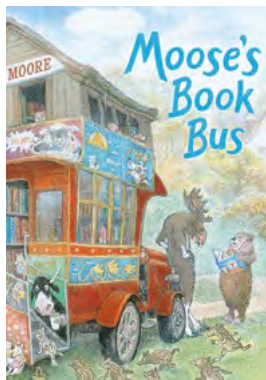
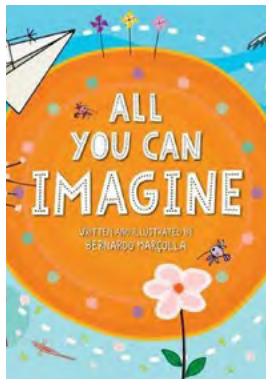
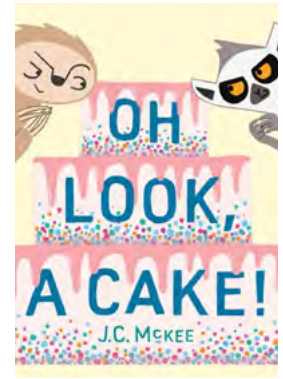
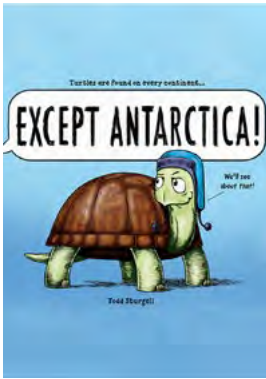




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Can't wait until summer? Grab a few books early to celebrate **International Children's Book Day** on Sat., April 2. ●



Managing Your Finances

If you're struggling to keep your income ahead of your expenses, you're not alone. Take advantage of our free library programs that can give you the financial advantage.

CollegeAdvantage: Ohio's 529 Savings Program Live Webinar

Tues., April 5 at 7 PM  or Mon., April 11 at 2 PM 

Have you started planning for your child's college education? Join us as Sabrina Naves from the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority leads a live webinar about ways to begin saving for higher education. Established in 1989, the Ohio Tuition Trust Authority is a state agency within the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The Ohio Tuition Trust Authority sponsors and administers CollegeAdvantage, Ohio's 529 college savings program. CollegeAdvantage offers Ohio's 529 Plan to families both in Ohio and nationwide—it's a tax-advantaged way to save for future college expenses.

A valid email address must be provided at the time of registration. To register, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or visit events.smfpl.org. Participants will receive an email invitation to attend the program, hosted on Zoom, a day before the event. ●

Banking Basics

Wed., April 20 at 7 PM

Finances can be stressful waters to navigate. Do you need some help getting back to the basics? Join us as we welcome Wendi Wilhelm from BFG Federal Credit Union for some insight on how to benefit the most from your banking. This presentation will touch on basic budgeting, credit scores, and how to best utilize your checking and savings accounts. To register, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or visit events.smfpl.org. ●

Home Buying 101

Mon., April 25 at 7 PM

Join local real estate professionals to learn the basics of the home buying process. Find out the current state of the market, how to become financially prepared, get information about closing costs, and much more. This free program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room at the library. To register, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or visit events.smfpl.org.

Speakers: Rosa Collazo-Smith, Real Estate Professional, Cutler Real Estate; Jessica Armbruster, Loan Advisor, CrossCountry Mortgage; and Jeremy Gilliams, Escrow Officer, Title One Agency. ●





Self-Checkout

Is it just us or is a shiny new, easy-to-use self-checkout machine cause for celebration? We invite you to give it a try the next time you stop in!

Hint: Your PIN number, which you'll need to checkout, is the last four digits of your phone number (unless you changed it to something else). And the DVD cases unfortunately still don't unlock themselves! ●

Acoustic Night

Join us for Acoustic Night at the Library on the second Wednesday of each month at 7 PM. Bring your guitar, banjo, harmonica, and more to learn from other musicians and play at this informal jam session. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. Drop in only, no registration required. For more information, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. ●



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Foundation

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation was incorporated in 1994 as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c) (3) organization. The Foundation's mission is to provide funds for significant projects that enhance the mission of the library and to build an endowment that will carry on the legacy of the library. For more information, visit www.smfpl.org/foundation

Hours

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Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

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