



Learn to cook at the library!

The first in a series of four cooking classes, Basic Cooking Skills, kicks off with licensed personal chef Sara Mentzer on **Thursday, February 12** from **6:30 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Stow-Munroe Falls Meeting Room.

Watch her step-by-step cooking demonstrations and taste the sample recipes.

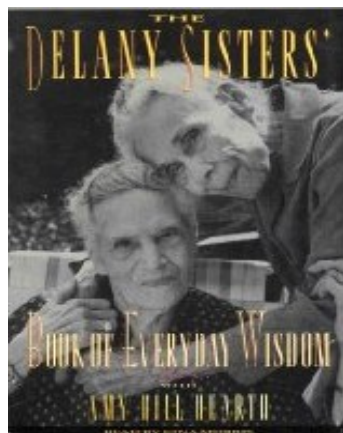
Upcoming classes in the series include Quick Pasta and Homemade Sauces on **March 12** (registration begins February 9), Hearty, Healthy Dinner Ideas on **April 9** (registration begins March 9) and Think Spring...Ideas for Fruits and Veggies on **May 14** (registration begins April 13).

Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.



Conversations with the Delaney Sisters

Watch members of the Ensemble Theatre Company portray Sadie and Bessie Delaney, two remarkable centenarian African-American sisters and authors of the book "Having Our Say", who share their courageous stories of struggle and achievement in the 20th century. The program is **Saturday, February 7** at **2:00 p.m.** Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.



Notices

- Coffee with the Editor is **Wednesday, February 4** at **9:00 a.m.**
- The next Community Jazz Band concert is **Wednesday, February 4** at **7:00 p.m.**
- Bridge Club is **Monday, February 9**. Players should arrive at **12:45**, play begins at **1:00 p.m.**
- Appointments for Tax Help are available at the library on Fridays through **April 10**. Call 330-688-3295 to schedule an appointment
- Needlework Show is **March 25-29**. Entries will be accepted **March 21-22**. Pick up a brochure at the library.
- There is no Goodwill Job Center help in February
- Red Cross Blood Drive is **Wednesday, February 18**, 1:00 to 7:00 p.m.

February is Library Lovers' Month

We want to give you just one more reason to love your library. Each time you check out library materials during the month of February, you will have a chance to win a free gas card. One hundred \$10 gas cards will be given away to our patrons compliments of the Friends of the Library. Cards will be awarded at the Circulation Desk and at the Drive Up Window.



Also, Coffee Club returns on Tuesdays in February in the magazine area. Enjoy gourmet coffee from Mocha Joes in a comfortable setting while you browse magazines, newspapers, chat with friends or catch up with some of your favorite novels. Coffee will be available from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Library Lovers' month is sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Tax Forms, Tax Help

Federal, state, and city tax forms and a reproducible book of tax forms are available at the library.

They are located in a display by the Corner Gallery (just past the Reference Desk on the first floor). If you do not see what you need, ask for help at the Adult Information Desk or try online.

Go to www.irs.gov, www.ohio.gov, www.stow.oh.us, and www.munroefalls.com.

Library staff are not permitted to give tax advice, answer questions on your taxes or fill out your form for you.

However, they will help you locate books and the appropriate forms and publications to help you complete your tax return.

Sign up for a free tax service, available to older residents and residents with low to middle incomes on Fridays from **February 6 through April 10, 2009 from noon until 4:00 p.m.** This annual program is sponsored by AARP, who work in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program to assure that the volunteers are knowledgeable about the special tax provisions for older people. Call for an appointment.

Meet the Puppy Whisperer

Terry Cranendonk: The Puppy Whisperer will present a program on **Tuesday, February 24** from **7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room.

Learn a compassionate approach to modifying your dog's behavior. Cranendonk shares his expertise and insights on canines.

He is a Certified Pet Dog Trainer and a Certified Dog Behavior Consultant who specializes in behavior modification for aggression and teaches both puppy and dog classes.

Humans only please...leave your dog at home.

Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.



New Blu-rays coming soon!

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is expanding its popular Blu-ray DVD collection this year. Watch for more blockbuster hits on Blu-ray, coming soon!

Book Discussion Groups

**Evening Discussion
with Amy Garrett
Fourth Thursday of the
month at 7:00 p.m.**

- **February 26**
Crisis by Robin Cook
- **March 26**
Innocent Man
by John Grisham
- **April 6**
Can't Wait to Get to Heaven
by
Fannie Flagg



**Evening Discussion
with Barbara Nelson
First Monday of the
month at 7:00 p.m.**

- **February 2**
Grapes of Wrath
by John Steinbeck
- **March 2**
Walking Across Egypt
by Clyde Edgerton
- **April 6**
Farewell to Manzanar by
Jeanne Wakatsuki Huston
- **May 5**
First Mothers: The Women
Who Shaped the Presidents
By Bonnie Angelo
- **June 2**
Three Cups of Tea by
Greg Mortenson and David
Oliver Relin

**Morning Discussion
with Chris Caccamo
Second Friday of the
month at 10:00 a.m. or
2:00 p.m.**

- **February 13**
The Notebook
by Nicholas Sparks
- **March 13**
Little Heathens: Hard Times
and High Spirits on an Iowa
Farm during the Depression
by Mildred Armstrong Kalish
- **April 10**
We Were the Mulvaney
by Joyce Carol Oates
- **May 8**
The Lost Painting
by Jonathan Harr

Computer Classes Computer Lab

The library offers classes for beginning computer users and more advanced users. They include the **Getting Started** and the **Beyond the Basics** series for new computer users, **Email, Internet, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access, Photoshop** and more for the more advanced student. Classes are offered both day and evening at no charge. The class calendar can be viewed at:

<http://www.smfpl.org/calendar>

You no longer have to sign up for computer classes weeks ahead of time! Instead, stop by the Reference Desk **one half hour before class time** and sign up. Be sure to have your Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card with you! It is that easy!

Computers with **Internet Access**, located in Computer Lab at the library are always in great demand. If you are planning a trip to the library to use the computer, please **call ahead** and make a reservation. There may **NOT** be one available if you don't make a reservation! Computer time can be reserved up to **one week** in advance. **You are limited to one appointment per day.** Staff in the Computer Lab can schedule you for up to two hours of time, Monday through Saturday and up to one hour of time on Sunday. Remember, **you now need to bring your Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card to use a computer.** To make an appointment, call 330-688-3295.

New Movies— Coming in February

Bottle Shock
Nick and Nora's Infinite Playlist
The Secret Life of Bees
Zack and Miri
Nightgs in Rodanthe
W.
Changeling
High School Musical 3
Soul Men
Flash of Genius
What Just Happened

Reference Staff Book Favorites of 2008

Amy Garrett

Show Me How: 500 Things You Should Know for Life from the Everyday to the Exotic
by Lauren Smith

All the Way Home
by David Giffels

Stephanie Plum series
by Janet Evanovich
Tailspin
by Catherine Coulter

Barbara Nelson
Belong to Me
by Marisa de los Santos
When You are Engulfed in Flames
by David Sedaris

Boy in the Striped Pajamas
by John Boyne

Chris Caccamo

Alex and Me: How a Scientist and a Parrot Uncovered a Hidden World of Animal Intelligence— and Formed a Deep Bond in the Process
by Irene Pepperburg

The Parrot Who Thought She Was a Dog
by Nancy Ellis-Bell

Beth Daugherty
The Art of Racing in the Rain
by Garth Stein

The Sweet Potato Queen's Guide to Raising Children for Fun and Profit
by Jill O'Connor

The Necklace: 13 Women and the Experiment that Transformed Their Lives
by Cheryl Jarvis

Vickie Evans
Black Wave: A Family's Adventure at Sea and the Disaster that Saved Them
by John Silverwood

Susan Pinzone
Rhett Butler's People
by Donald McCaig

The Shadow of the Wind
by Carlos Ruis Zafron

The Scandal of the Season
by Sophie Gee

Reference Staff's
favorite reads for
2008!



Diana Parker
The Sharing Knife
by Lois McMaster Bujold

Amanda Halleen
Unaccustomed Earth
by Jhumpa Lahiri

Christina Getrost
The Underneath
by Kathi Appelt

Little Brother
by Cori Doctorow

Free For All— Oddballs Geeks and Ganstas in the Public Library
by Don Bochert

Jim Williams
Books That Have Made History: Books That Can Change Your Life (CD)
By J. Rufus Fears

Teen Department

Girligami

Do you like to fold origami? Tired of making cranes and boxes? Come to our program on **Monday, February 16 at 2:00 p.m.** to learn how to make cute things like pandas, tiny dresses and even folded high-heel shoes! Sign up at the Information Desk beginning February 2. The program is for grades 7 to 12. Folding paper is provided.

Chess club

Chess club is for youth ages 5 to 17, who are familiar with the basic rules of chess. The next meeting is **Monday, February 16 at 6:30 p.m.** No signup is necessary. Snacks provided! Peer instruction is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., and game play begins at 7:00 p.m.

Anime Club

On Saturday, February 14 at 1:30 p.m., join other fans of Japanese animated films and shows as we watch episodes of recent anime, and talk about manga and anime. Snacks provided. No signup is necessary. For ages 12 to 18 only.

Teen Tech Week— Coming in March

Press "Play" at your library! Celebrate Teen Tech Week in March with Wii tournaments in the library! Plus check out our selection of videogames, DVDs, audiobooks, downloadables and more! Check our website for more details, coming soon.

Children's Department

Storybook Theatre

On Friday, February 6 at 10:30 a.m., enjoy a morning of movies just for the little ones. During Storybook Theater, children can watch 2-4 short films based on popular picture books. Movies are shown on a large screen and children can relax on the floor. Snacks will be provided. Feel free to come for one or all of the films. For children ages 3-6 and their families. No registration required

Bakugan, Yu-gi-oh & Pokemon

Bring your cards to play for fun or swap for new ones with other Pokemon, Yugioh and Bakugan fans on **Saturday, February 7 at 12:30 p.m.** Program is for ages 5 to 17.

No registration is required.



Pied Piper Vocal Performing Group

On Monday, February 9 at 7:00 p.m., come listen to a performance by this wonderful group of 6th-8th graders from Cuyahoga Falls. Check our website for more details, coming soon!

Zobapago

On Saturday, February 21 at 3:00 p.m. join us for a fun performance by the local group, Zobapago, and experience some dynamic entertainment on topics that children deal with every day. The program is for Preschoolers through grade 2. Pick up a Spike the Turtle admission pass on half hour before show time.

Circulation Department

Pick 5 Bestsellers Club

Join the Bestsellers Club online by selecting up to **five** of your favorite authors. Your name will automatically be placed on the reserve list for these popular authors. Although we can't guarantee how near the top of the list you'll be, it's one less thing you have to think about! After completing this form, we'll add your name to the waiting list and let you know when your book is ready to check out. Your membership in the Bestsellers Club will be effective with next month's new releases. It's that easy. Don't have a computer or are you too busy to get to your computer? Our staff would be happy to help. Fill out a form, turn it in and become a member. Are you already a member, but would like to change an author or two? Ask for an "add/delete" form at the circulation desk. It's just that easy! Did you get a new library card and still want to be in the Bestseller Club? Be sure to tell a Circulation Desk assistant to update your registration so you will continue to be placed on hold for all of your favorites!

Past Events at the library



Countdown to New Years' (at noon) in the Children's Room.



Children's Librarian Amy Thomas displays Valentines to be sent to the troops.



Lifesize Monopoly.



Madden NFL 09 Xbox Tournament winners Devonte Coats (left) and Mike Sutton.

Quilt of the month



This month's quilt is by Rita Kenny. It is on display over the front circulation desk and can be viewed during library hours.

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www.smfpl.org

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Don't forget about the Drive-Up Window service at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. This is an especially helpful service during inclement weather! The drive-up window is open during regular library hours and closes 15 minutes before library closing.



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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is a citizen support group for Library services and activities. They sponsor book sales as well as the annual Needlework Show and other activities. Friends meet the third Tuesday of every month (except December and July) at **2:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room.



Friends officers are (left to right): Peg Niemeyer, Corresponding Secretary; Barb Beiling, President; Peggy Shaffer, Secretary; and Hermine Meyer, Treasurer. Nicole Welsh, Vice-President, is not pictured.

Library Foundation

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation was incorporated in 1994 as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation is dedicated to ensuring a great library system by raising, managing and allocating funds to expand and improve the library. Why a Foundation? Maintaining Stow and Munroe Falls' top-notch library isn't possible with public funding alone. The Foundation's mission is to stabilize the library in times of reduced public funding and secure the ongoing excellence of the library. The next Foundation meeting is **Tuesday, February 17 at 5:00 p.m.**

