On Thursday, April 19 from 7 – 9:30 p.m., Silver Lake Country Club will be filled with gourmet desserts from area restaurants and bakeries. The public is invited to sample these delicacies, snack on hearty appetizers, bid on lavish silent auction items from local donors, visit the cash bar and enjoy the gala atmosphere at the club. Tickets are $25 and are available at the front desk of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

2012 marks the sixth annual Dessert Extravaganza Fundraiser. Last year this celebration raised over $13,000 for significant improvements to the library. The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation was able to purchase furniture for our new conference room and, in partnership with the Friends of the Library, bought our electronic outdoor sign with money raised by previous Dessert Extravaganzas.

Desserts and hearty hors d’oeuvres offered at the 2012 Dessert Extravaganza will be provided by DeVitis Italian Market, Handel’s Homemade Ice Cream, Acme Fresh Market, Cupcake Binge, Giant Eagle, One Red Door, Bittersweet’s, Custom Cake Creations, Edible Arrangements, Pallotta’s Pastries, Rosewood Grill, Main Street Cupcakes, Pancho & Lefty’s, Kirbie’s Family Meats & Catering, Nosh Eatery, Linda’s Kitchen, Silver Lake Country Club, Susie Biscotti, and Sweet Tooth. Four Corner Promotions is this year’s signature sponsor. The featured item of the evening will be a beautiful 14-karat white gold blue topaz and diamond pendant necklace on an 18” 14-karat white gold gourmette chain courtesy of Abshire & Haylan. Other auction items include a ride on the Stow fire truck in the 4th of July Parade, autographed books from popular authors, a handmade quilt and more.

For additional information about this event, click here or call 330-688-3295 and contact Ann Malthaner at extension 110 or Mary McDonald at extension 228.
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Meet our Library Board Member

Ron Antal

What’s on your Nightstand?

How long have you been a library trustee?
Since 2009

What’s your family like? Kids? Grandkids? Siblings?
I have been married for 21 years to Neera Agarwal-Antal, M.D., a dermatologist in Hudson. We have 9-year-old twins (boy & girl).

What do you do in your work life? (or, if you’re retired, what did you do?)
I am a CPA, and I own the Research Credit Group, a niche Tax Consulting firm specializing in helping companies identify and document tax credits for research & development. We also perform building Cost Segregation studies which is a fancy way of saying we help classify and properly depreciate their assets.

Are you passionate about any particular hobby?
I am very passionate about local politics. It is an honor and a privilege to be chosen by the local citizens to represent their interests. I am an elected member of council in the Village of Boston Heights, and I am running for Summit County Fiscal Officer in the November 2012 election. With my professional experience and determination, I hope to help restore honor to the Fiscal Officer position which has been tainted by a bitter nepotism scandal over the last year. I envision Summit County politics as a place where both political parties can play a role in returning Akron to its former glory.

Additionally, I love to spend time with my wife and twins and I am enjoying learning to play the bass guitar. I’ve played the saxophone for about 30 years. Additionally, I enjoy fly fishing and I have a modest fountain pen collection.

Do you have any pets?
I have a 50-gallon freshwater aquarium filled with fish, if that counts as having pets.

What was your favorite book when you were a kid?
The Catcher In The Rye by J.D. Salinger

What’s on your nightstand (bookwise) now?
I tend to start more than one book at a time so I currently have these books on my nightstand:
1. A Walk West by Peter Jenkins, I read A Walk Across America last week.
2. Sex, Death, and Fly-Fishing by John Gierach
3. The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw
4. How To Be A Gentleman: A Contemporary Guide To Common Courtesy by John Bridges

Who are your top five favorite authors?
James Herriot, John Gierach, Bill Bryson, and Peter Jenkins.

What book have you faked reading? (if any).
Stephen Covey’s The 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

If you could give one book to almost everybody you meet, what would that book be? Do you have a favorite book that you can’t stop recommending?
As A Man Thinketh by James Allen. Although this small book was published in 1902, the applicability of the straight forward and common sense suggestions are timeless.

Tell us about a book you picked up on a whim that turned out to be really good (or really awful).
The Last Convertible by Anton Myrer. I read this book about 25 years ago and lent it to someone who never returned it. Last summer I was perusing a thrift store in Chautauqua, NY and I found a pristine copy for 50 cents. I reread it during our week at the Chautauqua Institution.

A book that changed your life:
As A Man Thinketh by James Allen

Books you read for pure, light entertainment/ guilty pleasures:
Not books – magazines. I have subscriptions to about 36 magazines! The topics vary greatly from photography, to dirt bikes, and from pet birds, to bass guitars. There is even a magazine dedicated to people who collect fountain pens!

Favorite line from a book:
“It is difficult to get a man to understand something when his salary depends on his not understanding it.” —Upton Sinclair, I, Candidate for Governor: And How I Got Licked

Book you most want to read again for the first time:
All Creatures Great and Small by James Herriot
**Why is Easter celebrated on a different date each year?**

Easter is known as a moveable feast. Greg Tobin, author of *Holy Holidays! The Catholic Origins of Celebration*, quotes the *Catholic Encyclopedia* when explaining this. “Easter was celebrated in Rome and Alexandria on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring equinox...” (85). In 325 AD, the Council of Nicaea, “...decreed that the Roman practice should be observed universally” (85).

**This year, I want to listen to some books while I’m out working in my yard, but I’m not interested in buying a complicated e-reader or other expensive computer device. Can the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library help?**

Yes, we can. We have Playaways. These are small devices that hold one book and allow you to play, pause, bookmark, rewind, and fast forward your audio book. They’re easy to use and easy to carry, as each device comes with a lanyard to hang around your neck. All anyone needs is a pair of headphones. Best of all, they’re loaned out by the library just like all our other materials... for free!

**Questions**

by Susan Falkman
Reference Services Librarian

With the warm temperatures we’ve been seeing, my mind has been preoccupied with spring and my once lovely garden. Where I used to have many rows of crocus and tulip bulbs, I now have nothing thanks to my chipmunks. Is there any way I can discourage chipmunks from tunneling?

Yes. According to *The Old Farmer’s Almanac* (2012), all you need to prevent chipmunks, moles and squirrels from tunneling is coffee grounds sprinkled around the area (158). The Old Farmer’s Almanac provides all kinds of helpful and interesting gardening tips including weather forecasts and good times to plant and harvest. ●
NEW MOVIES

Coming soon!  Look for these on our shelves.  Holds can now be placed on these items.

CONTRABAND
THE DARKEST HOUR
EXTREMELY LOUD AND INCREDIBLE CLOSE
HAPPY FEET 2
HAYWIRE
IMAX—BORN TO BE WILD
THE IRON LADY
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE GHOST PROTOCOL
WAR HORSE
WE BOUGHT A ZOO

Friends of the Library

Did you know that the Friends are responsible for funding almost all our programming? That’s right—from cooking classes to musical acts to speakers on history, science and the arts, the Friends of the Library make sure you can attend quality programming at your library free of charge.

This dynamic group of people raise money to make this possible with their popular book sales, annual needlework show, and the membership dues for their organization. Would you like to become a friend? It’s just $5 to join. You can participate in all that the Friends do, or sit back just knowing that you’ve made a little bit of difference to your library with your membership contribution. Membership also gets you into the book sales early for a chance to snatch up your favorites before the rush.

For more about what the Friends are doing, take a look at their newsletter, here. Want to know more about becoming a Friend? There’s more on our website.

We are so lucky to have these caring and creative people as a part of our library. Thank you, Friends!
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Jessica Stofka

How long have you been working at SMFPL?
One year.

What is your current job?
I work in Circulation Services as a Public Services Assistant at the front desk. I check in and out all materials and answer the phones.

How would you describe the library?
A place that has something for everyone!

What books would you recommend?
I would recommend Water for Elephants, The Hunger Games Trilogy, The Gift by Richard Paul Evans, Bossypants by Tina Fey, anything by Janet Evanovich... there are really too many to list!

What is your favorite vacation spot?
I like Walt Disney World. My family and I travel there frequently—most recently in February 2012.

What are your hobbies?
I love to read, cook and spend time with my family. I have three children (11, 6 and 8) and have been married for 18 years. I also spend a lot of time volunteering at my children’s school.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I was a teacher for 10 years before I had children.

Do you have any pets?
One dog named Lily and two guinea pigs.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
The children’s programming is wonderful!
Brent Kirby
Singer-Songwriter brings mellow rock to library

Join us on Tuesday, April 3 at 7 PM for this free concert with Singer-Songwriter Brent Kirby. Kirby’s original songs reflect the spirit of such artists as Tom Petty, Bruce Springsteen, Ray Lamontagne, and Wilco. His guitar and vocal performances have earned him nominations for Best Singer/Songwriter by Cleveland Scene magazine and the Free Times. In addition to playing solo, Brent Kirby leads the band, Lost Fortunes. He has shared the stage with artists including Michael Stanley, Will Hoge, Southside Johnny, and Augustana. His 2011 CD release, Coming Back To Life, will be available for purchase at the concert. Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register. This program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room and is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

Friends’ Book Sale
April 24* - 28, 2012

Free to the Public:
Wed., April 25, 1 - 8 PM
Thurs. 10 AM - 8 PM
Fri. 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat. 10 AM - 2 PM
Saturdays is Bag Day—$3/bag

Saturday 2 PM—All books free to Teachers & Non-Profit Organizations

*PATRONS’ NIGHT
Tues., April 24, 5 - 8 PM
Entrance donation: $10 per person
[Friends’ members donation: $5]

FRIENDS’ PRESALE
Wed., April 25, 10 AM - 1 PM ONLY
Entrance to members only—
memberships may be purchased at the door.
Membership: $5/person; $10/family.

Co-sponsored by the Friends & the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
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Don’t miss these great programs at your library!
- Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.
- Call 330-688-3295 ext. 3 or stop by the Circulation Desk to register.

Check out our computer class schedule [here](#).
COFFEE BREAK
The Library offers free coffee and tea to patrons Monday through Friday from 9 A.M to 1 P.M., through June 1. Join us in the area behind the Information Desk for a hot beverage.

BOOK DONATION DAY
Please bring your used books, CDs, DVDs, videos, tapes, records or puzzles to the back door of the library on Saturday, April 14, 10 AM - 4 PM. Curbside pickup service will be available. Materials will be used by the library or sold at the Friends’ Book Sale. Proceeds benefit library projects. Donations are tax deductible. Donate 10 items or more on this day—receive a pass to Friends’ Presale.

Meet Florence Roseman
Living History Series

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is hosting a Living History Series with talks by people who were a part of some of the 20th Century’s most pivotal events. The series will feature one speaker per month and runs through June.

On Thursday, April 12, Florence Roseman will discuss her experiences as a passenger aboard the ocean liner S.S. Athenia, sunk by a German U-boat in 1939. On Wednesday, May 16, William Perry will talk about his service with the highly decorated buffalo soldiers in Italy. Wrapping up the series on Thursday, June 21, Bill Mason speaks about his time with the British RAF, piloting a Lancaster Bomber.

All of the talks begin at 7 p.m. and are presented free of charge. The library will take reservations for people wishing to attend the talks in this series starting one month in advance of each talk. To make a reservation, stop by the library’s Information Desk or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4.

DIRECTOR
Douglas H. Dotterer

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 programming. Friends meet the third Tuesday of every month (except July and December) at 2:00 PM in the Stow Room.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION
The Stow-Munroe Falls 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 on the Fine Print Newsletter, email Ann Malthaner at: a_malthaner@yahoo.com