Indulge!

Dessert Extravaganza is Coming

—by Mary McDonald, Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator

Please join us at Roses Run Country Club on Thursday, April 18 for the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation’s big yearly fundraiser. Tickets are $30 and are available at the Circulation Desk. Some tickets will also be available at the door on the night of the 18th. Area restaurants and bakeries are generously donating signature desserts and gourmet appetizers. We’ll also have a raffle for a beautiful piece of jewelry from Abshire & Haylan, and a silent auction with all kinds of items.

We look forward to this event all year. It’s a chance to meet the folks who use our library, and have a good time for a good cause. All proceeds benefit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation.

Participating restaurants and bakeries include Acme Fresh Market, Bittersweet’s, Custom Cake Creations, DeVitis Italian Market, Dipped & Dazzled Bakery, Good to Go in Stow, Handel’s Homemade Ice Cream, Jenni’s Desserts/ Kirbie’s Family Meats & Catering, Lager & Vine Gastropub & Wine Bar, Linda’s Kitchen, Main Street Cupcakes, Old Carolina Barbecue, Olive My Heart, Pancho & Lefty’s, Rosewood Grill, Sweet Tooth & more! We hope to see you there!

Click here to see more!
Zinio just got BIGGER!

by Amy Garrett, Head of Adult Reference

Now you can access more magazines than ever before! The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has added more than 100 new titles to our digital newsstand platform, bringing the total number of magazine titles available to 169.

We have purchased access to many of your favorite popular and specialty titles. Some of the titles added are: Analog Science Fiction and Fact, Audubon, Backpacker, Bead Style, Bicycling, Billboard, Bird Watching, Bloomberg BusinessWeek, Cottage Life, Digital Photo, Discover, Esquire, Family Circle, Fit Pregnancy, Golf Tips, Good Housekeeping, Hockey News, Home Theater, Indie Game Magazine, Inked, Interweave Crochet, Interweave Knits, MacLean’s, Mother Earth News, Outdoor Life, Oxygen, Plane & Pilot, Popular Mechanics, Popular Photography, Popular Science, Runner’s World, Sierra, Soccer America, Us, Vines, Wire Jewelry and many more!

Users can access Zinio on a computer or using most mobile devices* from home or within the library. You can find Zinio in the middle of the library’s homepage at www.smfpl.org. First time users will need to click the “Create Account” button.

*Please Note: Zinio is not compatible with the Nook.

For questions or assistance in using this database, please contact the Adult Reference Department by calling the library at (330) 688-3295 x4 or click here to learn more.

Perpetual Gift Trust for Popular Books

by Mary McDonald

Walter Witherspoon and his wife Mary have kindly left the library $1,000 a year in a perpetual gift trust. They asked that we use the money to buy popular books for the collection. We are honored to be able to preserve their memory in this way.

Library Closing in May for Renovations

The library will be closed from 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 4 through Sunday, May 12 for some major renovations. When we open again at 9 a.m. on Monday, May 13, patrons will get to see our new carpeting, circulation and reference desks, and other new furniture. The library is in a constant state of improvement in order to serve our patrons better. We think you'll enjoy the difference when we re-open.
What are William Shakespeare’s birth and death dates?

William Shakespeare, whose works have been in near-continual production for nearly 450 years, was born on April 26, 1564, in Stratford upon Avon, England, and died April 23th 1616, also in Stratford upon Avon, England. Coincidentally, Shakespeare included a fool or jester in many of his plays.

What is the origin of April Fool’s Day?

Gabriella Kalapos, in her book, *Fertility Goddesses, Groundhog Bellies & the Coca-Cola Company: The Origins of Modern Holidays*, tells readers that the origins of this non-commercialized holiday are quite obscure and beg for speculation. However, it is a holiday that is celebrated in many parts of the world; in Scotland, it lasts for 48 hours!

When is Bugs Bunny’s birthday?

According to many online sources, including Wikipedia, Bugs Bunny, considered to be, among other things, a perennial prankster, celebrates his official birthday on July 27, 1940. Throughout his lifetime, he’s been voiced by 7 different people, though the most recognizable is probably Mel Blanc, who started off with Bugs on his birthday, and continued doing his voice up until Blanc’s death in 1989.
Friends of the Library
Book Sale

April 23* - 27
Free to the Public:
Wed. 1 - 8 PM
Thurs. 10 AM - 8 PM
Fri. 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat. 10 AM - 2 PM*

*PATRONS’ NIGHT:
Tues., April 23, 5 - 8 PM
Entrance donation: $10 per person
[Friends’ members donation: $5]
Memberships may be purchased at the door.

FRIENDS’ PRESALE:
Wed., April 24, 10 AM-1 PM ONLY
Membership required. Just $5 to join!

* SATURDAY IS BAG DAY—$3/bag
Sat. 2 PM—All books free to Teachers
& Non-Profit Organizations

The King's Speech: Cleveland's Connection

On Tuesday, April 2 at 7 PM, Historian Dan Ruminski will recount how four Wickliffe families became involved in the story of King George VI and other characters who inspired the popular film, The King’s Speech. After Mr. Ruminski’s presentation, The Great Estates of Wickliffe, you’ll never look at Cleveland—or its great houses—the same way again! Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or click here to register online. This free program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.
Did you know that there are many benefits to working jigsaw puzzles? Studies show that they can allow for a longer life span, lessen the chance of Alzheimer’s, memory loss, dementia and other problems. People who actively solve puzzles will be more alert and have high concentration levels. These activities can also impact physical health in positive ways. They can lower breathing rates, reduce heart rates and lower blood pressure. By taking the time to solve a puzzle, one can also create a form of meditation or calmness, allowing peace of mind.

Jigsaw puzzles are very popular at some of the buildings where we deliver materials. Recently, Allen Place and Stow Kent Gardens have been swapping some of their favorite puzzles back and forth. When Outreach receives puzzle donations, the team takes them to one of the two buildings. After the residents have worked them a few times and traded with the other building, they are then donated to the Friends of the Library for their book sale. If you or someone you know have any puzzles to pass on, please bring them in!

Some favorite puzzles of Allen Place and Stow Kent Gardens include any with Thomas Kinkade's artwork, animals, and landscapes. Puzzles with anywhere from 300 to 1,000 pieces are preferred.
Evie Kremyar

How long have you been working at the Stow Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have worked here three months.

What is your current job?
I'm a full-time Children's Librarian.

What other jobs have you had?
I have been working with children and books for what seems like forever! I started working in the Children’s Department of the Salem (Ohio) Public Library when I was 16; that is where I learned and fell in love with storytelling. I have taught 4th grade at Woodland Elementary here in Stow, been a Children’s Librarian in the Willoughby-Eastlake Public Library System, and been a Teacher Librarian at Woodridge Primary School and at Seton Catholic School in Hudson.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have been a resident of Stow for more than 20 years, so before working here, I only knew the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library as a patron. I have always been impressed with the friendly staff, the wide selection of materials and the wonderful programs. The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library truly strives to meet the needs of the community it serves.

What book would you recommend?
Not surprisingly, I read mostly children’s and young adult materials. My most recent YA reads that I just loved (and would recommend to adults) are The Scorpio Races by Maggie Stiefvater, The Wednesday Wars and Okay for Now by Gary Schmidt and Just One Day by Gayle Forman. I always find it impossible to recommend just ONE book!

What is your favorite vacation spot?
Anywhere in New England, and any National Park. Dream vacation that has yet to happen: a long trip through England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, which MUST include visits to Stratford-on-Avon and the Globe Theater in London.

What are your hobbies?
Reading, of course! I also love to bake, I have a vegetable garden every year, and I enjoy movies and music, especially classical and Celtic music. Every summer I make sure I hear Cleveland Orchestra performances at Blossom Music Center and attend the Ohio Shakespeare Festival at Stan Hywet. I am also, I blush to admit, addicted to Pinterest!

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I am a TV Sci-Fi fan: Star Trek, Firefly, Doctor Who – love them all!

Do you have any pets?
My children have had guinea pigs and at my previous libraries we always had gerbils or hamsters, but I am currently an empty nester for both children and pets.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
The library website. As a patron, I find the ability to manage my library account from home, 24/7, and the access to databases and the wealth of information on the site truly indispensable.
Gourmet Desserts

Enjoy desserts & appetizers from some of our finest local restaurants & bakeries.

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DeVitis Italian Market • Dipped & Dazzled Bakery • Edible Arrangements
Giant Eagle • Good to Go in Stow • Handel’s Homemade Ice Cream • Jenni’s Desserts/
Kirbie’s Family Meats & Catering • Lager & Vine Gastropub & Wine Bar
Linda’s Kitchen • Main Street Cupcakes • Old Carolina Barbecue
Olive My Heart • Pancho & Lefty’s • Rosewood Grill • Sweet Tooth & more!

We will have a wide variety of items to bid on including original artwork, gift certificates from local restaurants & shops, gift baskets, golf packages, overnights and much more!

Silent Auction & Raffle

Participate in our silent auction as you sample desserts and appetizers. Our featured item of the evening will be a beautifully crafted jewelry item courtesy of Abshire & Haylan.

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Don’t miss these great programs at your library!
- Register online or call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 to register.
- Check out our computer class schedule here.
Fast Facts
Monthly Statistics for February 2013

Items Checked Out ........................................ 68,207
New Library Cards ........................................ 245
Library Visitors ............................................. 22,541
Zinio Magazines Checked Out ................. 818
Freegal Music Downloads .................. 1,251
Other Electronic Downloads* .............. 2,777

* eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMusic & eVideos

Print and eBooks: Working Together
by Mary McDonald

In addition to lending out physical copies of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and so on, your library provides a host of electronic materials for free download. In February, library patrons downloaded 2,777 eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMusic and eVideos. Have you tried downloading electronic materials yet? If you’re not sure how to get started, just call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 to make an appointment for free, one-on-one help from a librarian.

Spot Spike
Our library mascot, Spike, is traveling around town talking to members of our community. In this interview, Spike meets Scott Vlahos, owner of Laundry Time. Click here to view the video.

Spike Times
Did you know that you can conveniently view our Children’s newsletter, the Spike Times, on our website? Click here to check it out.