Did you know that over the past eight years, the Dessert Extravaganza has raised over $95,000? Due to the immense generosity of our community, the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation has been able to pay for some “sweet” projects. These include:

- The electronic message board at the corner of Darrow Road and Beech Road (in conjunction with the Friends of the Library)
- Conference Room furniture with lap-top plug-in capability and 14 chairs; all which are available for public use
- Anti-microbial flooring in the new Storytime Room
- “Underwater” mural in renovated children’s area

The mission of the Foundation 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. With money from Dessert Extravaganza, an endowment was established with the Akron Community Foundation in November 2013.

This year’s event will again feature both desserts and appetizers from some of the best local restaurants. Enjoy a free glass of wine while you peruse a wide selection of silent auction items. By purchasing a ticket, you are automatically entered into a drawing to win the gorgeous necklace donated by Abshire & Haylan.

Click here to advance to page 4 for more details!
Humans of our Library

Libraries are a treasure chest full of ideas, information, and knowledge, where your imagination can run wild. Come explore this temple of learning where place and possibility meet and history comes alive...

—Doug Dotterer, Executive Director of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

...What’s your story?
This spring, two very special collections will be featured at the Friends' Book Sale!

Jane Mead's Cookbooks: Thanks to the generosity of Jane Mead’s family, the Friends' have been gifted with Jane’s 30 year cookbook collection. These cookbooks will be sold at our April Book Sale! Jane was a longtime member of the Friends of the Library, library supporter, and a member of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation. Jane Mead’s kitchen was her domain and cookbooks her passion. When buying a cookbook, she would prepare every recipe and even add a twist of her own. She became a gourmet cook. As you turn the pages, look at the pictures, and try the recipes, may you experience Jane’s joy of cooking.

Also during the Friends’ Spring Book Sale, there will be special price collectible car books available. Some titles include: Illustrated Buyer’s Guide Porsche; Morris Minor, A Collector's Guide; Car Collecting, Everything You Need to Know; MG Sports Cars; and many more! Click here for more details about the Book Sale!

* Friends of the Library Book Sale
April 28* - May 2
at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

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 28, 5 - 8 PM
Entrance donation: $10 per person
[Friends' members donation: $5]
Memberships may be purchased at the door.

FRIENDS’ PRESALE:
Wed., April 29, 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

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50¢ OFF your Book Sale purchase.
Offer expires May 2, 2015.
Limit one coupon per customer per day.
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
April 16, 2015 @ 7 PM
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation

9th Annual Dessert Extravaganza
Roses Run Country Club
2636 North River Rd., Stow
Tickets: $50*

It’s an evening of sumptuous desserts and appetizers, delightful company, and enticing auctions. Tickets are available now at the Circulation Desk. All proceeds will benefit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation. Participating restaurants and bakeries include Bistro on Main, Lager & Vine, Pallotta’s Pastries, Acme Fresh Market, Laziza, Old Carolina Barbecue, Rosewood Grill, Teresa’s Pizza, Custom Cake Creations, Handel's Ice Cream, Hudson’s Restaurant, 2 Girls’ Cafe & Bakery, Giant Eagle, Chick-fil-A, Pancho & Lefty’s, Olive My Heart, and Beef ’O’ Brady’s. Click here for more information. Questions? Call us at (330) 688-3295 ext. 110.

*Ticket price includes glass of wine and chance to win the Abshire & Haylan necklace.

How You Can Help Our Library

We are in need of some silent auction gifts for our 9th annual Dessert Extravaganza. Can you donate a gift basket, gift certificate or a jewelry item? Your gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Patrons have been so generous in the past and it has paid off. With Dessert Extravaganza funding, we have been able to purchase the new Conference Room furniture, the mural in the stairwell, the anti-microbial flooring in the Children’s Storytime Room and we were able to invest in an Endowment Fund with the Akron Community Foundation. Our library gets even better with your help! Please drop off your silent auction gift by April 6. •

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Beautiful “Gayle” pendant from Abshire & Haylan’s Just B Collection designed by Belinda Vartenuk:

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We are grateful to the many corporate sponsors supporting the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation’s 9th Annual Dessert Extravaganza.
As in the popular book and blog 'Humans of New York,' we have so many patrons and volunteers with stories to tell about how the library has impacted their own personal lives. In this section we’d like to introduce Sara Leighton.

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?

I’ve been working at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library since February 24, 2015.

What is your current job?

I am a Reference Associate as well as the assistant to the adult outreach librarian. As the outreach assistant, I help Jess Alloggia, the outreach librarian, bring books, DVDs, and CDs to various assisted living homes in the community.

What other jobs have you had while employed at the library?

This is my first job at this library. I am also a full-time graduate student at Kent State University working towards my Master’s in Library and Information Science.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?

I love the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. The first time I came to this library was for my interview, and I could tell right away that this library has a sense of community. I have felt so welcomed during my short time here, and already feel like I am a part of the family.

What book would you recommend?

I would recommend The Help by Kathryn Stockett. I’ve read it numerous times, and it’s such a funny, uplifting book that everyone should take the time to read.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

I love visiting my parents in southern California. The weather is gorgeous, there is so much to do, and there’s the beach!

What are your hobbies?

I’m a huge pop culture nerd, so I love watching all different types of movies and TV shows. I also like being outside and active; biking, swimming, rollerblading. I am also a huge Cleveland Indians fan and am super excited for the season to start and go to some games.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

People might be surprised to know that I completed an internship at Walt Disney World in Orlando, Florida. I am also allergic to Band-Aids.

Do you have any pets?

No pets, but I do have 3 brothers, so it’s kind of like the same thing.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?

I would recommend Tech Tuesday for patrons. It’s a great way for patrons to become familiar with different devices, such as tablets and smartphones, that we may not offer classes for during the month.
Join us for Titanic Week!

Titanic Week Giveaways!

This April marks the 103rd Anniversary of the Titanic’s sinking. We will be giving away Titanic-related items at our programs and at the checkout desk during the week of April 20. All items were generously donated by the Acker-Moore Memorial Post.

Titanic and the End of the Edwardian Era

**Tues., April 21, at 7 PM:** Join Archivist for the Massillon Museum, Mandy Altimus Pond, as she discusses the Titanic from concept to completion, the social climate before and after the sinking of the Titanic, and the passengers aboard. She will explain the early 1900s and why Titanic was so significant, marking the end of the Edwardian Era with its sinking. Click [here](#) to register or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. This free program is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

Titanic Menu Tasting

**Thurs., April 23, at 6:30 PM:** Dining as a first-class passenger on the Titanic was a lavish affair. First-class passengers on the Titanic who were willing to pay extra could dine in the elegant À la Carte Restaurant or the Café Parisien, even though breakfast, lunch, and dinner were included in the price of their ticket. Some passengers had even paid the equivalent of $124,000 in today’s dollars for the sumptuous, ten-course extravaganza! Join Sarah Mentzer as she prepares delicious food from the Titanic’s first-class menu. Our cooking classes fill up quickly, so click [here](#) to check on seating availability or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. Please call if you need to cancel your reservation. This free program is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.
Teen Talk
—by Christina Getrost, Teen Librarian

It's time for our 2nd Annual Peeps Diorama Contest! In honor of National Library Week, let your imagination run to Peeps, by creating a diorama depicting your favorite book or story using marshmallow Peeps®. Past winners include "The Hunger Peeps" and "The Wizard of Peeps," to name just two of the many creative entries. This fun contest is for kids (ages 4-11), teens (ages 12-18), and grown-ups too! Prizes awarded in each age category, including Target gift cards and fun Peeps merchandise. Enter by yourself or as part of a team. Turn in your entry on Mon. April 13 between 9am-8:30pm. Winners will be announced at our PEEPS PARTY on Tues. April 14 at 7pm, which everyone is invited to attend to see all the entries and vote for the PEEPEL'S CHOICE AWARD! The winning entries will be displayed in the library afterward. Complete rules and entry forms available on our website or at the Children's and Adult Information desks.

Teen Talk

Just for Kids
—by Kristin Casale, Children's Librarian

Bunny Hop
Hop your way through our Children's Room any time during regular library hours between Monday, March 30 and Saturday, April 4. Collect eggs, and say "Hi" to our library friends. When you have finished, you will receive a sweet treat. No registration required.

Special Story Time
You asked for it, so we are adding a special story time session this spring! By popular demand, Spike's Place will host a drop-in story time session this spring, from March 30 through April 25, no registration required! The following sessions will be available:

- **Lap-sit (0-24 months)**: Mondays, 10 AM or Tuesdays, 10 AM
- **Ages 2 to 5**: Tuesdays, 7 PM or Wednesdays, 10 AM or Saturdays, 10 AM.

Talk to a librarian or call Spike's Place at (330) 688-3295, ext. 5 for more information.

Touch A Truck
This amazing and FREE family event featuring all kinds of trucks, cars and more will return this year on Saturday, May 9, from 10 AM to 12 PM. View a variety of vehicles, including a fire truck, police car, cement truck and more. Enjoy a balloon artist, face painting, prize drawings and other fun activities. This year's event will be the biggest and best so far. Hope to see you there. No registration required.

Last year's winning entry in the adult category of the Peeps Diorama Contest created by Jennie Smith.
Each month the Outreach Services team brings materials to various retirement communities and senior buildings in Stow and Munroe Falls. Additionally, they provide a drop-off service to several area nursing facilities. For those who cannot come to the library due to age, illness or injury, the library also provides free Homebound Delivery Services. For more information, contact Outreach Librarian Jess Alloggia at (330) 688-3295, ext. 129.

Outreach Spotlight

by Jessica Alloggia, Outreach Librarian

This month, Eileen from Mulberry Gardens has reviewed a book that she has read recently.

Trouble in Mudbug by the novelist Jana DeLeon
(First book in the Ghost-in-Law series)

“A very fun read until the very end. Believe in Ghosts? No? You will after meeting the ghost of Helena Henry, who is unable to move on to the next world until she solves her own murder!! Appearing to her daughter-in-law, (by sitting up and speaking to her from her coffin) she haunts Maryse, telling her that she needs her help to solve her murder. Maryse, a botanist working to find a cure for cancer in the bayou of Mudbug becomes a target by an unknown assailant. Who would want the gentle botanist dead?

Much hilarious action, intrigue, romance and not one, two but three very surprising twists that keep you reading until the last page. A very light hearted, engaging ghostly read.

Then, look forward to the continuing story in the second book of the series, Mischief in Mudbug.”

As always, thank you, Eileen, for your review and for continuing to support the library!

National Library Week

"Unlimited Possibilities @ Your Library" is the theme for this year’s National Library Week which will be celebrated April 12-18. Warming the hearts of library lovers across the country, this theme is expressed most eloquently in the March 2015 issue of The Rotarian magazine. The article, entitled "In Praise of Libraries" and written by Joe Queenan, is a wonderful tribute to libraries. In honor of National Library Week, we're printing an excerpt in FinePRINT this month, but in case you wish to read further, we're also providing a link to the complete article.

"The public library serves many functions in a community. It is an adjunct to the public schools, a place where kids can do their homework. It is a day care center of sorts, where small children gather for story hour. It is a safe haven where senior citizens can pass the time in the company of others, where the unemployed can look for work. It is a place where the lonely can be less lonely, the bored less bored, the dejected less dejected, and the ignorant more enlightened. It is the one place in a small town where teenagers cannot possibly get into serious trouble. Well, not without really setting their minds to it."

"Libraries are both aspirational and inspirational. I love going into a library and watching little kids do their homework. I love to watch retirees devouring newspapers and magazines, refusing to recede from life just because they are no longer working. I love to watch people who do not look like book lovers reading books anyway. Anyone can read in the privacy of their own homes, but there is something joyous about watching people reading or studying or researching or exploring in public. Time spent in a library is time not spent in front of a television. That in itself makes the public library the most valuable institution a society could possibly imagine. Being in front of a television will only inspire you to watch more television. Being in front of a stack of books could inspire you to take a gander at Jane Eyre or Persuasion or Beloved or, at the very least, Ethan Frome. You just never know what might happen in the public library."

Click here to read the entire article.
### Upcoming Events

**Adult Programming Highlights for April 2015**

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**April 2**

- *Bob Evans Fundraiser for Library Foundation* all day
- *Family Folklore* 10:30 AM
- *Writing Workshop* 7:30 PM

**April 3**

- *Tax Program* 1 - 4 PM (by appointment only)

**April 5**

- *LIBRARY CLOSED for Easter*

**April 6**

- *Book Discussion: All Quiet on the Western Front* 7 PM

**April 7**

- *Tech Tuesday* 1 - 5 PM
- *Tech Tuesday* 7 - 8:30 PM
- *Poetry Open Mic Night* 7 PM

**April 8**

- *Popcorn & a Movie* 1 PM

**April 9**

- *Hip Chicks Knit* 10 AM
- *Writing Workshop* 7:30 PM

**April 10**

- *Tax Program* 1 - 4 PM (by appointment only)

**April 11**

- *Book Donation Day* 10 AM - 4 PM

**April 12**

- *Book Discussion: I am Malala...* 7 PM

**April 13**

- *Book Discussion: The Casual Vacancy* 10 AM & 2 PM

**April 14**

- *Tech Tuesday* 1 - 5 PM
- *Peeps Diorama Contest Party* 7 PM

**April 15**

- *Popcorn & a Movie* 1 PM

**April 16**

- *Dessert Extravaganza!* at Roses Run Country Club 7 PM
- *Titanic and the End of the Edwardian Era* 7 PM

**April 17**

- *Titanic Menu Tasting* 5 PM
- *Titanic Menu Tasting* 6:30 PM

**April 18**

- *Tech Tuesday* 1 - 5 PM

**April 19**

- *Patrons’ Night Book Sale* 5 - 8 PM
- *Book Discussion: An Interrupted Life* 7 PM

**April 20**

- *Friends’ Presale Book Sale* 10 AM - 1 PM
- *Blood Drive* 1 - 7 PM

**April 21**

- *Book Sale* (open to the public) 1 - 8 PM
- *Family Folklore* 10:30 AM

**April 22**

- *Book Sale* (open to the public) 10 AM - 5 PM

**April 23**

- *Family Folklore* 10:30 AM

**April 24**

- *Titanic and the End of the Edwardian Era* 7 PM

**April 25**

- *Titanic Menu Tasting* 5 PM

**April 26**

- *Tech Tuesday* 1 - 5 PM

**April 27**

- *Patrons’ Night Book Sale* 5 - 8 PM

**April 28**

- *Friends’ Presale Book Sale* 10 AM - 1 PM
- *Blood Drive* 1 - 7 PM

**April 29**

- *Book Sale* (open to the public) 1 - 8 PM
- *Family Folklore* 10 AM - 8 PM

**April 30**

- *Book Sale* (open to the public) 10 AM - 8 PM

**April 31**

- *Book Sale* (open to the public) 10 AM - 5 PM

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*Click on any program for description and registration information.*
Augmented Reality

The Children’s Department hosted our first Augmented Reality Treasure Hunt, featuring Spike and friends. Augmented Reality, or AR, brings still images to life using an app for mobile devices. Treasure hunters looked for colorful posters, aimed their tablet or phone camera, and viewed animated sequences to find Treasure Hunt clues. The animation is viewed on the smartphone or tablet computer screen, which brings the poster to life. Results range from laughter to surprise and amazement.

Click here to view a sample animation from the Treasure Hunt on our website.

Note: The same technology can bring local history photos to life, or present a guided tour of the library. We hope to offer more Augmented Reality programs later this year!

Needlework Show Winners

Best of Show winners from the Friends 41st Annual Spring Needlework Show include Carmen Heare of Akron (embroidery), Betsy Stuyvesant of Uniontown (fiber arts), and Susan Griffin of Stow (quilt). This year’s Judge’s Choice winners were Julia Kerner of Warren, Carol O’Connor of Canton, Susan Griffin of Stow, and David Hickey of Stow. Click here to view the entire list of winners.

Fast Facts

Monthly Statistics for February 2015

- Items Checked Out: 64,520
- Library Visitors: 20,635
- eBooks: 4,523
- Digital Magazines Accessed: 344
- Freegal Music Downloads: 960
- Hoopla Downloads: 496
- New Library Cards: 209

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