Summer Fun at Your Library

Music, Pet Show, History, Cooking, Photography & More

It’s been a great summer and we’re glad you joined us for so many exciting events! Be sure to check our calendar for August’s programming which includes a Jazz Concert, Antique Appraisals, a Photography Contest & Reception, Bridge Club, Movies, a performance by the Bethany Concert Band, Book Discussions, plus a whole array of programs for teens and children. Click here to see our events calendar for August and we’ll see you soon!
Visit us at the Farmer’s Market

Stop by to visit library staff at the Stow Community Farmer’s Market at 1567 Pilgrim Drive in Stow on Saturday, August 25 from 9 AM - Noon. The library will be selling special books from the Friends of the Library’s book sale and giving out information about various library events and services. All books selected for this sale will be in pristine condition so don’t miss the great bargains. These books are a preview to the Friends’ Fall Book Sale, September 25 - 29, 2012. If you have books that you’d like to donate to the book sale, the next Donation Day will be on Saturday, September 8, 10 AM - 4 PM. As a reminder, donations are accepted anytime during library hours.
My name is Ken Gessford and I have been on the Stow Munroe Falls Public Library Board for four years. I was born in 1936 and grew up in East Liverpool, Ohio. After high school, I worked at the Crucible Steel Co. in Midland, PA. During that time the Vietnam War was starting up and I was drafted. The U.S. was sending 18 to 22 year olds to Viet Nam and South East Asia. I was older than 22, and sent to Germany. The Cold War was still raging in Europe. After my 2 years of service, I attended college on the GI Bill. I got married to my childhood sweetheart, Vicki McHenry. Vicki was a teacher who had a position in the Stow Schools, and that made my decision to enter Kent State University in 1963 a lot easier. When I graduated in 1967, an art teaching position became available in the Hudson Schools. I taught art for four years in Hudson and then got an art position in the Kent Schools, where I taught for the next 29 years. I retired in the year 2000. Vicki and I have two sons, Ben and Peter and their wives, Laura and Rita. Our grandchildren are McKenna, Nicholas, Olivia and Alexander. Since I have retired, I have attended Kent State University as a senior guest, working and auditing fifteen classes over the last 10 years. I’m also involved in an Ltd. freelance photography business. My wife Vicki and I are around- the-clock workers on our National Wildlife Backyard program at our home. In our garden we always have food and water for wildlife as well as areas for protection and recreation especially for birds. I’m into gardening and I want to know how to do it. I turn to the Japanese as a motivational style. I don’t want a Japanese garden, but I like the way they do it.

I’ve honored to serve as a trustee for the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. One of my favorite areas in the library is the periodical section. I’m especially interested in photography, art, water gardening, computers, and political viewpoints. The books that interest me are non-fiction, history based, and instructional. My interest in the written word started when my mother read Mark Twain and Zane Grey classics to me every night before I went to bed. I love someone to read to me. I started to collect the Classic Comics at a young age. I’m a very VISUAL person and pictures help me a lot.

Most of the books I have read, I use for information on my interests and work. A list of books I enjoy are

- The Art Spirit by Robert Henri
- Late Modern: The Visual Arts Since 1945 by Edward Lucie-Smith
- Art of the 30’s by Edward Lucie-Smith
- Finding One’s Way With Clay by Paulus Berensohn
- The Spy Next Door by Elaine Shannon and Ann Blackman

I’d like to share a favorite quote that has been an inspiration for me. It’s from the book “Chinese Art” by the Asian Society.

“Hai Chung made this precious bell. May his sons and grandsons for ten thousand years constantly treasure and use it.”

I have always been, as an artist, in the process of making things. I’m thankful for the written word. I am not a self made man because everything I have read has helped me along the way.
Bethany Concert Band

Join us on Wednesday, August 15 at 7 PM as the Bethany Concert Band (previously known as the Trinity Concert Band) returns to the library with a medley of swing, Broadway and patriotic tunes. This 30-piece band recalls the big-band era with style. 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.

Published!

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Writers’ Group gets Published!

Celebrate the literary accomplishments of local novelists from the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library’s Writers’ Group on Thursday, August 16 at 7 PM. Four novelists from our very own friendly critique group will present their recently published works, share their publishing experiences, and discuss opportunities to join regular monthly meetings at the library. To register, click here or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. 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.
Why are apples associated with teachers?

According to whyguides.com, it’s a tradition for students in the U.S., Sweden and Denmark to give their teachers apples on the first day of school to show appreciation for their efforts to educate children and young people. The apple is a symbol of variety, change and growth. It symbolizes change and variety because it comes in different colors such as green, yellow and red. Additionally, the fruit has various tastes like sweet, sour as well as tangy. The apple symbolizes growth since the strongest branch and grove of the plant sprout from the seeds of the fruit. However, people should know that without love or support, the fruit could become undesirable and bitter.

Educators serve as inspirations to students who want to enhance their understanding of different fields of studies. Teachers play important roles to the emotional, mental and physical growth of students.

I am looking for Farmer’s Markets in the area where I can purchase locally grown food and/or locally made products. Do you know of any?

There are several Farmer’s Markets in the area. You can find many online by going to Google and typing in the name of the city/town and “Farmer’s Market”. Here are a few that I found:

Stow Community Farmer’s Market
Saturdays, 9-12:30 at Stow Community Church of Christ on Pilgrim Drive.

Munroe Falls Farmer’s Market
Tuesdays (through Oct. 9th), 3-6 p.m at Brust Park.

Cuyahoga Falls Farmer’s Market
Fridays, beginning at 3 p.m. at the City Parking Lot on the corner of Oakwood & Third.

Kent Farmer’s Market
Saturdays (through Sept. 29th), 9-2 at Town Square Plaza at intersection of 2nd Ave. & Smith St. in downtown Kent.

Hudson Farmer’s Market
Saturdays, 9-12:30, at Hudson’s town green.

I have heard the sunflower is not really one flower, but many little flowers put together. Is this true?

Yes. According to sunflowerguide.com, a single sunflower head hosts hundreds of tiny flowers called florets. The plant is a rather thick, green stem sticking up out of the ground around 10 feet (3 meters) tall with a few leaves growing from it. On top of this tall stem is what seems to be a single enormous flower with yellow petals and a brown center. But this flower is actually known as the head of the sunflower, and is not a flower at all, but rather a bunch of them. The yellow petals are protective leaves that cover the center of the head while it is growing. The brown center of the sunflower is composed of a mass of hundreds of flowers, all growing individually, and from where each sunflower seed will originate.
Delaney Baronwright

How long have you been working at SMFPL?  I started working at SMFPL two years ago.

What is your current job?  I work in Circulation Services as a Public Services Assistant. You’ll often find me at the Circulation Desk helping people check out books.

How would you describe the library?  A great resource to the community where anyone with any interest can find something they like.

What books would you recommend?  The English Patient by Michael Ondaatje has been a favorite of mine for awhile now.

What is your favorite vacation spot?  New York City. I’ve been there four times and I still feel like I haven’t seen enough!

What are your hobbies?  Cooking, crafts and taking photos.

What would people be surprised to know about you?  I’m majoring in Graphic Design at the University of Akron.

Do you have any pets?  I have three cats.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?  It would have to be Inter-library loans. If our library doesn’t have an item you want, the Reference Staff will try to locate that item you requested no matter how far away!
NEW MOVIES

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

BATTLESHIP
BERNIE
DISNEY NATURE—CHIMPANZEE
DR. SEUSS—THE LORAX
THE HUNGER GAMES
MONSIEUR LAZHAR
THE PIRATES! BAND OF MISFITS
THE RAID: REDEMPTION
A SEPARATION
THINK LIKE A MAN

Spot Spike!

Our library mascot, Spike, is touring the library and traveling around town talking to members of our community. Welcome to the second interview in the series. In this interview, Spike takes a computer class, gets a library card, visits the Technical Services Department, attends story time, and applies for a passport. Click here to view the video.
Don’t miss these great programs at your library!

- Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

We’re taking a break from our Computer Classes this month, but classes will resume in September.
Teen Services
Meet Christina Getrost, Teen Librarian

Literature aimed at young adults is more popular than ever – and not just with the under-20 set. This summer, our Teen Department offers a host of events for those 12-18, while a new bookclub centered around YA lit has sprung up for adults. Maybe it’s time for us all to revisit the literature of our youth – from Anne of “Green Gables” to “Twilight,” literature for young people is known for strong plots, sympathetic characters and telling insights into what we expect of children and adults.

Teen Events
Teen Librarian Christina Getrost has put together some great new activities for young adult patrons in August.

Zombie Lock-In
On Friday, August 3, Teens 12-18 are invited to spend an evening at the library after hours as part of a nationwide lock-in event. Partygoers will “virtually” meet teens from over 50 other libraries around the country. Participants may come dressed as zombies if they like, or just be themselves. Staff will demonstrate the fine art of “zombificaton” (face painting techniques to bring out your inner zombie – materials provided).

Teens will also get to battle other library’s lock-ins in online video games, and transform those iconic symbols of perky PC-ness, Barbie and Ken dolls, into truly subversive, shambling examples of the undead.

A Skype video chat with Carrie Ryan, author of *The Forest of Hands and Teeth, The Dead-Tossed Waves* and *The Dark and Hollow Places*, will be a highlight of the evening. Games like Minute to Win It and Zombie Bowling offer teens a chance to have fun and win prizes. Snacks will be provided. The fun starts at 7 p.m.

To register, a teen’s parent or guardian can either come in person to the Teen Information Desk or call 330-688-3295, ext. 4. Space is limited and teens must be pre-registered to attend.

Watch the Book – Read the Movie:
The Teen Books-Into-Movies Club
Teens in grades 7 to 12 can join Teen Librarian Christina Getrost on Sunday afternoons to watch recent movies based on popular teen novels, then discuss book vs. movie. Films start at 1:30 p.m.

A few copies of the next book up for discussion will be available at each club meeting. To sign up, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4, or stop by the Information Desk.

Here are the titles we’ll be watching and talking about:
Sunday, August 19: *The Hunger Games*
Sunday, September 16: *Nick & Norah’s Infinite Playlist*
Sunday, October 21: *Blood and Chocolate*

For more teen programming, link to the Teen Activites Calendar.
And don’t forget our ongoing clubs and activities like Anime Club and the Shuffle and Roll Gaming Club!