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THE 5TH ANNUAL DESSERT EXTRAVAGANZA IS SEPT. 18

It's Back! On Saturday, September 18th, at 7:00 – 9:30 p.m., over 15 restaurants and bakeries will participate in the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation's Fifth Annual Dessert Extravaganza. This event sold out last year so get your tickets early. **Some of the restaurants joining together in a sampling feast of desserts are Aladdins Eatery, Bittersweets, DeVitis Italian Market, Handel's Ice Cream, Judy's Sweet Sensation, Kirbie's Family Meat and Catering, Linda's Kitchen, Main Street Cupcakes, Pallotta's Pastries, Pancho & Lefty's, Silver Lake Country Club, Sweet Tooth, and Susie Biscotti.** Appetizers will be provided by Acme Fresh Market and Giant Eagle. The event will be held at the library.

The featured item of the evening will be a beautiful necklace courtesy of Abshire & Haylan. Businesses throughout Stow and Munroe Falls

have generously donated items for the silent auction. If you have a silent auction gift you would like to donate, please bring it to the front desk and fill out a form for your tax records. Please donate it by September 1 to have your name in the program.

The Dessert Extravaganza is the Foundation's major fundraiser of the year. Tickets are \$25.00 and are available for purchase at the library circulation desk. . Business sponsors for this year's event are TTR Shipping, Four Corner Promotions, and Donovan Klimczak & Company.

For more information, please visit www.smfpl.org/dessert



Guests look over the wonderful auction items.



Just one of the many fabulous desserts!

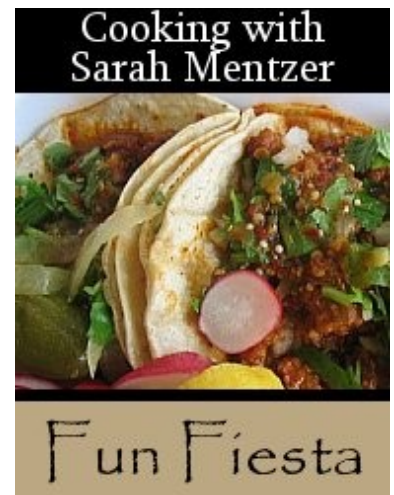


COOKING SERIES WITH SARAH MENTZER

You've been asking, so Sarah is back! Join licensed personal chef, Sarah Mentzer of Home for Dinner, as she presents 'Fun Mexican Fiesta'. Watch her step-by-step cooking demonstrations and taste the sample recipes. Sarah will unveil favorite recipes from her own kitchen including Enchilada Verdes, Spicy Mexican Torte, Chipotle

Steak with Pineapple Avocado Salsa and Mexican Quiche. In the past, Sarah's classes have been very popular, so please call if you need to cancel your reservation. We will then notify someone on the waiting list. Choose from two program times on Tuesday, August 10 from 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. or 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Call 330-688-3295 or

stop by the Information Desk to register. **What's next?** Look for "20 minute Meals" on September 7 and Fun, Fall Harvest Foods on October 5. Sarah always cooks enough food for everyone to have a taste and supplies copies of all of her recipes for you to take home. Make it a girls' night out!



Sarah Mentzer will share some of her favorite Mexican recipes!

“ASK A LIBRARIAN” BY BARBARA NELSON— HEAD OF REFERENCE SERVICES

Last year, the Adult Information Desk answered 98,749 questions. What types of things are asked? Here is a sampling of questions provided from Barbara Nelson, assistant head of reference services.

Question: How do librarians decide which books will be purchased for the library?

Answer: We spend a great deal of time studying many sources like professional journals, publishers' catalogs and websites that tell us which books are coming out and which ones are expected to have a high demand. We know the authors that our

patrons like; we keep track of school assignments and we try to keep in touch with the subjects in which our community is interested. We try to provide a balance of various points of view. All of the librarians and even our patrons help us by giving us suggestions. We are now considering titles that are coming out in November and December so keep checking our catalog!

What is your favorite book?

My favorite classic book is *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. It is the story of Francie Nolan, a little girl who lives in a tenement in

Brooklyn in the early 1900s and manages to survive and thrive in difficult circumstances. I love it so much that I used it in my Book Discussion Group last year.

Where can I find used car and truck values?

If you have access to the internet you can visit Kelley Blue Book <http://www.kbb.com> and NADA Guides <http://www.nadaguides.com>. We have a print copy of the NADA guide in the Reference collection in the library.



Barbara Nelson is Assistant Head of Reference Services. She answers many questions at the Information Desk every week. In this monthly column we give you a sample of some of them.

“MAKE A SPLASH” PARTY

Come Make a Splash with us at the library on Saturday, August 7 at 10:00 a.m. This party will celebrate the end of our Summer Reading Program. There will be all kinds of water games and activities. As children complete their reading records throughout the summer, their name will be put on a rubber ducky of

their choice. All the duckies will be displayed in our large display window in the children's room until the ducky race at our party. Even if you don't complete your reading record, you can still come to the party. Rain date will be at 10:00 a.m. on August 14. Registration is required. Please stop by the Children's desk or call the library at 330-688-3295.



Rubber Duckies are getting ready to race!

NEW DVDS PURCHASED THAT WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE IN AUGUST

Looking for some entertainment on a Friday or Saturday night? Any other night of the week? The following movies are being purchased by our library for the month of August. Remember... holds can now be placed on these items if they are already in the catalog.

August

To Save A Life 8/3

A Prophet (French)

8/3

Death At A Funeral

8/10



DEBBIE TURNER IS THE "FINE PRINT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH"

Deb Turner has been working at our library for almost ten years. If you check your books out at the downstairs circulation desk, then we are sure you have seen her. Let's find out more about our Fine Print Employee of the Month.

What is your current job?
Floor Coordinator in the Circulation Department.

What other jobs have you had ? I started out here in circulation and then I moved up to floor coordinator.

How would you describe SMFPL? It's always a busy place filled with friendly people.

What book would you recommend? I prefer nonfiction books rather than fiction. Decorating and antiquing books are my favorite. Right now I am reading "God Never Blinks" by Regina Brett.

What is your favorite vacation spot? I like to go to Las Vegas because my daughter Erin lives there.

What are your hobbies? I love to go to tag sales.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I am a closet Dave Matthews fan.

Do you have any pets?

I have a cat named Abby. She has her own MySpace page.



Meet Debbie Turner who works in our Circulation.

ZACH TO PERFORM ON AUGUST 12 AT 7:00 P.M.

Don't miss this opportunity to be electrified by the powerful guitar music of Zach on August 12 at 7:00 p.m. He has been heard on 91.3 The Summit and his travels have had him performing over 200 shows a year from coast to coast with the likes of Dave Matthews, Neil Young, Maia Sharp, and

Chicago. To see Zach perform a solo acoustic show is very intimate and moving. Many people leave his solo shows uplifted, inspired, singing and feeling spiritually touched. Registration for this unique musical experience has already begun. Call 330-688-

3295 or stop by the information desk. This program is co-sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.



See Akron based alt-rock guitarist Zak at our library on August 12.

HUNGER GAMES BOOK 3: RELEASE PARTY

If you are a fan of The Hunger Games trilogy, and are in grades 6 to 12, come to our party on Monday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m. Try your skills at our Hunger Games--the nonlethal kind!--and enjoy snacks while we discuss what we think will be happening in the third book.

Then three lucky winners will win a free copy of the brand new book, "Mockingjay"! Sign up by stopping by the Teen Desk or by calling 330-688-3295. This is going to be a great night so get your friends together and head on down.



Win a copy of Suzanne Collin's new book "MockingJay" at our release party on Monday, August 23 at 7:00 p.m.

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NEW TECHNOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library held a New Technology Open House on July 16. Patrons were invited to come in and try the 51 new touch-screen computers and 10 iPads which were purchased with a \$106,661 grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation plus an additional \$6,000 provided from the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation. It was a big success! The library was one of only 20 libraries in the country to receive such a grant. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation President Julie Gedeon said, "A major factor that qualified the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library as a perfect candidate for the grant was its capable staff coupled with a facility that could support the new technology and classes about it." Classes on how to use the iPads will begin in the fall and the iPads will not be loaned out. At the open house, Lydia Gamble, head of the children's department, demonstrated an iPad program which is an assistive communication program which allows autistic children to select words and phrases on the device. Thank you John S. and James L. Knight Foundation!



Left: Kristen Casale listens while patron Dick Haas asks a question about an iPad.



Right: Library employees Kristen Casale, Amy Garrett and Amy Thomas are excited about the new iPads.

LIBRARY CLOSING

The library will be closed on Sunday, September 5 and Monday, September 6 for the Labor Day holiday and will re-open on Tuesday, September 7. Thank you.

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 December and July) at 2:00 p.m. in the Stow Room.



Friends officers for 2010 are (left to right):
Peg Niemeyer, Vice President; Hermine Meyer, Treasurer;
Diane Brown, Corresponding Secretary; Nicole Welsh, President;
Peggy Shaffer, Secretary.

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. Interested in giving to the Foundation? Go to www.smfpl.org/library/foundation/about_foundation



Front Row: Linda Trevorrow, Treasurer; Kelley Cerroni, Vice President; Julie Gedeon, President; Ann Lucco, Secretary. Back Row: Jane Mead, David Renninger, Ruth Reedy, Cindy Pribonic, Thomas Houlihan, Ann Malthaner, Doug Dotterer. Not pictured: Pamela Anderson, Nadine Chapman, Carolyn Radcliff