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Why do we hang stockings at Christmastime?

We can thank St. Nicholas for the custom of putting, and finding, presents in our stockings, and Clement Clarke Moore’s poem, known to us as, The Night Before Christmas, for this tradition being associated with Christmas. Ace Collins gives a detailed account of how this and many other customs originated and evolved in his book, Stories Behind the Great Tradition of Christmas. This and many other holiday books, music and movies are available here at the library for your enjoyment and enlightenment.

Is it true that the Cleveland Browns might hire Bill Cowher as head coach for next season?

Well, while it doesn’t do any good this season to speculate on who will be running the show next year, the Canton Repository (CantonRep.com) reports that, among other desirable candidates, beloved Steelers coach Bill Cowher, who was also a former Browns player and assistant coach, is indeed on the most wanted list. Click here for details.

When was Spider-Man created?

According to Marvel.com, Spider-Man was created on August 10, 1962, in the Amazing Fantasy issue #15. It’s available to read online here. For more Spider-Man stories, check out our collection of comics and DVDs, including the latest movie, The Amazing Spider-Man starring Andrew Garfield and Emma Stone.
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 Homebound Delivery Services. For more information, contact Outreach Librarian Jess Alloggia at 330-688-3295, ext. 129.

Outreach Spotlight

by Jessica Alloggia
Outreach Librarian

Time flies when you are having fun! It’s hard to believe that 2012 has come to an end. Outreach started the year with services to 13 buildings and finished with services to 16. Each building we visit has a great group of people. Thank you all for making this job so wonderful.

This month, the item recommendations come from our Outreach team:

**A Song of Ice and Fire Series**
by George R.R. Martin
(A Game of Thrones/A Clash of Kings/A Storm of Swords/A Feast for Crows/A Dance with Dragons)

This is the series that inspired the popular HBO miniseries “Game of Thrones.” George R.R. Martin, dubbed the “American Tolkien,” has created a world of epic battles, knights, chivalry and fascinating characters that you will love, hate to love and love to hate as they struggle for control of a divided kingdom.

“I cannot recommend this series highly enough. I started with the first book during the summer and just recently finished book five on my iPad. They are absolutely amazing!” Jess Alloggia, Outreach Librarian

**Constance: The Tragic and Scandalous Life of Mrs. Oscar Wilde**
by Franny Moyle

Constance Wilde was a popular children’s author, fashion icon, and leading campaigner for women’s rights. During the spring of 1895, her life changed dramatically and would from then on be eclipsed by scandal. Franny Moyle tells the story of Oscar Wilde’s wife with a fresh eye, drawing on numerous unpublished letters to bring this story to life.

“Constance by Franny Moyle is one of the best books I’ve read all year. It does justice to an incredibly interesting but often overlooked historical figure.” Thea Bilowich, Outreach Assistant and Reference Associate

**Brothers** (2010) by The Black Keys

This is the sixth studio album from the Akron based duo. Recorded in ten days at the legendary Muscle Shoals studio in Alabama, The Black Keys deliver an intensely focused, deeply soulful set.

“It’s a foot-stomping, head-bopper of a blues/rock album that will have you howling its lyrics in the shower.” Jason Calvert, Maintenance Associate and occasional Outreach Assistant

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We just got word that The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation will give us $7,795 to buy a new whiteboard monitor for our computer lab.

The 65-inch Samsung Touch Screen Whiteboard Monitor will enhance the library’s free, hands-on computer instruction and help with our commitment to offer training on state of the art computers with the latest applications.

Once installed, the new whiteboard can offer students a wide viewing angle from a high definition LCD panel — which maintains high picture quality regardless of the viewer’s position within the computer lab. Combined with the new board’s anti-reflective glass, this will make viewing easier for all library patrons, especially those with reduced vision. We are very happy to say that the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library shares The Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation’s commitment to education as a cornerstone of society, and dedication to innovation and the building and sharing of knowledge.

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Don’t miss these great programs at your library!

- Register online or call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 to register.
- There will be no computer classes in December.
Terry Keenan is Volunteer of the Year!

Terry Keenan has been named Volunteer of the Year by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Terry was awarded a plaque honoring her work on behalf of the library at the annual Volunteer Breakfast on November 1.

A library volunteer for 25 years, Terry has also been chairwoman of the Booksale Committee and has a life-long interest in libraries.

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Thinking of getting someone an eReader this holiday season? The library offers 45 minute long one-on-one instruction in how to download free library books to Nooks, Kobos, Kindles and other e-reading devices. You (or your giftee) can call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 to set up an appointment. Bring your library card and your new eReader with you!

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