Meet the Author Series

Join us as we welcome bestselling author Regina Brett to our library! Regina will read excerpts from her newest book, *God is Always Hiring: 50 Lessons for Finding Fulfilling Work*. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation. **This free library event requires tickets, which will be available at the library starting at 6 PM on Monday, December 7.** There is a limit of two tickets per person. For more information, 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.

Regina is passionate about libraries. Read her recent article from The Plain Dealer on page 3 of this newsletter.

**About the Speaker:**
Regina Brett is The New York Times bestselling author of *God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life’s Little Detours*, which has been published in more than 24 languages. She also wrote, *Be the Miracle: 50 Lessons for Making the Impossible Possible* and *God Is Always Hiring: 50 Lessons for Finding Fulfilling Work*. Her inspirational columns appear regularly in Ohio’s largest newspaper, The Plain Dealer, where she was a finalist in 2008 and 2009 for the Pulitzer Prize in Commentary. She also writes for the Cleveland Jewish News and is syndicated by Jewish News Service. She has a Master’s Degree in Religious Studies from John Carroll University and a Bachelor’s Degree in Journalism from Kent State University. Click [here](#) for more information about Regina Brett.
Holiday Reading

December is a good time to start getting in the holiday spirit! We all know there’s no shortage of festive movies on TV and Christmas songs on the radio. If you’d rather get your dose of cheer from a good book, we have plenty of options for you! Click here for some ideas.
Books and Libraries are Still Relevant  
—by Regina Brett

My heart skipped a beat when I read this headline in The New York Times on Sept. 22:  
The Plot Twist: E-Book Sales Slip, and Print Is Far From Dead.

Books are alive and well. Good thing, because I can’t get enough of them, even though they fill my shelves, nightstand and coffee tables.

“Five years ago, the book world was seized by collective panic over the uncertain future of print,” Alexandra Alter wrote for the Times. “As readers migrated to new digital devices, e-book sales soared, up 1,260 percent between 2008 and 2010, alarming booksellers that watched consumers use their stores to find titles they would later buy online. Print sales dwindled, bookstores struggled to stay open, and publishers and authors feared that cheaper e-books would cannibalize their business.

“But the digital apocalypse never arrived, or at least not on schedule. While analysts once predicted that e-books would overtake print by 2015, digital sales have instead slowed sharply.”

Whew. I have nothing against e-books. I just don’t want them to replace print books. For me, nothing beats the feel of a real book.

Our oldest son reads all his books on his cell phone. One of my sisters loves audio books. Many of my friends read everything on a Kindle or Nook.

Not me. My husband bought me a Nook, but I never took to the Nook. I’d forget to plug it in or, after hours of reading on it, I couldn’t fall asleep because the light inside made my brain think it was morning. I was awake til 3 a.m.  

So I’m sold on books.  

And libraries.

I had a book signing on Sept. 24 at Euclid Public Library, which is celebrating its 80th birthday this year. I was blown away by all the activities it offers, and by the massive tank in the front yard.

They have a Comic Book Club, author visits, story time, Red Cross blood drive, cooking classes, homework help, job search programs and movie events.

You can work on a computer, get a voter registration form or an absentee ballot. You can attend talks on ADHD, or travel, or how to get along with police officers, who show up for a program called “Keep Calm and Let’s Talk About It.”

Right before I gave my talk, the library director told me that she was disappointed to hear one city mayor – not Euclid’s – say libraries were no longer relevant.

WHAT? I nearly fell over. Libraries no longer relevant?

Tell that to my three grandkids who live at the library. When given the choice to go out for pizza or for books, they choose books. Say the words “book party” and the two-year-old runs to the shelf and comes back with ten library books. “Read,” she demands, then sits still for every single one.

My hometown library still holds a special place in my heart. Every time I walk into Reed Memorial Library in Ravenna, I feel like I’m home. It still has the grandfather clock in the children’s section where I got my first library card.

A library is a passport to the world. I researched every school report there, found stacks of books on every topic and discovered great authors who inspired my own writing.

My parents raised 11 children in Ravenna. The library was the center of our lives. I credit it for helping all 11 of us graduate from college. It didn’t matter that we didn’t have extra money to buy books. The library offered them free.

I’m grateful to every taxpayer who made those books available to me as a child and to every taxpayer who makes books available to my grandkids and yours. I vote yes for every library levy.

In November, some libraries will ask voters to approve levies, including Reed Memorial Library. If your city or county library needs help, please vote yes.

I know money is tight for many people. That is why having free books, videos, movies, research materials, classes and computers at a public library is more vital now than ever.

My mother often wishes that Ravenna had a community center for children. It does. It’s called the library.

Every city that has a library already has a community center. It offers countless events and activities for families and individuals who want to learn, grow and just have fun.

The best investment you can make in the future of your children is to support your local library.

Let’s keep the flow of great books – in every form – coming into every home.

—The Plain Dealer, October 2, 2015
Christmas Carols

Hear the stories behind the Christmas carols we all know and love on Thursday, December 17 at 2 PM. Susan Covey will play and discuss these popular carols to warm the heart on a cold afternoon. Refreshments will be served. Registration for this free program begins November 16. Click here to register or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. This program is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

790 Visitors!

Did you know that we have an average of 790 visitors per day at the library? That's around 285,000 per year! Despite the sheer volume of traffic in and out of the library, it is always our goal to provide customized service to each and every one of our library users.
Let’s Meet Ann Malthaner’s Dogs!

Gracie and Chester are two yorki-poos that live with me, my husband Bob, and my college age son and daughter. We believe Chester has more Yorkshire Terrier in him because he has straighter hair. Gracie is 10 and Chester is 8, but from the moment we brought Chester in the house, he has been the boss of Gracie.

Everything is a big contest between them. They race to see who can get out of the house fastest, who can get up on my lap the fastest, who can get a larger share of my lap once they are up there, and then who can get on their bed the fastest at the end of the night.

Yet, they bark at the veterinarian like crazy when he is giving the other one their shots. It makes no sense. If we have to separate them for any reason, they pace and whine until the other returns. But then they wrestle and try to bite each other.

But they both hate it when I try to read. They try to sit on my book and try to push it down with their paws. They are not reader-friendly!

Despite all of these issues, our family could not imagine ourselves without these snuggly pets!
Life-Size Candy Land!

Play life-size Candy Land on Saturday, December 5 between 10 AM and 2 PM (arrive anytime during these four hours). Get a pass and play as a family. Draw cards, follow the path and collect treats. Say hello to King Candy and Queen Frostine as you pass through the Peppermint Forest, Gumdrop Mountain and more! No registration.

Santa Stories

Get in the holiday spirit with your young children on Tuesday, December 15 at 10:30 AM. Join Miss Nancy and Mrs. Claus for stories, songs, a craft and a visit from a special jolly guest! Program is geared towards children ages 3-5, but all are welcome. No registration necessary.

Noon Year's Eve

Ring in the new year with Miss Amy and Miss Kristin during our fun-filled Noon Year’s Eve Party for all ages on Thursday, December 31 at 11:30 AM. We will share a story, fun dance songs, snacks and a couple of seasonal short animated films based on classic children's books. And of course, we will count down to 2016 just before noon that day with all kinds of noise-making tools like bubble wrap and shakers. No registration required for this event.

Come any time between 10 AM and 2 PM to make your own New Year’s crown.

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Star Wars Premiere Party

The Force is strong at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library this month. Get ready for the premiere of the new Star Wars movie by joining us for a drop-in event on Wednesday, December 16 from 6:30-8:30 PM. This event, fun for the entire family, includes a movie screening of the original film from 1977, games, crafts, contests and activities for kids and grown-ups! Special story times will be held throughout the event with an appearance by our new BB-8 Sphero. Teens and adults, enter our trivia contests for Star Wars prizes! Enter our drawing for four $25 Regal Cinemas gift cards simply by checking out any books during the event! Come in costume for a chance to win more prizes!
Outreach Spotlight
by Jackie McCloud, Outreach Librarian

Trying to decide what to read next? Check out some of our NEW large print books:

Killing Reagan by O’Reilly
“Killing Reagan is a page-turning epic account about our 40th president, which tells the vivid story of his rise to power – and the forces of evil that conspired to bring him down.”

Rogue Lawyer by John Grisham
“Gritty, witty, and impossible to put down, Rogue Lawyer showcases the master of legal thriller at his very best.”

See Me by Nicholas Sparks
“See me just as I see you . . .
Rich in emotion and fueled with suspense, See Me reminds us that love is sometimes forged in the crises that threaten to shatter us . . . and that those who see us for who we truly are may not always be the ones easiest to recognize.”

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 Jackie McCloud at (330) 688-3295 ext. 129.
# Upcoming Events

## Adult Programming Highlights for December 2015

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**Join us for Hip Chicks Knit on December 10! Click [here](#) for details.**

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**Christmas Carols: Learn the Story Behind the Carols**

**Blood Drive**

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**Library Closes at 5 PM**

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**Click here for**

- Children’s Programs
- Teen Programs
Fast Facts

Monthly Statistics for October 2015

Items Checked Out........................................65,912
Library Visitors.................................................23,489
eBooks ...........................................................23,489
dDigital Magazines Accessed ..............................5,231
Freegal Music Downloads ............................1,148
Hoopla Downloads.................................................631
New Library Cards.................................................230

Coming Soon: The All-in-One Touchscreen Ready, Microfilm View, Scanner, and Printer!

The ScanPro 1100 provides powerful features and is easy to use. The world’s leading universities, libraries, and private companies trust microfilm scanners. Current microfilm technology is a scanner used with software on a computer to view the text, scan, save, forward to email, and print. The ScanPro is known for its proven track record of innovation, performance and reliability. Be sure to watch for this new scanner coming sometime early next year!

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HITMAN: AGENT 47
HUEVOS: LITTLE ROOSTER’S EGG-CELLENT ADVENTURE
JERUSALEM
MAZE RUNNER — THE SCORCH TRIALS
MISSION: IMPOSSIBLE — ROGUE NATION
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