As you think about what’s new this season, perhaps the first thing that comes to mind is the beginning of a brand new year. To celebrate the transition into winter, we would like to unveil a number of new opportunities for you here at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Top on our list is The Community Room which is our newest public gathering space for library users, non-profit organizations, educators and business professionals. One message that is expressed repeatedly from both library users and community members is the need for additional meeting room space. This room is in response to this need. The Community Room doors open on Thursday, December 1. Details including seating capacity and fees are available on page 3 of this newsletter.

New Movies inside!
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New Fiction
New Non-Fiction
New DVDs
New Book Discussion Group

What ELSE?

New Volunteer of the Year
New Releases Brochure

What's NEXT?

New Art Gallery
New Tween Center

Watch upcoming newsletters for details!
Community Room Opens!

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# Upcoming Events

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

**December 1**
- **Family Folklore**
  - **Time**: 10:30 AM
- **Bob Evans Fundraiser for Library Foundation**
  - **Time**: all day
- **Tech Thursday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 2**
- **Spanish Conversation Group**
  - **Time**: 3 PM

**December 3**
- **Puzzle Sale**
  - **Time**: 10 AM - 5 PM

**December 4**
- **Puzzle Sale**
  - **Time**: 1 - 4 PM

**December 5**
- **Book Discussion: The 13th Gift: A True Story of a Christmas Miracle**
  - **Time**: 7 PM

**December 6**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM & 7 - 8:30 PM
- **Holiday Cooking**
  - **Time**: 9:30 AM & 8:30 PM

**December 7**
- **Coffee with the Editor**
  - **Time**: 9:30 AM
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - **Time**: 1 PM
- **Jazz Concert**
  - **Time**: 6:30 PM

**December 8**
- **Family Folklore**
  - **Time**: 10 AM & 2 PM
- **Bridge Club**
  - **Time**: 12:45 PM

**December 9**
- **Jazz Concert**
  - **Time**: 6:30 PM

**December 10**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 11**
- **Tech Thursday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 12**
- **Book Discussion: And You Know You Should Be Glad: A True Story of Lifelong Friendship**
  - **Time**: 10 AM & 2 PM

**December 13**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM
- **Book Discussion: Holiday Party**
  - **Time**: 6 PM

**December 14**
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - **Time**: 1 PM

**December 15**
- **Family Folklore**
  - **Time**: 10:30 AM
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM
- **Book Discussion: Holiday Party**
  - **Time**: 6 PM

**December 16**
- **Family Folklore**
  - **Time**: 10:30 AM
- **Tech Thursday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM
- **Book Discussion: Where'd You Go, Bernadette**
  - **Time**: 7 PM

**December 17**
- **Blood Drive**
  - **Time**: 1 - 7 PM

**December 18**
- **Tech Thursday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 19**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 20**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 21**
- **Blood Drive**
  - **Time**: 1 - 7 PM

**December 22**
- **Tech Thursday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 23**
- **LIBRARY CLOSED**

**December 24**
- **LIBRARY CLOSED**

**December 25**
- **Tech Thursday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 26**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 27**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

**December 28**
- **Book Discussion: Breakfast at Tiffany's**
  - **Time**: 7 PM

**December 29**
- **Tech Thursday**
  - **Time**: 1 - 5 PM

Questions about your mobile devices? Get individualized help on Tech Tuesdays & Tech Thursdays!
Volunteer of the Year

Fran Waybright

Each year, our staff votes to elect a Volunteer of the Year. We are grateful to have so many generous and hardworking individuals pitching in to make our library great. This year, we congratulate Fran Waybright for winning this well-deserved award! Fran has been a Friend of the Library Board Member since October 2009. She is a dedicated Book Sale Volunteer holding the position of cashier coordinator. Fran’s most important asset is her kind, friendly, caring personality but her years of experience working at Acme has given her skills that are invaluable to the Friends. Fran is an organizer and handles all aspects of the cashiers as well as training and updating each new shift. She works in the back room three to five days a week and is always available when needed. Fran has also worked for many years as entry-day cashier for the Needlework Show.

We asked Fran to share her personal story with our readers. Here are some insights into her dedication. Thank you for all your hard work, Fran!

“I started volunteering for the Friends of the Library in 2008. This job is important to me because of the people. It’s rewarding to see all the people that you’ve touched over the years when they come to buy books at the Book Sale. I love to see them excited to find used books that are like brand new. Then, people bring them back to donate again and we can raise more money for the library.

When I had to take a year off, it was hard. I was home all the time and didn’t get to see my friends that I worked with. I would stop in the library on occasions just so I could lift my spirits. The support from the Friends group was unreal. I had more cards and letters and texts than I could even imagine. I have my immediate family, but it’s also like I had an extended family here at the library. It’s really what got me through that tough time in my life.

I’m thrilled to be back, because this is my life’s purpose. I’m not just sitting at home but I’m doing something that’s constructive and I enjoy every moment of it. I never thought I’d be rewarded for something I enjoy so much. I also want to mention that my 4-month old great granddaughter, Makayla, is the light of my life.”

New Releases’ Brochure

Printed brochures featuring our upcoming movies, CDs, and games are now available at the library. This list provides you with the opportunity to put holds on these items even before they appear on our shelves! You’ll love this handy reference so be sure to pickup a copy and tell your friends!
Star Wars Day
Saturday, December 10—11 AM - 2 PM: 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 at Spike's Place for a drop-in event. This event, fun for the entire family, includes games, crafts, contests and activities for kids and grown-ups! You may even meet a Jedi or a Sith Lord or two. Come in costume for a chance to win prizes! ●

Life-Size Candy Land
Saturday, December 3—10 AM - 2 PM: Say "hello" to King Candy and Queen Frostine as you make your way through the Gumdrop Mountain, Peppermint Forest and more. Stop and collect treats along the way. Don't forget to visit the Storytime Room when your game is done for an ice cream sundae! No registration is required but families do need to check in at the children's information counter to get a number to play the day of the game. Please join us for this annual family event. ●

Noon Year's Eve
Saturday, December 31—11:30 AM: Ring in the new year with Miss Amy and Miss Kristin during our fun-filled Noon Year's Eve Party for all ages. We will share a story, fun dance songs and snacks. And of course we will count down to 2017 just before noon that day with noisemakers. No registration required for this event. Come any time between 10 AM and 12 PM to make a winter craft. ●

Friends of the Library

Puzzle Sale
at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

Sat., Dec. 3, 2016—10 AM - 5 PM
Sun., Dec. 4, 2016—1 - 4 PM

Looking for a special gift for the holidays? Don't miss the fantastic bargains at the Friends of the Library Puzzle Sale! These puzzles are in beautiful condition ready to present as gifts complete with ribbons and bows. This sale is free and open to the public. Follow the Friends on Facebook: www.facebook.com/friends.of.smfpl

Cosponsored by the Friends and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.
MOVIE NIGHT!

Coming soon to our shelves!

Click movie cover to advance to our catalog or to place a hold.
According to the Summit Education Initiative, only 44.6% of children in our portion of Summit County (which includes Stow-Munroe Falls, Cuyahoga Falls and Tallmadge) are entering kindergarten with language and literacy skills that are on track. With approximately 50% of children in Summit County attending preschool or daycare prior to kindergarten, the library often serves as a major player in educating our young children.

As in the popular book and blog *Humans of New York*, there are so many patrons and volunteers with stories to tell about how our library has impacted their own personal lives. Last year we presented a series of testimonials from library patrons who have been profoundly impacted by our programs and services. But let’s not forget our youngest users who will carry with them a lifetime of benefits from their early experiences at our library.

We offer many programs for families and children designed to increase language and literacy skills. Story times are the thing we do best and we are proud to say that in October we served 2,060 children and caregivers with our story times. Check our winter story time session coming in January for more pre-kindergarten skill preparation.

Our children’s librarians seek to be resources for families whether their children are attending a traditional preschool, a daycare or nothing at all. We have resources within the library including books, music, kits, flashcards and more to help you learn at home. Our reading program for young children is called 1,000 Books Before Kindergarten and features incentives for every 100 books a child reads prior to entering kindergarten.

We can also assist you with finding free services. For example, did you know that every child in Summit County is eligible to receive a free book each month up to age 5? Did you know that there are many free apps such as the Vroom app that you can use actively with your children to encourage development of key skills?

Part of my job as the children services outreach librarian is to make sure that we serve the families and children that do not make it to the library. I spend most of my time visiting preschools and daycares and doing story times. I have to say that I have one of the most fun jobs you could possibly imagine!

Children are now expected to be reading at the end of kindergarten. What do you need to prepare a child you care about for kindergarten? Do you know what skills they need for kindergarten? Do you worry that they might not be ready? Come on in! We can help!
STAFF PICKS

Linda’s Favorite Cookbooks for the Holidays

Click to link!
STAFF PICKS

Jenn’s Favorite Christmas Movies

WHITE CHRISTMAS

JENN’S FAVORITE CHRISTMAS MOVIES

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

The Year Without a Santa Claus

MIRACLE ON 34TH STREET

A Charlie Brown Christmas

Dr. Seuss’ How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Jack Frost

Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer

Santa Claus is Coming to Town

Christmas in Connecticut

Click to link!
Meet the Author Series 2017
Terry Pluto

Meet award-winning journalist, sports columnist and author Terry Pluto on Tuesday, February 7 at 7 PM as we continue our exciting Meet the Author Series in 2017. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation. Registration for this program begins at 9 AM on January 9. Click here 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.

Tax Program
The Summit County TaxAide Program has informed us that we will no longer be a site for the upcoming Tax Program. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. For assistance with taxes, please contact the following Tax Program sites to schedule an appointment:
   Akron Main Library, Akron University, Firestone Park Library, Green Branch Library, Maple Valley Branch Library, Northwest Branch Library, Norton Library, Portage Lakes Branch Library, Quirk Cultural Center (walk-ins on Saturdays), and Twinsburg Library. Thank you for understanding.

Fast Facts
Monthly Statistics for October 2016

Items Checked Out ................................................................. 64,539
Library Visitors ................................................................. 22,867
eBooks ................................................................................. 5,525
Digital Magazines Accessed ............................................. 172
Freegal Music Downloads & Streaming .......................... 2,918
Hoopla Downloads ............................................................ 989
New Library Cards ............................................................ 239