Happy Holidays from the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Staff!

Looking for something entertaining to read? We have added lots of new books to celebrate the holidays! Some of these include: Christmas at the Mysterious Bookshop, Once upon a Holiday by Beverly Jenkins, Christmas Proposals by Carole Mortimer, Call Me Mrs. Miracle by Debbie Macomber, Promise Me by Richard Paul Evans, Perfect Love Song by Patti Callahan Henry, The Naughty List by Donna Kauffman, On Christmas Eve by Thomas Kinkade and many more!

For those of you looking for a different flavor, check out some of our nonfiction! We have Holiday Cooking around the World, The Betty Crocker Christmas Cookbook, Paula Deen's Savannah Style, Creative Bows Made Easy, Seder Hanukah, Kwanzaa, Jewish Holidays, The Christmas Spirit by Joel Osteen, I'm Dreaming of a Black Christmas by Lewis Black, Chicken Soup for the Soul: Christmas Magic, In the Dark Streets Shineth by David McCullough and lots more!

Looking for something to watch? Try these DVDs! We have the Abbott & Costello Christmas Special, A Christmas Carol, Christmas Unwrapped: The History of Christmas, Deck the Halls, Fred Claus, It's a Wonderful Life, Miracle on 34th Street, Noelle, the Perfect Holiday, Snowglobe and more! Stop by the library today and check out the “Holiday” section of our DVD collection.

We have a little something for everyone to put you in the holiday spirit as you listen to the sounds of the season! Check out Andre Rieu Christmas Around the World, the Andy Williams Christmas Album, Christmas Adagios, Christmas Classics, Christmas Eve and Other Stories by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra, Elvis Christmas, He is Christmas by Take 6, Home for the Holidays, the Kwanzaa Album, Merry Jazzmas, Now That's What I Call Christmas, Traditional Songs for the Holidays and much more!

Stop by today and check out our annual holiday display located on the counters behind the Information Desk!
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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS
The library will be closed December 24 - 26 for the Christmas holiday. The library will close early on December 31 at 5:00 p.m. for New Year’s Eve.
Our Playaway display is 1 of the top 10 finalists out of hundreds of displays in the nationwide Playaway Contest Competition! Please vote for us at http://vote.playaway.com/stow. The winning library will receive $10,000! Selection will be based entirely on the number of online votes received by Dec. 17, 2010. Be sure to tell your friends and family! Thank you.

NEW MOVIES

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

A-Team
Cyrus
Despicable Me
Devil
Easy A
Inception
Joan Rivers—A Piece of Work
Micmacs (French)
Mother and Child
Nanny McPhee Returns
Resident Evil—Afterlife
Restrepo
Salt
Shrek Forever After
Step Up 3
The American
The Other Guys
Wall Street—Money Never Sleeps

YOUR VOTE IS WORTH $10,000!

VOTE for us at http://vote.playaway.com/stow
Q I am thinking of purchasing an eBook reader. Which one do you recommend?

There are many eBook readers on the market with a variety of features to choose from. We have a collection of articles at the Reference Desk that may help you decide which eBook meets your needs. If you want to download eBooks for free these are the eBook readers that are compatible with the library eBook provider: Barnes & Noble nook, Kobo™ eReader, Sony Reader, and Pandigital® Novel. At this time the Amazon Kindle and the Apple iPad are not compatible with our library eBook downloading software.

Q When were the first Christmas cards sold?

The first commercial Christmas and New Year’s card is believed to have been designed and printed in London, England in 1843 by John Callcott Horsley. He designed and produced 1,000 of the cards at the request of his friend Sir Henry Cole. The Christmas card was lithographed on stiff cardboard, 5 1/8 by 3 1/4 inches, divided into a center and two side panels. On the side panels were figures representing two of the acts of charity, “feeding the hungry” and “clothing the naked.” In the center was a picture of a merry family party, including three generations, grandparents to grandchildren. The greeting said, “A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You.”

Q Who produced the first artificial Christmas tree?

In 1930 the U.S.-based Ad-dis Brush Company created the first artificial Christmas tree made from brush bristles. The company used the same machinery that it used to manufacture toilet brushes. The trees were made from the same animal-hair bristles used in the toilet brushes and toothbrushes, except that they were dyed green. For a time, the brush trees were immensely popular, with large numbers exported to Great Britain, where the trees also became popular.

Q What is the origin of the term “Black Friday”?

The earliest known reference to “Black Friday” to refer to the day after Thanksgiving was made in 1966. “Black Friday” was the name which the Philadelphia Police Department gave to the Friday following Thanksgiving Day. “Black Friday” officially opens the Christmas shopping season and it usually brings massive traffic jams and over-crowded sidewalks as the downtown stores are mobbed from opening to closing. “Black Friday” also comes from the retailer’s shift to profitability during the holiday season. When accounting records were kept by hand, red ink indicated loss while black ink indicated profit, resulting in the popular terms of being “in the red,” (losing money) or “in the black” (profitable).

Q What services do you offer for people who are unable to leave their homes?

Adult residents of Stow or Munroe Falls who do not live in a Senior Building already served by the library and who are unable to visit the library due to illness or disability (temporary or permanent) may qualify for our Home-bound Delivery Program. Books, DVDs, CDs, and Audiobooks are delivered to the home every two weeks by volunteers who have successfully passed a background check. To learn more about this service please call Vickie Evans, Outreach Librarian, at 330-688-3295.
Family Folklore

Christmas with The Moss Stanley Trio

Coffee with the Editor
Dec. 1 at 9:15 AM

Community Jazz Concert
Dec. 1 at 7 PM

Coffee Club
Dec. 2 at 9 AM - Noon

Family Folklore
Dec. 6 at 10 AM

Coffee Club
Dec. 9 at 9 AM - Noon

Christmas with The Moss Stanley Trio
Dec. 9 at 7 PM

Family Folklore
Dec. 13 at 10 AM

Bridge Club
Dec. 13 at 12:45 PM

Antique Appraisals
Dec. 14 at 7 PM

Coffee Club
Dec. 16 at 9 AM - Noon

Trail Blazing Ambassadors
Dec. 21 at 6:30 PM

Red Cross Blood Drive
Dec. 29 at 1 - 7 PM

Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.
Linda recommends some great reading!

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
It will be 15 years in March.

What is your current job?
Fiscal Officer

What other jobs have you had while employed at the library?
Reference Clerk and Finance Assistant

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I feel the SMFPL is always changing and moving into the 21st century and constantly evolving to meet our patrons’ needs.

What book would you recommend?
How To Be an American Housewife by Margaret Dilloway and Tobacco Road by Erskine Caldwell

What is your favorite vacation spot?
Currently, Okinawa, Japan because my daughter and grandchildren live there while their father is stationed in Afghanistan.

What are your hobbies?
Baking, cooking, reading, dancing, boating and travelling.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I am a big Rock and Roll fan!!

Do you have any pets?
Definitely, Louie a Shitzu/Cocker Spaniel mix and Molly a Cavalier King Charles Spaniel.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
Bring your children to Story Time and let them develop their love for reading and then they will always come to know the library as a friendly place.

Coffee Club

Take a break from your holiday shopping and enjoy a fresh cup of coffee at the library. We invite you to admire our one-of-a-kind Christmas tree featuring original artists’ paintings of classical books.

Tuesdays—Dec. 2, 9 & 16
9 AM - Noon
Secret Family Recipes

featuring Ann Malthaner’s

Sugar Cookies

1 1/2 cup butter, softened
1 1/2 cup cooking oil
1 1/2 cup white sugar
1 1/2 cup powdered sugar
1/2 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon cream of tartar
1/2 teaspoon salt
1 egg
1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
2 cup all-purpose flour

Beat butter and oil for 30 seconds. Add sugar, baking soda, cream of tartar and salt, beat until combined. Beat in egg and vanilla. Beat in flour. Cover and chill 4-24 hours. Roll out dough on floured surface or parchment paper 1/4 to 1/2 inch thick. Cut into shapes with any cookie cutter. Place cookies 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheets. Bake at 375 degree F for 8 to 10 minutes. Cool completely.

Frosting

1 pound of powdered sugar (4 cups)
1 stick of butter of margarine
1 pinch of salt

Beat butter. Add powdered sugar alternately with 1/3 cup milk. Add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Add 1/4 cup cocoa for chocolate.

—recipe compliments of Ann Malthaner, Marketing and Public Relations Manager

NEED A GIFT OR STOCKING STUFFER?

How about ‘Images of America: Stow & Munroe Falls’ by Beth E. Daugherty!

This book contains more than 200 historic images and captions of Stow & Munroe Falls. Copies of the book are available at the Circulation Desk for $22. Checks should be made payable to the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Need a stocking stuffer? The Library Foundation has 2 GB Flash Drives available at the Information Desk for $8.

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Douglas H. Dotterer

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.

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. Why a Foundation? Maintaining Stow and Munroe Falls’ top-notch library isn’t possible with public funding alone. The Foundation’s mission is to stabilize the library in times of reduced public funding and secure the ongoing excellence of the library.

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