Personal chef Sarah Mentzer returns with a whole new series of Cooking Classes, leading with *Cooking Foods of Love* on Thursday, February 16. Subsequent classes include *Six Ingredients or Less* on Tuesday, March 20, *Cupcake Craze* on Tuesday, April 10, *Tacos, Chips & Salsa—Ole* on Thursday, May 17 and *Berry Bonanza* on Thursday, June 14. Two presentations will be available for each class, one from 5 to 6:30 PM and one from 6:30 - 8 PM. Watch her step-by-step cooking demonstrations and taste the sample recipes. Registration begins one month prior to each Cooking Class. All classes are free compliments of the Friends of the Library. Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

6 Ingredients or Less: Fast meals for busy nights and less expensive grocery lists! Chef Sarah will show you quick meals high on flavor but low on ingredients. Recipes include Cola Braised Pork Stew, Salmon, Potato and Green Bean Salad, Lazy Baked Greek Chicken, and Fried Banana Wontons with Black and White Drizzle.

—Join Sarah Mentzer for *6 Ingredients or Less* on March 20. Call one month ahead to register.
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How long have you been a library trustee?
I was installed on January 9, 2012. I am the newest member of the bunch.

What’s on your nightstand (bookwise) now?
Nothing. I do a lot of reading, researching, and writing for work, so by bedtime, my eyes are too tired. I mostly read on the weekends and on vacations.

Who are your favorite authors?
Edgar Allan Poe
William Shakespeare
James Patterson
I enjoy reading nonfiction books about events that interest me. I recently read Delayed Justice, a book about cold cases in various police departments.

If you could give one book to almost everybody, what would that book be? Do you have a favorite book that you can’t stop recommending?
If I could give one book to everyone, it would probably be a book on kindness and respect. I would recommend Patterson’s Women’s Murder Club series. They are exciting and an easy read with short chapters.

Do you have a book that changed your life?
Harper Lee’s To Kill a Mockingbird. It made me realize that I wanted to be a lawyer in the public sector — to help those who did not have an advocate on their side.

Do you have a favorite line from a book:
“I was born good but had grown progressively worse every year.” — Scout – To Kill a Mockingbird.

What books have you recently read or hope to read in the near future?
I recently read The Help. I need to finish the Twilight series. Plus, I need to catch up on my Patterson collection. I think I need a vacation to catch up on my reading.

What’s your family like?
My husband, Ethan, and I live in Stow. We have 7 cats, named Jinx, Graham, Route 8, Southbound, Sunday, Maeve and Louie. My husband rescued Graham, Route 8, and Southbound from, well, you guessed it….Southbound on Route 8 at the Graham road exit.

What do you do in your work life?
I am a Judicial Attorney for the Honorable Kathleen Ann Keough of the Eighth District Court of Appeals.

Are you passionate about any particular hobby?
I love to freeze and can fruits and vegetables from the summer and fall harvests. I grew up on a farm in Northwest Ohio where we had a large garden and did a lot of freezing and canning. I think it is just a childhood memory that I keep alive and have continued to do. Every year we try something new, and this past year we tried dill green beans (inspired by our trip to New Orleans). They turned out very well.

What was your favorite book when you were a kid?
As a child I liked Corduroy and The Pokey Little Puppy.
As a young adult, I rebelled and was fascinated by the “banned books.” If someone said “you can’t read that,” I usually wanted to read it. I wish someone would have tried “banning” my text books, I think I would have wanted to read them more.

A note about the library:
A strong library is an integral part of a community. We are fortunate to have a library that is staffed with excellent people, equipped with state-of-the-art technology, and connected to the community to bring an inviting atmosphere for all generations. I look forward to working with all of you to make our library the best service in our community.

Meet our newest Library Board Member
Christina M. Gary

What’s on your Nightstand?
Stow Symphony Orchestra
More Music at the Library!

Join Music Director and Conductor, Darrell Music, at our library on Sunday, February 19 at 2:30 PM as he presents a free concert featuring the String Orchestra. Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register. Learn more about the Stow Symphony Orchestra at http://www.stoworchestra.org. This program is sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

The Stow Symphony Orchestra’s next concert will be March 3rd, 7:30 PM at the Stow High School.

DESSERT Extravaganza

New Date—New Venue
Thursday, April 19, 2012

The Dessert Extravaganza is always a night to remember so you’ll want to mark your calendar for this year’s event, held at The Silver Lake Country Club. As always, the evening will feature sumptuous desserts and appetizers, delightful company, and enticing auctions. Restaurants include Silver Lake Country Club, Pancho & Lefty’s, Handel’s, Bittersweets, Main Street Cupcakes, Linda’s Kitchen, Susie Biscotti, Pallotta’s Pastries, and appetizers by Nosh Eatery. Jewelry by Abshire & Haylan for the sixth year in a row! We invite you to join the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation for its signature event on Thursday, April 19, 2012. See you then!
I'd like to use fewer chemicals when I clean. Do you have any recommendations?

Yes. Try lemons. According to greeningtips.com, "Lemons are high in vitamin C, have an anti-bacterial effect and are thought to possess antioxidant and anti-carcinogenic properties. The juice consists of about 5% acid, which also makes them useful for a variety of household purposes. Lemons and/or lemon juice are a popular addition in environmentally friendly cleaning applications". This website lists cleaning the microwave, making an all-purpose cleaner, washing white clothes, cleaning glass and mirrors, and several other practical uses for this fragrant fruit.

I got a telescope for Christmas, and I'm interested in star gazing on clear winter nights. Are there any books that can help?

Yes. Our library has several books that can assist you. Try The Universe and How to See It by Giles Sparrow, Stargazing With a Telescope by Robin Scagell, or The 50 Best Sights in Astronomy and How to See Them by Fred Schaaf, just to name a few.

I'm interested in finding a specific patent. Does the library have access to a patent database?

Yes. Actually, everyone who has internet access (which the library does provide for free) has access to the United States Patent and Trademark Office website. The US Government has provided free access to their database online at www.uspto.gov.
Fred Pierre

How long have you been working at SMFPL?
Eight months.

What is your current job?
My position is Assistant Head Library Systems Administrator.

What other jobs have you had here?
None – I did work for Adobe and Google in the past.

How would you describe the library?
I would describe it as welcoming, great for browsing, a wonderful work environment, and dynamic. There are always exciting new events. The staff is very creative and dedicated. I am excited about the new bookshelves and the gorgeous, new Connect Zone—a great place for laptop users.

What books would you recommend?
Mario Vargas Llosa – *The Storyteller*
Gene Wolfe – *The Wizard Knight*
Alastair Reynolds – *The Prefect*
Peter Hamilton – *The Dreaming Void*
John Clute – *Appleseed*

What is your favorite vacation spot?
I enjoyed a recent vacation at Marblehead on Lake Erie, but my all-time favorite vacation was driving the Gulf Coast of Florida and stopping at all of the beaches to swim. That is some very blue water!

What are you hobbies?
Although I often find myself fixing things in my spare time, I love to draw with colored pencils, and to create digital collages from my photographs.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I worked for five years for a man named William Schultz who was paralyzed in a wheelchair. He inspired me to work for three non-profit organizations, where I lobbied Kent State University to set aside wetland acreage for preservation, completed purchase of three houses for a housing co-op, and led a cooperatively-owned grocery through renovations to break half a million in sales. Thanks Bill for inspiring community!

Do you have any pets?
I have a wonderful dog named Eeva (did you see the movie “WALL-E?”). She is a yellow lab, two years old, and very friendly and loving. She weighs more than sixty-five pounds, and when she pulls it can be hard to hold her. She loves to run, and last year, she was running full-speed in a field and knocked me completely off my feet. The best part of having a dog is that she gets me out running in the snow, when my tendency would be to huddle under a blanket. I also have three cats, who are not enthusiastic about the new addition.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
I would recommend that you explore our website. There is an amazing amount of information there. You can search the library catalog, place holds on materials, access historical records, find out about author visits and events, research using dozens of databases, and submit comments and suggestions.
NEW MOVIES

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

- ANONYMOUS
- I AM
- JOHNNY ENGLISH REBORN
- MARTHA MARCY MAY MARLENE
- THE MIGHTY MACS
- PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 3
- THE RUM DIARY
- TAKE SHELTER
- TOWER HEIST
- THE WAY

Passports

Make the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library your convenient one-stop passport center. The library offers passport services including passport photos by appointment. For more information call the Information Desk at 330-688-3295 ext 130 or visit www.smfpl.org.

Acme Receipts

The library is collecting ACME Fresh Market receipts dated September 24, 2011 through February 11, 2012 to qualify for the ACME Community Cashback Program. All receipts must be submitted to the library by February 27. A collection box is located at the downstairs Circulation Desk.

Blood Drive

On Wednesday, February 22, 1-7 PM, the American Red Cross will hold a blood drive at the library in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room. Appointments are recommended; call 1-800-GIVELIFE.
Don’t miss these great programs at your library.
• Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.
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Free Programs!

Our patrons continue to ask about our program fees. Whether you're attending a Cooking Class, an Author Appearance, or a Musical Performance, all of our programs are free with very rare exception...all thanks to the Friends of the Library! •

Tax Service

Fridays, Feb. 3 - Apr. 13; Noon - 4 PM

Free tax services are available to older residents and residents with low incomes. This annual program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, which works in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program. One-hour appointments may be scheduled by contacting the library at 330-688-3295 ext. 3. •

Coffee Break

The Library will be offering free coffee and tea to patrons Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., February 14 through June 1. Join us in the reference area behind the Information Desk for a hot beverage. •

Circulation Hits All Time High

As 2011 statistics roll in, staff at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library catch their breath as 3,470 new library cards were issued and 794,210 items were checked out. The circulation total included 34,309 eBooks, up from 3,826 in 2010. Program attendance increased to 45,090 reflecting the generous support from the Friends of the Library as they sponsored and funded the majority of all programs offered at the library during the entire year. Suffice it to say, the library is a community information center buzzing with activity. If it’s been a while since you’ve visited, stop by today and enjoy the materials, technologies, programs, and classes. You’ll be glad you did! •

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