These cold days and dark nights can make traveling anywhere troublesome. Luckily, we have the resources that will make the library available to you at home! Did you know that our library provides a host of electronic material for free download? In December, our patrons downloaded 3,381 eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMusic and eVideos. If you’re not sure how to get started, simply call the library at (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 and our reference librarians will be happy to help. You also have access to the AtoZ Database which can be found at our website, smfpl.org. This free database can help you find a job, search for a person, and access business accounts. As part of the library’s Outreach Program, we deliver material to residents of local retirement communities as well as people living on their own. If you are cooped up inside with a physical ailment, there is no reason that you should not have access to our collection. Give Jess Alloggia a call at (330) 688-3295 ext. 129 for more information.

Coming home from work and want to pick up an item on hold? You don’t even have to get out of the car. We have a drive-up window that will make your journey home much faster. If you are brave enough to step into the freezing weather, just know our heat is always on and coffee is perking on Monday - Friday between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Then again, Cancun sounds nice, too. Just make sure you have a passport appointment scheduled with our Information Desk and we can make winter manageable for you!
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upport the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation as you enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner at Bob Evans on **Thursday, February 6, 2014**. Bob Evans, located at 3489 Hudson Drive in Stow, will be hosting a community fundraiser to benefit the Library Foundation. From 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on this particular Thursday, Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales from your meals to the Library Foundation through their **Dine to Make a Difference Community Fundraiser** program.

Participants must present a special flyer to the cashier at checkout. Flyers are available at the library or click [here](#) to print the February flyer from home. Click [here](#) to view Bob Evans' menu. Proceeds from Bob Evans includes $106 in November and $76 in December. The Library Foundation is grateful for your participation. Please tell your friends! • 

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**Book Sale**

The Friends semi-annual Book Sale will be held **April 29-May 3**. There is no admission fee. All books are donated and sales become final. Fifty percent of book sale proceeds benefit the Library Foundation. **Proceeds from Bob Evans’ menu**. Proceeds from Bob Evans includes $106 in November and $76 in December. The Library Foundation is grateful for your participation. Please tell your friends! •

**FRIENDS’ NEWS**

**Dine to Make a Difference**

**Thursday, February 6, 2014**

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**Hot off the presses!**

**Click [here](#) to view the Friends of the Library Spring Newsletter.**

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Celebrate all things chocolate at the Chocolate Fest! Teens in grades 7 to 12 will want to sign up for this sweet and yummy program taking place on Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 p.m. Play Chocolate Jeopardy and Oreo Stacking and other chocolate games; win chocolate prizes; taste-test different chocolate from around the world; decorate chocolate cupcakes; and more! Bring your sweet tooth!

Register at the Teen Information Desk beginning February 10th, or by phone, or email teenlibrarian@smfpl.org.

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iPad Playtime

Tablets have been shown to be excellent tools for very young children. They can be used for entertainment, reading, music, art, and for practicing the use of letters, numbers, shapes and more. Families are invited to come to the library’s iPad Playtime program on Friday, February 7 at 10:30 a.m. No registration is necessary.

Miss Kristin will provide snacks, puppets to play with during the program and tips on how to use the apps on our library iPads. You can bring your own tablet to use during the program and download recommended apps too.

For more information about this program, call (330) 688-3295, ext. 5 or talk to a librarian.

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Scavenger Hunt

Travel the world exploring different cultures without leaving the library in our Around the World Scavenger Hunt game!

On Saturday, February 22, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., children will use the library’s iPads to follow QR code clues to finish this challenge. All participants will earn prizes. Snacks representing different cultures will be available to taste.

Registration is required for this program, beginning February 8, online or by calling the library. Talk to Miss Nancy for more information about this exciting new program.

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This is Real

A Kids Program about Actual Events, People and Places

Sign up for this program series featuring books about real places, people and events. This series is for kids in grades two to six and takes place on select Saturdays through April. During each session, we will feature non-fiction books and do a corresponding activity, craft, science experiment or food-related project. Topics include animals frozen in ice, strange uses for food and other things found in nature, spies and camouflage, infinity and bicycles and more! Register by calling (330) 688-3295 ext. 5, or visit www.smfpl.org. Event dates are: February 1; March 1; and April 26. All programs take place at 11 a.m. in the first-floor conference room.
Employee of the Month

Amelia Newberry

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have been working here since October 2013.

What is your current job?
I am a shelver. I put away all the materials and pick up the library throughout the day.

What other jobs have you had while employed at the library?
I have volunteered at the book sales and other Friends’ events for eight years.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have been a patron of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library for 14 years and it has always been a place of knowledge, exploration and creativity for me.

What book would you recommend?
A favorite book of mine as a child was Mystery at Shadow Pond by Mary C. Jane. As of late, I have been reading Janet Evanovich’s Stephanie Plum Series. I would recommend them. They are hysterical!

What is your favorite vacation spot?
Niagara Falls is my favorite. I have been there once and it is wonderful! I plan to vacation there again soon.

What are your hobbies?
I love reading, writing short stories, music, doing the Metro Parks hiking sprees, and hanging out with family and friends.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
Not a lot of people know that I collect things that have to do with trains. I like steam engines and diesel engines. I love it all!

Do you have any pets?
Yes, I have three cockatiels named Lucky, Quincy and Miki. They are adorable and Quincy talks all the time!

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
I would recommend our programs for adults. They are enlightening, interesting and sometimes funny! We have something for everyone.
February is National Bird Feeding Month, so be sure to fill up those bird feeders! Many birds change their eating habits with the colder weather. High calorie, high fat foods are very important to ensure survival. Oil sunflower, peanuts and suet are great foods to offer birds this winter. Don't be surprised by an abundance of flocks either. Birds start to form these groups in the fall to help them to better find food and protect themselves from predators.

While birds are feeding in your backyard, it's the perfect time to do some bird watching. This hobby is great for retirees and seniors. Birdwatchers become more proficient at spotting creatures in their environment, deciphering body structure, wing cuts, songs, molting, migration, etc. These skills will keep eyesight challenged and keep attention spans higher.

The library offers a variety of books to help identify your feathered guests: 

**Birds of Ohio: Field Guide** by Stan Tiekla is an excellent resource for recognizing backyard birds.

**The Sibley Field Guide to Birds of Eastern North America** by David Sibley is also worth noting.

For more information on winter bird feeding, check out these websites: 

http://www.wbu.com/education/winterbirdfeeding.html


Outreach Spotlight

by Jessica Alloggia, Outreach Librarian

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.
Save the Date!

April 24, 2014 @ 7 PM
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation

8th Annual
Dessert Extravaganza
Roses Run Country Club
2636 North River Rd., Stow

Tickets: $25*
* or $30 at the door

It’s an evening of sumptuous desserts and appetizers, delightful company, and enticing auctions. Tickets will be available at the library starting March 1. All proceeds will benefit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation. Questions? Call us at (330) 688-3295 ext. 110 or go to www.smfpl.org/dessert.

How You Can Help Our Library

We are in need of some silent auction gifts for our 8th annual Dessert Extravaganza. Can you donate a gift basket, gift certificate or a jewelry item? Your gifts are tax-deductible as allowed by law. Patrons have been so generous in the past and it has paid off. With Dessert Extravaganza funding, we have been able to purchase the new Conference Room furniture, the soon-to-be revealed mural in the stairwell, the anti-microbial flooring in the Children’s Storytime Room and we were able to invest in an Endowment Fund with the Akron Community Foundation. Our library gets even better with your help! Please drop off your silent auction gift by Sunday, April 6. Corporate Sponsorships are available! Pick up forms at the Front Desk. Thank you.
### Upcoming Events

**Adult Programming Highlights for February 2014**

Click on any program for description and registration information.

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Oral History Project

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Oral History Project was begun in 2002 by former Local History Specialist Bridget Hair and community volunteer Janet Howard. The goal of the project is to record and preserve the memories and experiences of long-time residents of Stow or Munroe Falls. Prior to the interview the person is sent a questionnaire to fill out. The questionnaire helps jog one’s memories and is used as a “stepping stone” to other questions. Questions cover topics such as growing up years, school, family, marriage, job, interests, and friends. The person is asked to provide photographs, which are scanned and included with the print version of the history. Personal photos make the printed history much more interesting. Local History Librarian Beth Daugherty, accompanied by Janet or another volunteer, meets with the person in their home for approximately two hours. Beth takes a digital voice recorder and camera. After the interview, photographs are taken of the person and their home. The recorded interview is then transcribed and a print version is created. The interviewee is asked to sign a gift agreement, permitting the library to make the interview available to the public to listen to on CD or to read. Since 2002, 26 individuals have been interviewed. A display featuring many of the oral history interviewees will be on view in the Local History Center of the library until March 1st.

Consumer Reports

Due to licensing issues, Consumer Reports will not be available in Zinio after January 31, 2014. However, library patrons may have access to this magazine through EBSCOHOST on the Magazines and Newspapers page under Adult Databases.

Fast Facts

Monthly Statistics for December 2013
Record Breaking Statistic is highlighted!

Items Checked Out ............................................ 59,808

eBooks .................................................................... 3,381

Digital Magazines Accessed ............................... 384

Freegal Music Downloads ................................. 790

Hoopla Downloads ............................................... 425

New Library Cards ............................................ 178

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