Donzella Michelle Malone, a clinical counselor and adjunct university professor will appear at our library on January 21 from 7:00—8:00 to speak on her book “Remembering Margo.”

The author’s website describes Dr. Margo Prade as an incredibly magnetic, intelligent and warm individual. At only forty one years old, her short life ended in tragedy on November 26, 1997 the day before Thanksgiving. The true story of Dr. Margo Prade has touched many and made national headlines. HBO, Arts & Entertainment Network, and Dateline MSNBC are among the leading networks that continue to air Dr. Margo Prade’s murder, the investigation and murder trial.

At the age of 17, Margo Shambergerger met 27 year old police officer Douglas Prade. Over the years, the marriage became troubled; while their careers loomed. Douglas Prade quickly rose to become a police captain, while Margo’s patient list grew to an astounding 7,000 patients. After 18 years, Margo became fed up with Douglas’ control and infidelity. Changes were inevitable...but at what cost?

“Remembering Margo” is a heartfelt tribute to the life of an extraordinary and gifted physician, mother, wife, daughter, sister, friend, and colleague. Dr. Prade was a community icon whose indelible, amazing life and story should never be forgotten.

Ms. Malone holds undergraduate degrees in both criminal justice technology and political science, and a graduate degree in clinical social work.

Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

MADDEN NFL TOURNAMENT IN THE TEEN DEPT, JANUARY 23, 11:00 AM

It was a huge hit before and now it’s back! Play against your friends on the digital gridiron on January 23 at 11:00 A.M. First and second place prizes are $50 and $30 GameStop giftcards. For grades 6-12. Pizza and pop will be provided for players. This will be a single elimination, Playstation 3 tournament, with opponents randomly chosen. Players may play any regular season team of their choice. Sign-ups start January 4 and space is limited. Registration is required, and to make sure you get a space, register early. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Teen Information Desk to register. This program is sponsored by GameStop.
**“ASK A LIBRARIAN” BY AMY GARRETT—HEAD OF ADULT SERVICES**

Last year, the Adult Information Desk answered 98,749 questions. What types of things are asked? Here is a sampling of questions from November, from Amy Garrett, head of Adult Information Services.

**Question:** Help! I can’t find what I’m looking for in Consumer Reports.

**Answer:** If you can’t find what you’re looking for in the magazine or the buying guide, stop by the Adult Information Desk. We’ll try to find ratings for you online.

**Question:** I’m looking for books on baby names. According to the catalog everything is checked out.

**Answer:** We’ll place something on hold for you. If you need/want something right away and have access to the Internet, go to www.google.com and search for “baby names.”

**Question:** I just got a new computer but I don’t know how to use it. Can you help me?

**Answer:** Absolutely! We offer a wide variety of computer classes to help you find your way. We have excellent computer instructors and a great lab with 14 computers. Stop by the Adult Information Desk to pick up a Schedule and to get more information.

**Question:** I’m looking for a program speaker for Martin Luther King Day.

**Answer:** Try contacting the History Dept. at one of the local colleges or universities. If you need a phone number, please let us know!

**JOIN THE MOCK CALDECOTT CLUB FOR 2ND AND 3RD GRADERS**

Did you know the Caldecott Medal was named in honor of nineteenth-century English illustrator Randolph Caldecott? It is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association to the Artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

On December 12, the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library began its Second Annual Mock Caldecott Club for 2nd and 3rd graders. Each week a librarian will read three to five books to the kids who will then examine each book and vote by secret ballot on their favorite book. The Club will meet December 12, 19 and every Saturday in January, ending with a family reception on January 30. At that time we will announce the real winners selected by the American Library Association.

Even if children were not registered for December, they may join for January. Call the Children’s Room to register at 330-688-3295.

Books scheduled for review in January include:

**January 2**
1. Birds
2. Redwoods
3. Dinosaursaurus
4. The Odd Egg

**January 9**
1. Robot
2. City I Love
3. Chicken Little
4. The Negro Speaks of Rivers

**January 16**
1. Our Abe Lincoln
2. Lion and the Mouse
3. Life in the Boreal Forest
4. We’re All in the Same Boat

**January 23**
We will review all the favorite picks from the past five weeks and the kids will vote by secret ballot on a winner and three honor books. During this week, the American Library Association will choose the real winner and honor books.

**January 30**
We will hold a reception to announce our winners and the real winners, named by The American Library Association. Parents and siblings are invited to join us for refreshments!

The Caldecott Award, for the most outstanding, is chosen each year by a committee from the American Library Association.
If you have kids, you have probably seen Lydia Gamble. She works upstairs in our Children’s Department and she loves everything to do with Children’s books, DVDs and music. We thought we’d find out a little bit more about this interesting lady.

**What is your current job?**

I am the head of children’s services.

**What other jobs have you had while employed at the library?**

I used to be the head of teen services.

**What would you describe SMFPL?**

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is an amazing place to work and to come as a patron.

**What book would you recommend?**

There are too many books to choose from. Every day I have a new favorite!

**What is your favorite vacation spot?**

Anywhere warm and exciting. I have liked Nashville, Naples, South Beach and Miami. I try to check out all their libraries.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?**

That I also have a Master’s Degree in Spanish and I used to teach it at Kent State University.

**Do you have any pets?**

Yes! I have five cats. Their names are Isis, Romeo, Kismet, Pumpkin and Boo.

**How about any hobbies?**

I love anything crafty. I like to scrapbook, knit and travel. I also love anything sci-fi. And I obviously love to READ!

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**LYDIA GAMBLE IS THE “FINE PRINT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH”**

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**TEEN SERVICES COLUMN BY CHRISTINA GETROST**

What book will win the Printz Award this year?

You may have heard of the Newbery and Caldecott Awards, given annually by a committee of the American Library Association for the best children’s literature of the year. But did you know there is also a more recent ALA award given every January for the best young adult literature? It’s the Michael L. Printz Award. It is named for Mike Printz, a beloved Kansas school librarian who enjoyed connecting teens with good books. Here are some 2009 teen books that have been getting buzz as possible Printz contenders. See the Teen Librarian for a bookmark listing all of the past Printz winners, and pick up a few to read for yourself—would you have voted them the best book of the year for teens? The 2009 awards will be announced on Monday January 18.

**Wintergirls,** by Laurie Halse Anderson.

Eighteen-year-old Lia comes to terms with her best friend’s death from anorexia as she struggles with the same disorder.

**Marcelo In the Real World,** by Francisco X. Stork.

Marcelo Sandoval, a 17-year-old boy on the high-functioning end of the autistic spectrum, faces new challenges, including romance and injustice, when he goes to work for his father in the mailroom of a corporate law firm.

**If I Stay,** by Gayle Forman.

While in a coma following an automobile accident that killed her parents and younger brother, seventeen-year-old Mia, a gifted cellist, weighs whether to live with her grief or join her family in death.

**Lips Touch Three Times,** by Laini Taylor.

Three short stories about kissing, featuring elements of the supernatural.

**In the Forest of Hands and Teeth,** by Carrie Ryan.

Orphaned Mary seeks to find out what lies beyond her walled village and surrounding forest, where the “unconsecrated,” aggressive, flesh-eating people who were once dead, now live.

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What Book Will Win the Printz Award For Teen Fiction?
TERRY PLUTO WILL TALK ABOUT HIS NEW BOOK ON 1/20 AT 7:00P.M.

Terry Pluto is back! Terry Pluto will appear at our library on January 20 at 7:00 p.m. to speak on his book “LeBron James: The Making of an MVP.” Award-winning sports journalists Terry Pluto and Brian Windhorst give an in-depth look at how a team and a city are being rebuilt around superstar LeBron James. Their book is the most complete-and most colorful—look at LeBron’s life and professional career to date. Copies of the book will be available for signing and purchase during the program. Registration is limited. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register. This program is sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

Terry Pluto is a sports columnist at the Cleveland Plain Dealer. LeBron James plays for the Cleveland Cavaliers.

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Due to budget cutbacks, the library will be closed for unpaid staff days on Friday, January 29, and February 26. We look forward to serving you on the days we are open.

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.

Friends officers for 2009 are (left to right): Peg Niemeyer, Vice President; Hermine Meyer, Treasurer; Diane Brown, Corresponding Secretary; Nicole Welsh, President; Peggy Shaffer, Secretary.

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.