Looking for a good book to read? Well, the secret is out! As you already know, books are our best friends and we do a lot of reading around here. Our reference librarians have compiled a list of their favorite books from 2011. Stop by to see us and check out some of these titles during your next visit to the library.

**Amy Garrett**

- Bloody Crimes: The Chase for Jefferson Davis and The Death Pageant for Lincoln’s Corpse by James Swanson
- Whatever Happened to Pudding Pops?: the lost toys, tastes and trends of the 70’s and 80’s by Gael Fashingbauer Cooper and Brian Bellmont
- Moon Over Manifest (Newbery Award Winner) by Clare Vanderpool
- Illustrated Step-by-Step Baking Book (Published by DK)
- The Covered Bridges of Ohio by Jack Perry

**Barbara Nelson**

- Faith by Jennifer Haigh
- Iron House by John Hart
- Me, Myself and Why by Mary Janice Davidson
- The Ice Princess by Camilla Lackberg
- The Snowman by Jo Nesbo
- Leave Her to Heaven by Ben Ames Williams
- Fall of Giants by Ken Follett
- Bruiser (Teen) by Neal Shusterman
- Miss Peregrine’s Home for Peculiar Children (Teen) by Ransom Riggs
- I Am Number Four (Teen) by Pittacus Love

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Library Closing:
The library will be closed
Sunday and Monday, January 1-2.
I is it true that garlic is good for my heart?

Yes. Garlic can lower cholesterol levels and aid the body in dissolving clots. Garlic also has numerous other uses outside of the kitchen. To read up on the healing properties of nature’s “stinky rose” and other natural remedies, check out some of our books, such as Cholesterol Cures, by the editors of Prevention Health Books, Healing Remedies by Joan and Lydia Wilen, and Food Cures by Joy Bauer.

Why is it a tradition to eat pork on New Year’s?

According to epicurious.com, “the custom of eating pork on New Year’s is based on the idea that pigs symbolize progress. The animal pushes forward, rooting itself in the ground before moving”. Because pigs only move forward, not back, it reminds people to look forward to the New Year rather than back at the previous one.

Can kitty litter really help me if I’m stuck in the snow?

Yes. Numerous websites point out the many benefits of kitty litter in the winter. For one, a bag of litter in the trunk adds weight to the back end of the car and therefore helps prevent sliding. Kitty Litter also helps melt snow and can provide traction when poured behind and around a stuck tire.

Family Folklore

Thursdays:
10:30 AM - 12:30 PM
Jan. 12 - May 24, 2012

Did you hear all kinds of family stories at holiday gatherings this year? Join the Family Folklore class to get these stories in writing. If you don’t, they will be lost forever. It is important to document the legacy for generations to come. Sharing the stories with the class is the best two hours you can spend on a Thursday morning!

Meetings are held on Thursdays starting January 12 in the Conference Room at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Participants may join the group at any time during the four month session if the class is not full. Registration begins December 19. Call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 to register. Class size is limited. Your willingness to share is the only prerequisite.
What’s on your Nightstand?

Who are some of your favorite authors?
Les Roberts, James Patterson, Michael Connelly, Robert Parker and Pat Conroy. My favorite book is probably The Prince of Tides by Pat Conroy.

What have you been reading lately?
Water for Elephants, which I highly recommend.

How long have you been on the Board of Trustees?
I have been a member of the Board of Trustees since 2004. I’ve served as Secretary and as Vice-President. Right now I serve as President of the Board.

What was your work-life like?
I was a Nationwide Insurance Agent in Stow for 25 years before I retired in 2004.

Tell us a little bit about your family.
I have three children and one granddaughter. They live in North Carolina, Oregon and Texas. The distance is greater than I would like, but they are great places to visit!

What do you like about Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I do have a passion for reading. I love our library because it is a very warm and welcoming place to spend time, whether it is for a specific purpose or just browsing. I check the New Releases section on a regular basis.
Jess Alloggia

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have been working here since September of this year.

What is your current job?
I am the Outreach Librarian. I also coordinate our Homebound Services.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
The library is a great place to work and an excellent resource to the community.

What book would you recommend?
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls is my favorite. I’d recommend it to anyone. It’s such a great true story.

What is your favorite vacation spot?
The beach—I went to Costa Rica several years ago and the beaches in the small town of Puerto Viejo were amazing. They were secluded and there wasn’t anyone for miles. That spoiled me a bit.

What are your hobbies?
Gardening, canning, cooking, reading, and helping my parents on their farm.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I won an award for Best Actress in a one act play from my high school thespian society. Also, I have a special place in my heart for 80’s hair metal. I’ve seen Poison four times, most recently with Motley Crue.

Do you have any pets?
I have three dogs and two cats that reside with my parents.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
I’d recommend our Homebound Service. It is a great way to access the library if you are unable to get around. Whether a person is elderly, sick or mending a broken leg, we have fantastic volunteers that take the library to patrons’ homes!
NEW MOVIES

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

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ABDUCTION
BUCKY LARSON—BORN TO BE A STAR
CONTAGION
COURAGEOUS
DOLPHIN TALE
DON’T BE AFRAID OF THE DARK
DREAM HOUSE
DRIVE
FINAL DESTINATION 5
THE GUARD
HANGOVER PART II
I DON’T KNOW HOW SHE DOES IT
IDES OF MARCH
 KILLER ELITE
MONEYBALL
REAL STEEL
SAVING PRIVATE PEREZ
SHARK NIGHT
THERE BE DRAGONS
THE THING
WHAT’S YOUR NUMBER
THE WHISTLEBLOWER

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Saving for retirement, college, or a new home?

Morningstar Investment Research Center is a comprehensive online investing database. It provides independent opinion and data on more than 23,000 stocks and mutual funds.
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Jess Alloggia
Dangerous Summer by Ernest Hemingway
The Paris Wife by Paula McLain

Thea Bilowich
Moonlight Mile by Dennis LeHane

Chris Caccamo
The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein
The Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown
Paula Kael: A Life in the Dark by Brian Kellow

Beth Daugherty
Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption by Laura Hillenbrand
Big in China by Alan Paul
Wench by Dolen Perkins-Valdez

Susan Falkman
Juliet by Anne Fortier
Late, Late at Night by Rick Springfield
A Discovery of Witches by Deborah Harkness
Life of Pi by Yann Martel

Christina Getrost
Beauty Queens (Teen) by Libba Bray
Pegasus (Teen) by Robin McKinley
Across the Universe (Teen) by Beth Revis
The Eighty Dollar Champion: Snowman, The Horse that Inspired a Nation by Elizabeth Letts
This Dark Endeavor: The Apprenticeship of Victor Frankenstein (Teen) by Kenneth Oppel
The House Baba Built: An Artist’s Childhood in China (Children’s) by Ed Young

Diana Parker
When Beauty Tamed the Beast by Eloisa James
Ambrow Keon (eBook format) by Jean Lorrah

Jim Williams
Autobiography of Mark Twain, Vol. I
A Jane Austen Education by Bill Deresiewicz
Brothers, Rivals, Victors by Jonathan Jordan
The Swerve: How the World Became Modern by Stephen Greenblatt (Winner of the 2011 National Book Award for Nonfiction)
The Better Angels of our Nature: Why Violence has Declined by Steven Pinker
Destiny of the Republic by Candice Millard
Don’t miss these great programs at your library!
• Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.
The Connect Zone
New Laptop & Tablet Area

New furniture has been installed in the back area of the library overlooking the reading garden. Ample electrical outlets and armchairs with “tablet arms” provide a comfortable space to work on a laptop or tablet computer without wasting battery power. The new seating also allows for relaxing, non-electronic reading with a view of the outdoors. •

Baking & Eating Gluten Free with Holly Phillips

Join Holly Phillips, Betty Crocker Baker’s Challenge Grand Prize Winner and owner of Mrs. P’s Gluten Free Bakery, as she presents ‘Baking & Eating Gluten Free’ on Wednesday, January 25 at 7 P.M. Watch her step-by-step cooking demonstrations and taste the sample recipes. Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register. Please call if you need to cancel your reservation. This program is co-sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library. •

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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 July and December) at 2:00 PM in the Stow Room.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION
The Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation was incorporated in 1994 as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation’s mission is to provide funds for significant projects that enhance the mission of the library and to build an endowment that will carry on the legacy of the library.

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