The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation, in conjunction with the library, has purchased a new vehicle for our Outreach Services. The graphics for this vehicle are being applied – stay tuned for the new design!

In 2015, we circulated a total of 9,707 items to senior and homebound patrons that otherwise would not have been able to use the library. The Adult Outreach Services made 173 library visits to Senior Independent Living and Assisted Living Facilities. We reached 1,222 patrons and circulated a total of 7,377 items. Through the 48 collection drops to Assisted Living and Nursing Care Facilities, we circulated 1,491 items.

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Chef Giulia is Back!

Get a fresh start to the new year! Back by popular demand, Chef Giulia is repeating her Vegetarian Food Series for those of you who were unable to get a seat in her first series. Plan-Ahead Meals will be held on Tuesday, January 12. Vegetarian Main Courses will be on Wednesday, January 20 and Vegetarian Side Dishes is scheduled for Thursday, February 18. All classes begin at 7 PM. Registration has started for the first two classes—Plan-Ahead Meals is already full. Click on the link to check on seating availability for the remaining programs along with program descriptions.

Click to link!
Welcome Richard Bedell!

Richard is the newest member to join our Library Board of Trustees.

What book are you reading now?
I am currently reading Dog Company: The Boys of Pointe Du Hoc by Patrick K. O’Donnell. It is the story of the U.S. Army’s original Rangers who accomplished D-Day’s toughest mission and led the way across Europe.

Is there a book that has special meaning for you?
Team of Rivals by Doris Kearns Goodwin. It tells the story of how Abraham Lincoln deliberately selected his cabinet comprised of men from different and often conflicting political perspectives and led them and the nation through the most challenging times. David McCullough’s John Adams, Truman, and 1776 are also favorites. Biographies are a good way to learn history.

What are your hobbies?
1) A daily trip to the health club.
2) I am chairing the Walsh Jesuit High School Board of Directors this year which is rewarding in many ways.
3) Life-long learning through reading.
4) Life-long Browns fan (increasingly less rewarding).

Do you have a favorite memory of a library?
My favorite memory is visiting the Stow Library to research projects in grade school. It was, as I remember, a one-room house on the same property as the current library. The change in building and concept over the years is remarkable.

If you could give everyone you know one book, what would it be?
Dale Carnegie’s How to Win Friends and Influence People. One Christmas I gave a copy to each of our children.

What brings you to the library on a regular basis?
I come to the library to check out books on CDs. I spend a lot of time traveling to clients throughout Northeast Ohio. It’s an alternative to talk radio.

Richard P. Bedell, CPA, MBA, is a respected financial leader with a recognized career managing the finances of a variety of organizations including an international sports management firm (IMG), an NFL franchise (Cleveland Browns), a manufacturing business, non-profit organizations and private schools.

Richard has an undergraduate degree from John Carroll University and an MBA from the Weatherhead School of Management at Case Western Reserve University. He is a member of the Ohio Society of CPAs and the Northeast Ohio chapter of Financial Executives International, serving as President in 1999.
Roscoe is a two-year-old Australian Cattle Dog Beagle mix. He was adopted from Paws and Prayers in May 2014 as an extremely shy and fearful dog. Although he’s come a long way, loud noises and many other things still scare him.

We thought about changing his name to Taco but soon realized he is definitely a Roscoe.

He loves to destroy any fluffy toy we buy and will often chase a tennis ball around the house. Car rides are fun and he loves telling the mail carrier to get a move on. If you deliver packages, Roscoe doesn’t like you. His favorite snacks are potato chips (only a few) and shredded cheese.

I grew up with dogs (we always had at least three) but Roscoe is the first pet I have had as an adult. He is the first dog my fiancé has ever had. Since he has so many issues, it has been rough at times. It’s hard to go for walks in our neighborhood when there are lots of people out and about (especially in the spring when everyone comes out of hibernation). Car doors slamming and people using power tools set him off and we are often seen being dragged down the sidewalk by this thirty pound dog.

Nonetheless, he brings so much joy to our home. He has the softest coat and the most soulful eyes. Even though he doesn’t like to cuddle or give kisses, he still makes me smile. Simply having him sit next to me on the couch is enough to make any bad day better.
Here's the list that you've been waiting for... Reference Staff Favorites from 2015!

Amy G.

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr
Billion-Dollar Ball: A Journey Through the Big-Money Culture of College Football by Gilbert Gaul
Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves, and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History by Robert Edsel
Crossover (Newbery Award Winner; Children's Fiction) by Kwame Alexander

Nonfiction
Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail by Ben Montgomery
We Band of Angels: The Untold Story of the American Women Trapped on Bataan by Elizabeth Norman
Twelve Years a Slave by Solomon Northrup
Steps in Time: Ninety Years of Metro Parks, Serving Summit County by Sarah Vradenburg
Wildlife of the World (DK Publishing) by Meredith Bowman
Salt Fork State Park by Meredith Bowman

Fiction, etc.
By Winter's Light (Historical Romance) by Stephanie Laurens
The Liar (Popular Fiction) by Nora Roberts
Under the Wide and Starry Sky (Historical Fiction) by Nancy Horan
Playing with Fire (Fiction) by Tess Gerritsen
March: Book Two (Teen Graphic Novel) by John Robert Lewis
The Noisy Paint Box: The Colors and Sounds of Kandinsky's Abstract Art (Children's Biography) by Barb Rosenstock
Rutherford B., Who Was He?: Poems About Our Presidents (Children's Nonfiction) by Marilyn Singer
28 Days: Moments in Black History That Changed the World (Children's Nonfiction) by Charles R. Smith, Jr.
Biography

Hemingway in Love: His Own Story by A.E. Hotchner
Blackout: Remembering the Things I Drank to Forget by Sarah Hepola

Fiction

Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman
My Grandmother Asked Me to Tell You She's Sorry by Fredrik Backman
All That Followed by Gabriel Urza
The 25th Hour by David Benioff
West of Sunset by Stewart O'Nan
Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline
Another Day by David Levithan
The Household Spirit by Tod Wodicka
Hugo & Rose by Bridget Foley
Hausfrau by Jill Alexander Essbaum

Science Fiction & Fantasy

Dragonflight by Anne McCaffrey
A Knight of the Seven Kingdoms by George R.R. Martin
The Wise Man's Fear by Patrick Rothfuss

Nonfiction

Isaac's Story: a Man, a Time and the Deadliest Hurricane in History by Erik Larson
You Don't Have to Like Me: Essays on Growing Up, Speaking Out and Finding Feminism by Alida Nugent

Thea

Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith
Never Have I Ever: My Life (So Far) Without a Date by Katie Heaney

Chris

Nonfiction

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson
Bold Spirit: Helga Estby's Bold Walk Across Victorian America by Linda Lawrence Hunt
Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow: My Life by Sophia Loren

Fiction

Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands by Chris Bohjalian

Beth

Fiction

Under a Dark Summer Sky (debut) by Vanessa LaFaye
Career of Evil by Robert Galbraith
Another Woman's Daughter by Fiona Sussman
Girl on the Train by Paula Hawkins
All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr

Nonfiction

Devil in the White City: Murder, Magic, and Madness at the Fair that Changed America by Erik Larson
Grandma Gatewood's Walk: The Inspiring Story of the Woman Who Saved the Appalachian Trail by Ben Montgomery

Sara

The Surgeon (Fiction) by Tess Gerritsen
As You Wish: Inconceivable Tales from the Making of the Princess Bride (Nonfiction) by Cary Elwes & Joe Layden
Is Everyone Hanging Out Without Me? (And Other Concerns) (Biography) by Mindy Kaling

Jackie

All the Light We Cannot See (Fiction) by Anthony Doerr
Chasing the Scream: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs (Nonfiction) by Johann Hari
Mademoiselle: Coco Chanel and the Pulse of History (Biography) by Rhonda K. Garelick

Diana

Elfquest: The Final Quest [Volume 1] by Wendy and Richard Pini
Shepherd's Crown by Terry Pratchett
Gentleman Jole and the Red Queen (Advanced Reader Copy – This will be published in February 2016) by Lois McMaster Bujold
All books by Jennifer Crusie

Gretchen

Hope: A Memoir of Survival in Cleveland by Amanda Berry and Gina DeJesus
Jurassic Park by Michael Crichton
Step Aside, Pops (Graphic Novel) by Kate Beaton
Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court by Mark Twain
Want to be a corporate sponsor for the Dessert Extravaganza?

Click the form to the right or pickup a printed copy at the Circulation Desk.
Circulation

The annual statistics for 2015 are not yet in as of this publication, but did you know that the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library had a record circulation in 2014? Library users checked out over 830,000 items. That number was hard for some of us to visualize, so we got our calculators out. If we were to stack all of those items one on top of each other, this enormous stack of library materials would reach from our library here in Stow to Playhouse Square in Cleveland! That’s over 26 miles of materials!

Resolve to Simplify

Many of us have made resolutions to declutter and simplify our lives. Have you thought of the many ways that the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library can help? Your hometown library is virtually everywhere, so be sure to use this to your advantage! Here are a few ideas to get you started.

1. Clear off your coffee table. Enjoy free online issues of your favorite magazines.
2. Read eBooks on your phone, tablet or eReader.
3. Download your favorite music.
4. Why clutter your shelves? Borrow items from your library.
5. Shelves already cluttered? Donate your books, DVDs and CDs to the library.
6. Can’t find what you’re looking for in our collection? Request items through SearchOhio. SearchOhio allows you to use our catalog to borrow items from 188 public libraries. This gives you access to an additional 16 million items!
Winter Story Time

Winter Story Time runs from January 11 to March 10. No registration required, but due to capacity limits in our story time room, we will only allow 40 people (including caregivers) into a session at one time. We will host a second session right afterward if required.

Toddler Movement Time

Jump, sing, dance, move and more in this active program geared toward toddlers, scheduled for Fridays, January 15; February 19; March 18; and April 15 at 10:30 AM. Join Miss Kristin for songs, rhymes, imaginative play, dancing and more. We’ll use shakers and scarves, and practice early literacy skills using active movement. No registration required.

Tech Thursday

Attention kids, parents and other caregivers: the children’s room will begin offering weekly tech help on Thursdays from 3 to 5 PM to assist you with any tech concerns you may have (except hardware repair and virus support). Drop in the day of the program and sign up for a half-hour slot any time between 3 and 5 PM, and one of our librarians will assist you. Some topics may include, but are not limited to, tablet help (iPad, Kindle, Windows Surface, Android), eBook help, guidance with a specific software application (Microsoft Word, for example), e-mail, Web navigation, etc. If we are unable to help you with your tech issue, we will refer you to an appropriate repair specialist. You can also make use of this service even if you don’t have a tech issue, but you are just looking for recommendations for apps for kids, teachers or parents. This program starts Thursday, January 7 and runs through Thursday, March 31.

Caldecott Club

Do you love picture books with beautiful artwork? How about drawing, too? Are you in 2nd through 5th grade? Then this may be the program for you! On January 18 from 1:30 to 2:30 PM Miss Joan will review 6 beautifully illustrated picture books considered for the 2016 Caldecott Medal. We’ll look at the wonderful artwork, discuss what we like about each style, vote on a “winner”, draw an illustration based on one of the books, and enjoy a snack. Registration required starting January 4.

Each month of 2015, the Children Outreach Services provided an average of 25 programs for 803 children and caregivers at 26 different locations. This past year, the Children Outreach Team provided 308 programs including story times, school age programs, and special events. 9,641 children attended those programs.

As you can see, our Outreach Service Librarians and Stow-Munroe Falls residents will greatly benefit from the new vehicle. Our previous vehicle lasted us ten years and we’re hoping the new one will too!

Here’s a sneak preview of our vehicle graphics during the installation. We’ll be out on visits before you know it. Watch for us around town!
## Upcoming Events

**Adult Programming Highlights for January 2016**

Click on any program for description and registration information.

### January 1
- **Library Closed**

### January 4
- **Book Discussion:** The Kitchen Daughter
  - 7 PM
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

**ONLY A FEW SPOTS LEFT!**
- **Meet the Author:** Regina Brett (tickets required)
  - 6:30 PM

### January 5
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

### January 6
- **Coffee with the Editor**
  - 9:30 AM
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - 1 PM
- **Jazz Concert**
  - 6:30 PM

### January 7
- **Bob Evans Fundraiser for Library Foundation**
  - all day
- **Family Folklore**
  - 10:30 AM
- **Tech Thursday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

### January 11
- **Book Discussion:** Devil in the White City
  - 10 AM & 2 PM
- **Bridge Club**
  - 12:45 PM

### January 12
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

### January 13
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - 1 PM

### January 14
- **Hip Chicks Knit**
  - 10 AM
- **Family Folklore**
  - 10:30 AM
- **Tech Thursday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

### January 15
- **Spanish Conversation Group**
  - 3 PM

### January 19
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

### January 20
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - 1 PM
- **Vegetarian Main Courses**
  - 7 PM

### January 21
- **Family Folklore**
  - 10:30 AM

### January 26
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

### January 27
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - 1 PM

### January 28
- **Family Folklore**
  - 10:30 AM

### January 1
- **Book Discussion:** Devil in the White City

### January 11
- **Book Discussion:** The Widow of the South

### January 21
- **Book Discussion:** The Widow of the South

Registration for Meet the Author with Terry Pluto begins at 9 AM on January 11. Click [here](#) for details.
**Fast Facts**

*Monthly Statistics for November 2015*

- Items Checked Out: 61,703
- Library Visitors: 19,579
- eBooks: 5,140
- Digital Magazines Accessed: 200
- Freegal Music Downloads: 1,176
- Hoopla Downloads: 618
- New Library Cards: 171

**Dessert Extravaganza**

We are preparing for the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation’s 10th Annual Dessert Extravaganza! This celebration and fundraiser will take place on Thursday, April 21 at 7 PM at the Silver Lake Country Club. Looking for a Christmas gift for a loved one or colleague? Purchase tickets for $50 each at the library’s front desk. If you or someone you know would be interested in becoming a sponsor for this event, please call us at (330) 688-3295 ext. 110.

**Terry Pluto**

Meet award-winning journalist, sports columnist and author Terry Pluto on Tuesday, February 9 at 7 PM as we continue our exciting Meet the Author Series in 2016. Books will be available for purchase and signing after the presentation. **Registration for this program begins at 9 AM on January 11.** Click [here](#) for details or all (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. This program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room and is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

About the Author: Terry Pluto is a sports columnist for The Plain Dealer and is also known as “the sportswriter who writes about faith.” He has twice been honored by the Associated Press Sports Editors as the nation's top sports columnist for medium-sized newspapers. He is a nine-time winner of the Ohio Sports Writer of the Year award. He is the author of 21 books, including “The Curse of Rocky Colavito” (selected by the New York Times as one of the five notable sports books of 1989), and “Loose Balls” which was ranked number 13 on Sports Illustrated’s list of the top 100 sports books of all time. He was called “Perhaps the best American writer of sports books,” by the Chicago Tribune in 1997.

**New Movies**

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

- **BURNT**
- **CAPTIVE**
- **CHI-RAQ**
- **THE DIARY OF A TEENAGE GIRL**
- **GOOSEBUMPS**
- **HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA 2**
- **INFINITELY POLAR BEAR**
- **THE INTERN**
- **IRRATIONAL MAN**
- **LEARNING TO DRIVE**
- **THE MARTIAN**
- **MEET THE PATELS**
- **MINIONS**
- **PAWN SACRIFICE**
- **SCOUTS GUIDE TO THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE**
- **SICARIO**
- **TED 2**
- **THE WALK**
- **WOOLAWN**