Adult Winter Reading Program

This winter is a purrfect time to warm up with a good book! Simply fill out a form for every book you listen to or read and put the forms in the box at the front desk beginning January 24. You will be eligible for a gift card each week if your entry is drawn compliments of the Friends of the Library. All entries are eligible for the grand prize gift card drawing on February 28. Participate in “This City Reads” during library hours on February 5 and be eligible for another prize. Program is for grades 7 through adult. Start reading!!

TEXTING at the library

The library is now offering SMS text alerts for circulation notices. After you submit your cell phone information, you will receive all library notices via text message, including:

- Items you requested that are ready to be picked up
- Items you’ve borrowed that are due to be returned
- Items you’ve borrowed that are overdue

You can opt into our new text messaging service now. Stop by the Circulation Desk and give us your cell phone number, and we will start text messaging you to let you know when a hold has come in or when you have items coming due. Alternatively, visit our website [www.smfpl.org], select CATALOG, NEW OPTIONS, RECEIVE CELL PHONE TEXT MESSAGES. Enter your information as prompted. It’s that easy!

Please be aware that if you do enter your cell number to enable SMS/TEXT alerts to your phone, you may receive charges from your phone service. This varies depending on your service plan. In short, your phone service may charge for texting updates, but the library does not.
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HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The library will close early on December 31 at 5:00 p.m. for New Year’s Eve. Doors will reopen on Monday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m.
TEEN READS
for cold snowy days

Curl up with a good book!
Here are some recommended reads for teens
for the cold snowy days:
The Hunchback Assignments, by Arthur Slade: A steampunk mys-
tery (science fiction set in the Victorian age) starring
a shape-shifting hunchback boy named Modo, and a
girl named Octavia, a former pickpocket, who are secret agents trying to stop the nasty Clockwork Guild before their creations ruin all of London!

Reckless, by Cornelia Funke: From the author of Inkheart comes this Grimm’s Fairytale-esque story of two brothers who discover a dark Mirrorworld full of nasty fairies, greedy dwarves and a helpful talking fox. But Will has been injured; will his brother Jacob be able to find the cure in time to stop Will from turning completely into a stone “Goyl” creature?

Mockingbird, by Kathryn Erskine: In this beautiful and sometimes funny story, fifth grader Caitlin has Asperger’s Syndrome and is coping with the loss of her older brother, who died in a school shooting. She always had him to help her deal with things like understanding emotions in other people, but now she is on her own, and wondering how to get this mysterious thing called “Closure” that everyone says she needs.

Shoutout, by Brendan Halpin: Best friends Amanda and Lena have always been stars on the soccer field together. But in high school Amanda doesn’t make varsity, when Lena does—and Lena soon becomes more popular than Amanda, too. How will Amanda cope when Lena starts to prefer parties and cute boys to her best friend?

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Shiver, by Maggie Stiefvater (and sequel, Linger): A romance for fans of Twilight. Grace was attacked and bitten by wolves when she was a child, but survived. Now 17, she watches the wolves in the woods at the edge of her backyard and feels protective of one in particular, whose eyes she remembers from that attack—he alone did not try to bite her. In alternating chapters, we find out that wolf’s name is Sam, and in the summer when it’s warm enough, he is a human! And he has fallen in love with Grace. A tender romance between a boy who longs to stay in human form and a girl who wishes she could cure him—or become a wolf herself.
NEW MOVIES

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

Alpha and Omega
Animal Kingdom
Buried
Case 39
Catfish
Dinner for Schmucks
The Girl Who Kicked the Hornet’s Nest (Swedish)
The Last Exorcism
Machete
Nowhere Boy
Piranha (2010)
Red (Special Edition) (2010)
Saw--The Final Chapter
Secretariat
The Social Network
Stone
Takers

COMPUTER & IPAD CLASSES

Did you find a new computer or iPad waiting for you this Christmas under the tree? Or maybe you weren’t so fortunate, but just want to increase your skills and learn some new software. Take advantage of our free computer classes. We have expert instructors waiting to teach you the skills you need. Our computer class schedule is posted on our website under ‘events’ at: http://www.smfpl.org/calendar/2011-01. Classes include Getting Started, Internet, PowerPoint, Word, Access, iPad, Email, Excel, and Photoshop. Computer class registration starts 30 minutes before each class begins. Students should have their Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library cards available when they arrive to register for class.

iPads for Kids

Due to the popularity of our fall iPad classes for kids, the children’s department plans to once again provide more of these programs beginning this winter. We’ll look at interactive picture books, games and apps that build developmental skills, hone creativity and harness children’s natural tendency to interactively explore their world with these touch-screen devices. Also to come, iPad storytime classes for children with special needs! Stay tuned for class times and dates!

On January 3rd, from 6:30 to 7:15 p.m., stop by the children’s room to take a peak at our iPads. Miss Kristin will be doing quick, informal demos of some of our great apps for kids. Children will also be able to try the iPads themselves! No registration necessary. Come by any time between 6:30 and 7:15.
Listed below are our Best Reads of 2010!

**Amy**
- Moloka’i by Alan Brennert
- On Hallowed Ground: The Story of Arlington National Cemetery by Robert Poole
- The World Cheese Book by Juliet Harbutt
- An Eagle Named Freedom by Jeff Guidry
- Ghostwalker series (audio) by Christine Feehan

**Barbara**
- Millennium series by Stieg Larsson
- The Confession by John Grisham
- Fall of Giants by Ken Follett

**Chris**
- Frankenstein by Mary Shelley
- Furious Love by Sam Kashner
- I Know Where I’m Going by Charlotte Chandler

**Lucy**
- Prisoners of Hope: The Story of Our Captivity & Freedom in Afghanistan by Heather Mercer & Stacy Mattingly

**Vickie**
- Just Kids by Patti Smith
- Invisible Bridge by Julie Orringer

**Susan**
- Watchers by Dean Koontz
- Chet & Bernie Mysteries (series) (audio) by Spencer Quinn
- Eating Animals by Jonathan Safron Foer

**Christina**
- Going Bovine (Teen) by Libba Bray
- Beautiful Creatures (Teen) by Kami Garcia
- Tales of the Madman Underground (Teen) by John Barnes
- Bruiser (Teen) by Neal Shusterman

**Beth**
- Shanghai Girls by Lisa See
- Bliss Remembered by Frank Deford
- The Man from Beijing by Henning Mankell
- American Taliban by Pearl Abraham

**Diana**
- A Dog’s Purpose by W. Bruce Cameron
- Cryoburn by Lois McMaster Bujold

**Jim**
- Plutarch’s Lives by Plutarch
Christina recommends some great reading!

Christina Getrost, Teen Librarian

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
Over ten years.

What is your current job?
I am the teen librarian.

What other jobs have you had while employed at the library?
When I first started here I worked half time in children's and half time in reference as the Young Adult Librarian.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
Our library is a friendly and helpful place to come for information and entertainment. We have a huge variety of materials and services, and something for everyone. If we don't have it, we do our best to get it for you.

What book would you recommend?
I read a lot of young adult literature. ‘The Hunchback Assignments’ by Arthur Slade, is a fun Victorian "steampunk" mystery starring a shapeshifting hunchbacked kid named Modo who has to save the world from the evil Clockwork Guild!

What is your favorite vacation spot?
I love to visit cities with lots of museums and attractions, like New York, Chicago or L.A.

What are your hobbies?
Photography, tv, reading, and collecting: postcards, books, board games, toys and Muppet memorabilia.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I have met Darth Vader, C-3PO, Doctor Who, Captain Picard, James Bond, and others in person! (Okay, the actors who portray them.)

Do you have any pets?
One cat, a female marmalade tabby named Goldie, who plays fetch.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
The new ASK SMFPL online chat/texting service is really neat; you can instant message us a question from your computer or text us from your cell phone.

Tax Service

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.

Fridays—February 4 - April 15
Noon - 4 p.m.
Questions
by Barbara Nelson
Assistant Head of Reference Services

**Q** When should I expect my IRS Income Tax forms to arrive?

Don’t wait by your mailbox! The IRS will not be mailing Income Tax packages to individuals this year. For your convenience, we will have the paper forms and booklets at the library. We will place them beside the Information Desk around mid to late January. Jim Williams, our tax form coordinator, starts ordering the forms in August!

**Q** Can I get Legal Forms at the library?

The library has a database called Thompson Gale Legal forms. It includes forms for real estate contracts, wills, pre-marital agreements, bankruptcy, divorce, landlord tenant and many others that can be printed from a computer. You can access this database in the library or at home. Be sure to have your library card handy.

**Q** What is the proper time frame for giving wedding gifts and receiving thank you notes?

According to [http://www.emilypost.com/etipedia](http://www.emilypost.com/etipedia), The Emily Post Etiquette online encyclopedia, a gift should be sent right away or within three months of a wedding, and a thank you note should be written right away or, at the very least, within three months of receiving a gift.

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**Photo of the Month**

**featuring Oreo**

Owner: Douglas H. Dotterer Executive Director of the Library

Now here’s an unusual photo! Knowing that our Adult Winter Reading Program theme is cats & dogs, this resourceful cat, named Oreo, latches onto Doug’s rear view mirror in a desperate attempt to get to the library. This is only after numerous requests for rides have been denied.

Although you can’t believe everything you hear (or read), no editing in Photoshop has altered this image. Doug took the photo with his cell phone while sitting in the driver’s seat. Obviously, Oreo shares Doug’s passion and enthusiasm for the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.
DIRECTOR
Douglas H. Dotterer

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.

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.

For more information on the Fine Print Newsletter, email Ann Malthaner at: a_malthaner@yahoo.com

PROGRAMS

Coffee with the Editor
Jan. 5 at 9:15 AM

Community Jazz Concert
Jan. 5 at 7 PM

Family Folklore
Jan. 10 at 10:30 AM

Bridge Club
Jan. 10 at 12:45 PM

Family Folklore
Jan. 17 at 10:30 AM

Family Folklore
Jan. 24 at 10:30 AM

New Recipes for the New Year
Jan. 25 at 5 & 6:30 PM

Family Folklore
Jan. 31 at 10:30 AM

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