Hi! I'm Spike, the turtle that lives in the Children's Room at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. And guess what? Something great just happened. The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library named a room after ME!Yep. That's right. The Children's Room is now called Spike's Place. Can you believe it? I'm tickled pink! You know, I've called that room home for 25 years, and I've enjoyed every minute of it, watching kids come and go day after day. Did you know that teens who used to visit me when they were younger still drop by to see me? They do. And I'm glad. Back to the exciting news… Not only did the library name a room after me, they've named the Children's blog, “Spike's Blog”, and the newsletter, “Spike Times”. Even our new children's library card has a cute little turtle on it! There are more changes coming, but I won't spill the beans. You'll have to come see for yourself and bring the kids! Oh, I almost forgot. Some of the staff from the library will be in the Stow Fourth of July parade. They'll be carrying a banner announcing the changes. When you see them, show your support. Get your kids to hoot and holler and wave. One more thing… Just in case you haven't signed your kids up for our Summer Reading Program, please do! We already have close to 1000 kids enrolled, but we'd love to see more join in the fun. Kids are earning prizes simply for reading or even having someone read to them. Plus we have story times, crafts, movies, games, special guests and programs planned for our Summer Reading Program that we're sure your kids will enjoy.

PS I'll let you in on a little secret… If you bring your kids by first thing in the morning, you just might find me crawling around the room. The librarians know how much I love to exercise and stretch my legs! See you soon.

Spike

(with assistance from Joan Arbogast, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Staff member and author)
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Joan Arbogast’s books!
NEW MOVIES
Look for these on our shelves. Holds can now be placed on these items.

ARTHUR (2011)
DYLAN DOG—DEAD OF NIGHT
INSIDIOUS
LIMITLESS
THE LINCOLN LAWYER
POTICHE
RANGO
SOURCE CODE
TAKE ME HOME TONIGHT

SPELLING BEE
An Annual Competition for both Adults & Teens

Join us for the Annual Spelling Bee at 7 PM on Wednesday, July 13 at Cuyahoga Falls Public Library. This year, teams from Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, Cuyahoga Falls Public Library, and Kent Free Library will be competing. The Spelling Bee is at Cuyahoga Falls Public Library, 2015 Third Street in Cuyahoga Falls on Wednesday, July 13 at 7 PM—one Spelling Bee for Adults and one for Grades 6 to 12. Adults will be spelling more difficult words. Prizes will be presented to top spellers compliments of the Friends of the Library. To be on our Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library team, register by stopping by the Adult Reference Desk or by calling 330-688-3295.
How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have been working at the library for about fourteen years.

What is your current job?
I am a Reference Services Associate. In addition to helping people at the Adult Reference Desk, I coordinate the library’s state and federal tax programs, and track down missing books, CDs, and DVDs. I also do a lot of the work involved with the library’s Inter-Library Loan requests.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I took a three week bike and camping trip in Switzerland.

Do you have any pets?
I am the servant of a cat named Jewel. She’s a Russian Blue. I’m of less royal blood.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
The library has so many wonderful services for the public that it’s difficult to recommend just one; however, I think our computer classes have been vitally important for at least 14 years as society becomes more and more dependent on computers and the Internet. Also, our Inter-Library Loan program cannot be bested by any other library I know.

What book would you recommend?
I recommend Colonel Roosevelt by Edmund Morris. It’s the last of his fantastic three volume biography of Theodore Roosevelt. I also recommend Mark Twain’s Autobiography, Volume 1. Don’t be put off by the book’s size; it’s the kind of book you pick up and read randomly. Finally, an excellent book is Here on Earth by Tim Flannery. It’s a very readable book about scientific and social issues.

What is your favorite vacation spot?
I think New England is a wonderful vacation area. I have ridden my bicycle through most of Vermont and New Hampshire over the years.

What are your hobbies?
I read a lot, of course. I also ride my bicycle a few thousand miles a year. I am an audiophile and may be the Cleveland Orchestra’s biggest fan.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I think our library is a friendly and service oriented library. I am pleased to work in a library that is at the cutting edge of library technology even though I am more on the dull edge of technology. I really believe that the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is a model of the library of the future.
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by Barbara Nelson
Assistant Head of Reference Services

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There are 119 grooves.

Q When and where did the first Fourth of July fireworks display occur?

In 1805 in Charleston, South Carolina.

Q What is the difference between partly cloudy and partly sunny?

According to the US Weather Service if 40-70 percent of the sky is expected to be cloudy then the forecast is “partly cloudy”. If the clouds are less than 40 percent the forecast is “partly sunny”. When there are no clouds in the forecast it is called “clear” and more than 70 percent cloud cover is “cloudy.”

Photography Contest
for Teens & Adults

Showcase your photography skills during our upcoming Amateur Photography Contest at the library. Photos may be submitted to the Adult and Teen Reference Desk anytime between August 1 - 4 (before 9 PM). Winners will be announced, and all photos unveiled in a special awards reception on August 25 at 7 PM. Prizes are compliments of the Friends of the Library. Printed promotional materials are available at the library or see our website for details: www.smfpl.org.

Passport Services
at your library!

Make our library your convenient one-stop passport and travel center. Passport Services (including passport photos) are now available at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Call (330) 688-3295 x130 to make a reservation.

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Bring your favorite antique to the library on Monday, July 18 at 7 PM and have it appraised by Susan Marocchino during ‘Antique Appraisals’. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register. On Tuesday, July 26 at 7 PM, Susan will be back for ‘Antique Hankies & Antique Jewelry’. Bring a hankie or piece of antique jewelry and have it appraised. Registration is limited for both programs. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register. Please call if you need to cancel your reservation. Limit one item per person. Spectators are welcome and do not need to register for either one of these programs. This program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room and is cosponsored by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.
July

Don’t miss these great programs at your library!
• Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.
Meet former Navy SEAL Christopher Mark Heben at the library on Thursday, July 7 at 7 PM. As a U.S. Navy SEAL, Lakewood High School graduate Christopher Mark Heben has spent time all over the world. During his service from 1996 to 2006, Heben was in, among other places, Europe, the Middle East, Afghanistan, and Iraq. Heben also spent time in Pakistan, near where Osama bin Laden was killed in Abbottabad. Take a look inside the military elite as Heben discusses military training and tactics during this eye-opening presentation. To hear how Heben hunted Osama bin Laden and about the SEAL team members who found him call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Reference Desk to register. 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.