Summer Buzz

Enjoy some Staff Favorites!

What's hot this summer? Who would know better than our Reference, Teen and Children’s Librarians? Here's what they've been reading:

Amy Garrett, Head of Adult Reference Services recommends Maid of Murder, a funny, cozy mystery by Amanda Flower. The author also just came out with a sequel, Murder in a Basket, and has started a new Amish mystery series that's coming out soon. Amy's a real baseball fan, so we shouldn't be surprised that she also liked Calico Joe by John Grisham. For history buffs, she suggests After Camelot: A Personal History of the Kennedy Family — 1968 to the Present by J. Randy Taraborrelli. Amy reads books for all ages, and highly recommends Bootleg: Murder, Moonshine, and the Lawless Years of Prohibition for teens who like nonfiction.

Barbara Nelson, Assistant Head of Reference Services, enjoyed Defending Jacob, by William Landay. Susan Falkman, Reference Services Librarian, loved A Discovery of Witches, a contemporary thriller that begins when a long-lost, enchanted manuscript turns up in Oxford. You've just got time to read it before the next book in the series, Shadow of Night, comes out on July 10 — it's sure to be very popular.

Christina Getrost heads up our teen programming. Her favorites this summer are two books by Veronica Roth, Divergent and Insurgent, featuring a teen heroine in a dystopian future Chicago. Both are real page-turners. She also recommends Legend, by Marie Lu.

From our Children’s Department: Betsy Adams really got into the Hunger Games series. She's currently reading Catching Fire and looking forward to Mockingjay.

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Meet our Summer Reading Program Artist, Laurie Bulger Chevalley!

Have you noticed the wonderful window paintings in the Children’s Department? These are painted during the summer months and for some holidays by one of our own staff members, Laurie Bulger Chevalley. Laurie works as a Shelving Page but she also has a BFA in Graphic Design and a BFA in painting and drawing from the University of Akron. As you can see, her talents extend far beyond her daily responsibilities at our library. Don’t miss her latest creation upstairs in our Children’s Department!
Meet our Library Director

Doug Dotterer

How many years have you worked at the library and what positions have you held?

14 years. I’ve been the head of reference services, and then I’ve been director for about eight years.

What is your favorite service at the library?

It’s hard to pick. There are so many, but I think it’s our friendly customer service. Our staff is always trying to make you feel welcome, and I feel that’s one of our strengths.

What does the library mean to you?

It’s a community gathering place. It’s a great place to explore and find interesting and amazing facts. We also have great programs and services. After all, a library isn’t just a place that holds books and DVDs. We’re all about providing information to the community, so it’s an exciting place for the community to come. It’s their library.

What do you think the library has done to serve the community better?

We’re very excited about our passport system that we’ve recently put together. We just completed a year of providing this service, and we have brought in literally hundreds of people to fill out applications for passports and get their photos taken. It’s going to be very successful for the future bringing in new revenue streams for the library. We do this seven days a week, and the program is a very big success.

What’s your favorite feature of the library’s website?

I like our home page. When you log onto our website you immediately find all kinds of information about what’s going on at the library today. We have a lot of exciting programs and services, and it gives you an opportunity to browse and see what’s happening at the library.

What is your favorite book?

James Clavell’s Shogun is a great adventure story. It won the Pulitzer Prize, and it takes you on an amazing journey through Feudal Japan. It’s very fast paced, and I feel as if I’m taken back in time. I’ve read the book twice.

What was your favorite book when you were a child?

That’s easy. The Cat in the Hat. My mother read it to me, and we went through the whole series. I got my library card, and I was able to get it and check out that book. It made a real impression, and I still remember it to this day.

What could you have a super power, what would it be?

I guess I would want to have more energy, to be able to do more things and to be able to help people. I would like to be able to not sleep as much so I’d be able to read and keep up on things to do at home. It would allow my wife to give me more work around the house.

When you were a child, what was your favorite subject in school and what was your least favorite subject?

I liked geography a lot. I felt that I got a chance to open up a book and look at the world from so many different perspectives. Taking geography really opened up my eyes to how big the world is, and how many adventures I can have.

Least Favorite Subject: I would have to say lunch, because it was too short, always in the way, and I just was involved in so many activities and sports I felt lunch was a bother. I would just eat as I was going from class to class.

What is your favorite animal and why?

My wife and I have two cats, and they are always getting into trouble. I’m thinking maybe I should write a children’s book about Spike. We’ve had two cats for years, and they actually adopted us. They came to live with us and are now part of our family.

When you see the community, what are you doing?

I’m meeting with members of our community. In this interview, we will be featuring our Library Director, Doug Dotterer. Click here to view the video.
What’s on your Nightstand?

Craig Mancuso
Meet our Library Board Member

How long have you been a library trustee?
I joined the Board of Trustees in 2003.

What’s your family like?
Kids? Siblings?
My wife Debbie and I have a 4-year old girl, Samantha who loves going to the library to get books. She really enjoys the wonderful programs put on by the Children’s Department.

What do you do in your work life?
I am a science teacher. I teach Physics and Earth Science at Springfield High School.

Are you passionate about any particular hobby?
I love history and reading about and visiting historic sites.

Do you have any pets?
We have had two rescue dogs, but the last one passed away a few months ago. A new rescue dog will be moving in soon. We have some tropical fish, and my daughter has a beta fish she named Spike, after the turtle in the Children’s Department.

What was your favorite book when you were a kid?
I do not remember having any one favorite book. I do remember that I was often reading books about history and aviation.

What’s on your nightstand (bookwise) now?
I recently read Unbroken, an incredible true story of survival in WWII. Right now I am reading A Slave in the White House: Paul Jennings and the Madisons.

Who are your top five favorite authors?
I rarely read fiction, but Stephen King is my favorite fiction author. I have enjoyed books by Erik Larson, Simon Winchester, the late Stephen Ambrose, Dava Sobel, David McCullough, and many others whose works bring the past to life.

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Amy Thomas says The Lemonade Wars series is just perfect for summer (suggested for ages 8-11). Kids into historical fiction should like The Trouble with May Amelia, set in pioneer Washington State. For a summer-themed book for middle-schoolers, try Water Balloon, by Audrey Vernick. And what could be more summery than mermaids? The Emily Windsnap series, by Liz Kessler is another of Amy’s picks for ages 8-12.

Jen Grill likes Plunked. With a sixth-grade pitcher as its main character, this book is a good choice for baseball season. Jen also likes Little Blog on the Prairie. Historical reenactment meets the internet when 13 year old Genevieve sneaks her cell phone into Frontier Family History Camp.

Lastly, Gloria Adams just can’t say enough about the beautiful writing in Icefall, a Nordic-flavored fantasy novel by Matthew Kirby. It won a 2012 Edgar Award and should enthral kids ages 8 – 12.
Join us on Tuesday, July 3, at 7 PM for an evening with popular guitarist, singer, songwriter, poet, radio personality, and local legend, Alex Bevan. Alex writes about specific people, real places and actual events. Always drawing from personal experience and observation, he uses the power of songs to capture moments like fireflies in a mayonnaise jar with a few holes poked in the top. Register here or call 330-688-3295 ext. 4. You can also stop by the Information Desk to register. This program will be held outdoors at the library [rain location will also be at the library in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room]. It is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

Alex Bevan

Attention all cyclists and families! Don’t miss Dan Zaidman’s presentation, Everything Biking on Thursday, July 12 at 7 PM. Dan is the owner of Care-Free Bicycles and has over 15 years experience in the bicycle industry. He is excited to share his knowledge about local bike trails, trail etiquette, and bike safety. He will discuss how to choose the right bike, equipment, how to make basic repairs, and how to maintain a well functioning bicycle. This will be an informal presentation so all questions are welcome. In fact, after registering, please feel free to email Dan at Dan@carefreebicycles.com with any questions or information you would like to see included in the seminar. Experienced cyclists are welcome and encouraged to talk with Dan after the presentation for answers to more detailed questions. To register for this free program, click here. You can also sign up by calling (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or stopping by the library’s Information Desk. This program will be held in the Stow Room and is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.
Spelling Bee

The annual spelling bee will be Monday, July 16 at 7 p.m. at Kent Free Library, 312 West Main Street in Kent. Teams representing Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, Cuyahoga Falls Public Library and Kent Free Library will once again be competing against each other. There will be one Spelling Bee for Adults and a separate Spelling Bee for grades 6 to 12. Adults will be spelling the more difficult words. There will be prizes for top spellers. If you would like to be on the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Team, sign up online at www.smfpl.org.

Questions

by Susan Falkman
Reference Services Librarian

How can I repel mosquitoes without using harmful chemicals on myself and my family?

Try to eliminate their breeding areas by making sure there’s no standing water around. Try burning citronella candles on your patio or in your yard. For your skin, try using Avon’s Skin So Soft oil, available through your local Avon Lady, or make your own repellent:

2 1/2 teaspoons total of any combination of the following essential oils (available at health food stores): basil, cedarwood, citronella, juniper, lemon, myrrh, palmarosa, pine, rose geranium and/or rosemary, 1 cup 190-proof grain alcohol (available in liquor stores)

Read more at Mother Earth News.

I am considering buying a grill this summer. Any advice?

The Summit County Office of Consumer Affairs offers these buying tips:

• Ask yourself how often you will use it. This will help you decide on the price range.
• How big of a grill top do you need? You will not need a large cooking area if you only plan to cook a few burgers or hotdogs.
• Where will it be stored after summer is over? Determine if you need one with wheels to help move it or a good protective cover.

I love the movie Sahara with Matthew McConaughey & Steve Zahn and heard it was a book first. Is this true?

Yes. Clive Cussler, born July 15, 1931, wrote Sahara, among other books, and created the characters Dirk Pitt and Al Giordino. He also founded NUMA, the National Underwater & Marine Agency. NUMA is, “a non-profit organization that dedicates itself to American maritime and naval history.You can visit the non profit organization online. Cussler and his crew of marine experts and NUMA volunteers have discovered over 60 historically significant underwater wreck sites. After verifying their finds, NUMA turns the rights to the artifacts over to non-profits, universities, or government entities all over the world. Some of these finds include the C.S.S. Hunley, best known as the first submarine to sink a ship in battle and the U-20, the U-boat that sank the Lusitania. In addition to being Chairman of NUMA, Cussler is a fellow in both the Explorers Club of New York and the Royal Geographic Society in London”. Go to this website to learn more about Clive Cussler: http://clive-cussler-books.com/, and here to find out more about NUMA: http://www.numa.net/.
What are your hobbies?
My hobbies are varied. Of course I enjoy reading. I also love to visit museums. Then I blog reviews of the books and museum exhibits! I love family adventures like traveling and hiking, too.
NEW MOVIES

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

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CASA DE MI PADRE
FOOTNOTE
FRIENDS WITH KIDS
JIRO DREAMS OF SUSHI
JOURNEY 2—THE MYSTERIOUS ISLAND
LOCKOUT
PROJECT X
SALMON FISHING IN THE YEMEN
SHERLOCK HOLMES—A GAME OF SHADOWS
SILENT HOUSE
THE THREE STOOGES
WRATH OF THE TITANS

Photography Contest

Showcase your photography skills during our upcoming Amateur Photography Contest at the library. Photos may be submitted to the Adult and Teen Information Desk anytime on Wed., Aug. 1 and Thurs., Aug. 2 [9 a.m. - 9 p.m.]. Winners will be announced and all photos unveiled in a special awards reception on Wed., August 8 at 7:00 p.m. Click here for details. •
Don’t miss these great programs at your library!

- Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.
- Check out our computer class schedule here.
Meeting Room Renovation

Mary Lou Phipps recognized

Have you seen the newly decorated Stow-Munroe Falls Room yet? This meeting room was recently dedicated during a private ribbon cutting ceremony on May 23. The renovation was made possible by a generous donation presented to the library by one of our very own library patrons, Mary Lou Phipps. New carpeting and custom designed graphics for each of the walls were included in the project. If you haven’t attended one of our programs lately, be sure to stop by for a visit. The photograph shown above gives you a sneak preview of what’s to come when you look inside. The library wishes to extend sincere thanks and gratitude to Mary Lou Phipps for her remarkable support and contribution.

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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 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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