On May 4 the Stow-Munroe Public Library levy passed with a vote of 3,556 to 2,801. Thank you Stow and Munroe Falls voters! Immediately, library employees worked into the night to eliminate the 7-day check-outs on new items and return them to 14 days. When the Board of Trustees met on May 17, the following changes were made:

- Immediately increase new materials budget by $50,000 to supplement until levy money arrives in 2011.
- Eliminate the $3 charge for Inter-Library Loans.
- No more Friday closings (with the exceptions of holidays.)
- Patrons can once again place holds on DVDs.
- The popular database Reference USA has been restored.
- Restore book bin delivery to Day Care centers.

The passage of this levy was a group effort. Thank you to everyone who supported us. We look forward to serving you!

**ADULT SUMMER READING BEGINS ON JUNE 9**

“Make Waves at Your Library” is the theme for the Adult Summer Reading Program this year, which runs from June 9 through August 6.

There are two ways to participate. Fill out an entry form for every book you read or listen to on CD, tape or Playaway. Place the form in the entry box at the front desk. Winners will be chosen each week to win great prizes. There will be one grand prize winner who will win a $100 prepaid Visa card courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

You can also play the “Make Waves at Your Library” Game. Pick up your game sheet at the Information Desk beginning June 9. Displayed in the library are posters of staff members vacationing at different exotic locations. Your job is to figure out where they are. Each week, stop by the Information Desk and get a clue card. Each clue has something to do with the locations. If you miss a week, just ask to see last week’s card. Submit your completed form at the end. A winner will be drawn from all entries with eight correct vacation locations.

For more info, contact the Adult Information Desk at 330-688-3295.

Teen and Children’s Summer Reading Programs begin June 9 as well! See www.smfpl.org for all the details!
Last year, the Adult Information Desk answered 98,749 questions. What types of things are asked? Here is a sampling of questions from May provided from Barbara Nelson, assistant head of reference services.

**Question:** I am new to the area and don't know any people. What does the library have to offer to help me meet new people?

**Answer:** We have 3 Adult Book Discussion groups, a Friends of the Library group, a writer’s group, a Family Folklore group, a Bridge group, Quilter’s Group and a Whitter’s group that meet at the library. I think we have something for everyone.

**Question:** Do you have to live in Stow or Munroe Falls to get a library Card?

**Answer:** No. The only residency requirement is that you live in the state of Ohio. In fact, any citizen of Ohio is eligible to go to any library in the whole state and apply for a library card.

**Question:** I have a neighbor from Guatemala who has difficulty with English. Does the library teach English as a Second Language?

**Answer:** Project Learn of Summit County does teach English classes in our Library. They can be reached at 330-643-9195 or info@projectlearnsummit.org. Although the library staff does not teach English classes we do have an ESL (English as a Second Language) collection of materials that can be borrowed.

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**PRIDE IN LIBRARY DAY IS JUNE 30, 2010**

Get ready for Pride in Library Day on June 30! What’s so special about Pride in Library Day? Well we always start out with a great concert by our Community Jazz Band. If it’s nice we have it out on the lawn where people can bring a picnic lunch. We are also going to have a scavenger hunt, an award winning juggling show and then we will wrap things up with our annual pet show. It’s a full day of fun! Here’s the schedule:

**Pride In Library Day Events:**
- 11:30—12:00—Jazz Concert
- 12:00—3:00—Family Treasure Hunt
- 2:00—3:00—Juggler*
- 7:00—8:30—Pet Show**

* Spike Passes given out 1/2 hour before program.
** Prior pet registration is required. No registration is needed to attend.

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**NEW DVDS PURCHASED**

Looking for some entertainment on a Friday or Saturday night? Any other night of the week? The following movies are being purchased by our library for the month of June. Remember... holds can now be placed on these items if they are already in the catalog.

**June**
- The Wolfman 6/1
- Alice in Wonderland 6/1
- From Paris with Love 6/8
- Shutter Island 6/8
- When in Rome 6/15
- The Book of Eli 6/15
- Youth in Revolt 6/15
- The Last Station 6/22
- Percy Jackson and the Last Olympians 6/22
- Remember Me 6/22
- She’s Out of My League 6/22
- The White Ribbon 6/29
- The Crazies 6/29
- Green Zone 6/29

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**MOVIES**
RICH BRANDON IS THE “FINE PRINT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH”

Rich Brandon is a very valuable part of our Circulation Department. Rich processes books, DVDs and other material when they are returned to the library. It’s also possible you may have received a call from him if you have placed a book on hold. Here’s some more information on this month’s “Fine Print Employee of the Month.”

What is your current job?
Public Services Assistant in Circulation

What other jobs have you had?
I worked in the Children’s Department for a short time.

How would you describe SMFPL? It is a great place to work. The employees I work with are super and the patrons are very nice.


What is your favorite vacation spot? The Caribbean Islands

What would people be surprised to know about you? I am very shy when I first meet somebody, but not once I get to know them.

How about any hobbies? I love all kinds of sports, traveling, photography and surfing the internet. I also love to play computer games.

Do you have any pets? I have a 1-1/2 year old rescue dog. She is a lhasa apso and her name is Piper.

TOUCH-A-TRUCK WAS TERRIFIC ON MAY 1!

We dodged the raindrops on Saturday, May 1 between 10:00 and noon to pull off another successful Touch-a Truck event in the parking lot of our library! Nearly 500 kids and adults came to see a mail truck, UPS truck, police car, tow truck, library vehicle and the Stow fire truck with its ladder extended high into the air. Kids of all ages were able to run around in the back of the UPS truck, sit in the front seats of all the vehicles (and honk the horns!), and talk to the firefighters. The mailman was there and the UPS driver and tow truck driver, too! The UPS driver even brought his dog named “Brown.” It was a great day!
**HOME-BASED BUSINESS JOB FAIR**

Many people are working for themselves or supplementing their income these days with a home-based business. The library is sponsoring a Home-Based Business Job Fair on June 16 from 1:00—4:00 p.m. where you can learn how to start a home business. Meet with representatives from:

- Avon
- Beauticontrol
- Creative Illusions
- Mary Kay
- Pampered Chef
- Partiality
- Slipped Jewelry
- Tastefully Simple
- Tupperware Sign-up is not required.

**GOOD NEWS!**

Due to the passage of the levy, the library will be open on all Fridays (with the exception of holidays). There will be no more furloughs. Thank you Stow and Munroe Falls voters!

**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.

Friends officers for 2010 are (left to right):
Peg Niemeyer, Vice President; Hermine Meyer, Treasurer; Diane Brown, Corresponding Secretary; Nicole Welsh, President; Peggy Shaffer, Secretary.

**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. Interested in giving to the Foundation? Go to www.smfpl.org

Front Row: Linda Trevorrow, Treasurer; Kelley Cerroni, Vice President; Julie Gedeon, President; Ann Lucco, Secretary. Back Row: Jane Mead, David Renninger, Ruth Reedy, Cindy Pribonic, Thomas Houlihan, Ann Malthaner, Doug Dotterer. Not pictured: Pamela Anderson, Nadine Chapman, Carolyn Radcliff