You are invited to share your needle artistry and creativity in our Spring Needlework Show, to be held at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, March 14-18, 2012.

Rather than competition, the purpose of the show is to encourage needle artists to share their talents and creative ideas in order to inspire and motivate others.

Entry fees are $5 per item. There is no fee for juvenile entries. As in past years, we will award ribbons for ‘Best of Show’, ‘Judges’ Choice’, and ‘Popular Choice’ in addition to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place ribbons for individual projects (no set number of ribbons is awarded in any category). Best of Show winners will also receive a cash prize of $25.

All types of hand needlework will be accepted. Categories include: counted cross stitch, other counted thread techniques, surface stitchery (crewel, embroidery, etc.), canvas (needlepoint), quilting (hand or machine quilting, grouped into bed-size vs. smaller-size quilts), hand knitting, and crochet. A minimum of five entries constitutes a category; if fewer items are entered they will be judged as miscellaneous. All final category decisions will be made by the judges.

Anyone from Northeast Ohio may submit entries in one or more categories. Entries will be accepted from individuals or groups. Entries must be the work of a living person(s) and entered in their name. We will accept any article that has not been previously exhibited at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Show. Due to limited space, items are displayed at the show’s discretion. Framed items may not exceed 35” in any direction. Limit 4 quilts per person. King-size quilts and other particularly large items will be displayed on a space-available basis only.

Entries will be accepted on Saturday, March 10 between 10 AM and 4 PM and on Sunday, March 11 between 1:30 PM and 4 PM.

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will take every precaution possible to ensure the safety of works submitted, but cannot be held responsible for loss or damage. For more information, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 110. Directions to our library are available on our website. The Spring Needlework Show is cosponsored by the Friends of the Library and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

**Registration of Entries**
Sat., March 10, 10 AM - 4 PM
Sun., March 11, 1:30 - 4 PM
No entries will be accepted after these times.

**Needlework Show Hours**
Wed., March 14, 10 AM - 8 PM
Thurs., March 15, 10 AM - 8 PM
Fri., March 16, 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat., March 17, 10 AM - 5 PM
Sun., March 18, 1 - 4 PM

**Entry Pickup**
Mon., March 19, Noon - 8 PM
Tues., March 20, 6 - 8 PM
Free admission. All ages may enter. Photos permitted.
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Watch for the latest new releases in our New Book section!
How long have you been a library trustee?
Since May 2006.

What's your family like? Kids? Grandkids? Siblings?
I live with my partner, Dawn who is an occupational therapist. I have two sisters, a brother, seven nieces and nephews, and recently a grand-nephew.

What do you do in your work life? (or, if you're retired, what did you do?)
I retired from public education in 2006 after 35 years, 30 of them in the Solon School District. The last 16 years of my career I was the Director of Instructional and Community Television. We had a city funded television studio, a production truck, and a dedicated cable TV channel. With 30 to 40 high school students plus a couple of communications classes, we produced around 200 programs a year for the channel.

Are you passionate about any particular hobby?
Some people have suggested that I play an excessive amount of golf. I also run 4-5 miles 3 or more times a week. I enjoy travel, both national and international. I read 1 or 2 books a week.

Do you have any pets? Pepper.
I have a cat named Pepper.

What was your favorite book when you were a kid?
Les Miserables by Victor Hugo. I got it out of the adult section when I was in 6th grade and it took me forever to read, but the story stuck with me.

What's on your nightstand (bookwise) now?
1Q84 by Haruki Murakami
Away by Amy Bloom
Await Your Reply by Dan Chaon
The News from Paraguay by Lily Tuck

Who are your top five favorite authors?

What book have you faked reading (if any)?
Most of the assigned reading list in high school was not to my taste.

If you could give one book to almost everybody you meet, what would that book be?
Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

Do you have a favorite book that you can’t stop recommending?
The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Tell us about a book you picked up on a whim that turned out to be really good (or really awful).
Away by Amy Bloom (most recently)
The Glass Castle by Jeannette Walls

A book that changed your life:
Catch 22 by Joseph Heller

Books you read for pure, light entertainment/guilty pleasures:
Anything by Hiaasen.
Enjoy the sounds of Ireland on Tuesday, March 6 at 7 PM at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. The Akron Ceili band will present a blend of both traditional and non-traditional Irish music, incorporating unusual instruments into their performances such as whistles, bodhran drums, and even the occasional stand-up bass. Registration starts Feb. 6 for this free program. Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register. This program is sponsored by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

DESSERT Extravaganza

Tickets on Sale Now!
Thursday, April 19, 2012

The Dessert Extravaganza is always a night to remember so you’ll want to buy your tickets now for this year’s event which will be held at The Silver Lake Country Club. Tickets are available at the Circulation Desk for $25 each. As always, the evening will feature sumptuous desserts and appetizers, delightful company, and enticing auctions. A select list of restaurants includes Silver Lake Country Club, Pancho & Lefty’s, Handel’s, Bittersweets, Main Street Cupcakes, Linda’s Kitchen, Susie Biscotti, Pallotta’s Pastries, and appetizers by Nosh Eatery. This year’s signature sponsor is Four Corner Promotions. Jewelry donated by Abshire & Haylan for the sixth year in a row! We invite you to join the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation for its signature event on Thursday, April 19, 2012. See you then!
Is it true that an egg is able to be balanced on its end on the Spring (Vernal) Equinox?

No, this is false. The website www.snopes.com details the origin of this belief, which dates back before Christianity. As spring is considered to be a rebirth of the Earth, and a beginning of fertility, so the egg also represents these concepts.

“Just as the equinox symbolically restores balance to the world by signifying its rebirth after a season of darkness, the equinox literally balances the day by dividing it into equal portions of darkness and light. If the symbol of fertility—eggs—could be balanced on end during a day equally divided between day and night, this was a sign that all nature was in harmony” (http://www.snopes.com/science/equinox.asp).

What is the birth and death date of Jules Verne, and how did he die?

Jules Gabriel Verne was born on February 8, 1828 in Nantes, France, and died of old age March 24, 1905 in Amiens, France. He was 77 years old. (This information was obtained from the SMFPL database, Literature Resource Center).

For more information on how to use our databases, please go to our website, smfpl.org, and choose “Databases/Resources” under the Adult tab, or call 330.688.3295 ext 4.

Questions
by Susan Falkman
Reference Services Librarian

Are there any traditional Irish dishes associated with St. Patrick’s Day?

According to Holiday Symbols, 2nd Edition (2000) by Sue Ellen Thompson, popular dishes include corned beef and cabbage, mulligatawny soup, Irish soda bread, and Irish stew. In Ireland, a dish called colcannon is traditionally served.

Colcannon

Ingredients
3 pounds potatoes, scrubbed
2 sticks butter
1 1/4 cups hot milk
Freshly ground black pepper
1 head cabbage, cored and finely shredded
1 (1-pound) piece ham or bacon, cooked the day before
4 scallions, finely chopped
Chopped parsley leaves, for garnish

Directions
1. Steam the potatoes in their skins for 30 minutes. Peel them using a knife and fork. Chop with a knife before mashing.
2. Mash thoroughly to remove all the lumps. Add 1 stick of butter in pieces. Gradually add hot milk, stirring all the time. Season with a few grinds of black pepper.

Boil the cabbage in unsalted water until it turns a darker color. Add 2 tablespoons butter to tenderize it. Cover with lid for 2 minutes. Drain thoroughly before returning it to the pan. Chop into small pieces.

3. Put the ham in a large saucepan and cover with water.

Bring to a boil and simmer for 45 minutes until tender. Drain. Remove any fat and chop into small pieces.

Add cabbage, scallions, and ham to mashed potatoes, stirring them in gently.

Serve in individual soup plates. Make an indentation on the top by swirling a wooden spoon. Put 1 tablespoon of butter into each indentation. Sprinkle with parsley.
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Morgan Conrad

How long have you been working at SMFPL?
One year.

What is your current job?
I am a Shelving Page. My job is to make sure that the library is picked up and looks presentable, along with of course shelving the books and straightening the stacks.

What other jobs have you had here?
This is my first job. But on top of work, I am a full time student at the University of Akron, I am majoring in early Childhood Education. I hope to be a 2nd or 3rd grade teacher one day!

How would you describe the library?
When describing the library, I would say it’s a crazy but at the same time quiet environment! There are lots of different things going on in the library at the same time.

What books would you recommend?
I would recommend the book, The Doll in the Garden by Mary Downing Hahn. It’s actually a children’s book, but still to this day, I love the story. It’s an excellent book!

What is your favorite vacation spot?
I like anywhere that is warm and has a beach!

What are you hobbies?
I enjoy soccer. I’ve played since I was three. When I’m not doing that, I’m always with my friends and family. They play a very important role in my life. In the summer, I’m always outside by a pool.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I just became a part of the Sunshine Committee here at the library. My job is to buy the cards and stamps. We provide fruit baskets, flowers, and cards for ill co-workers.

Do you have any pets?
We have three dogs and a cat. And I’m trying to get a Maltipoo or Yorkie Poo puppy.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
Any of the programs! We have so many one is bound to fit you and your personality. Story Hour and Cooking Classes have to be my favorite!
NEW MOVIES

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

THE ADVENTURES OF TINTIN
ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS—CHIPWRECKED
A DANGEROUS METHOD
FOOTLOOSE (2011)
THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO
IMMORTALS
J. EDGAR
LIKE CRAZY
MELANCHOLIA
THE MUPPETS
MY WEEK WITH MARILYN
SENNA
THE SITTER
THE THREE MUSKETEERS
TINKER, TAILOR, SOLDIER, SPY
A VERY HAROLD & KUMAR CHRISTMAS
YOUNG ADULT

Freegal Music at Your Library

In January, 174 patrons downloaded 967 songs for free from the library’s Freegal downloadable music service. Just go to the library’s website at www.smfpl.org and click the Freegal button (it’s on the left). You’ll be able to download 3 free songs per week. Listen to them on your computer, iPod, or other portable music device; burn them to CDs, share them with friends – it’s up to you.

We have every kind of music from hip hop to show tunes, from classical to classic rock. All you need is a library card to log in, browse the selection, and start downloading. •
Don’t miss these great programs at your library!
• Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.
♦ Call 330-688-3295 ext. 3 or stop by the Circulation Desk to register.

Check out our computer class schedule here.
COFFEE BREAK

The Library offers free coffee and tea to patrons Monday through Friday from 9 A.M. to 1 P.M., through June 1. Join us in the reference area behind the Information Desk for a hot beverage.

RECORD YEAR FOR LIBRARY

The Stow-Munroe Falls Library reports that 2011 was its busiest year ever. A record number of 794,210 materials were checked out by patrons during 2011 – more than in any previous year. The circulation total included 34,309 eBooks, up from 3,826 in 2010.

45,090 people attended library programs in 2011, thanks to support from the Friends of the Library, who sponsored and funded most of the library’s adult programming. The library issued 3,470 new library cards and recorded total foot traffic for 2011 at 291,372.

If it’s been a while since you’ve visited, stop by today and enjoy the materials, technologies, programs, and classes we offer.

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 Needlwork 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.

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

Living History Series

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is hosting a Living History Series with talks by people who were a part of some of the 20th Century’s most pivotal events. The series will feature one speaker per month and runs from March through June.

Wednesday, March 28, the talks kick-off with Japanese internment camp survivor, John Ochi. On Thursday, April 12, Florence Roseman will discuss her experiences as a passenger aboard the ocean liner S.S. Athena, sunk by a German U-boat in 1939. On Wednesday, May 16, William Perry will talk about his service with the highly decorated buffalo soldiers in Italy. Wrapping up the series on Thursday, June 21, Bill Mason speaks about his time with the British RAF piloting a Lancaster Bomber.

All of the talks begin at 7 p.m. and are presented free of charge. The library will take reservations for people wishing to attend the talks in this series starting one month in advance of each talk. To make a reservation, stop by the library’s Information Desk or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4.

For more information on the Living History Series, contact the library at (330) 688-3295 ext. 4.