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Experience the Fastest Wireless Connection in Stow

The library has recently upgraded its Wi-Fi capability to 802.11n—that’s four times as fast as it used to be! Now your library has the fastest Wi-Fi in town. Patrons can connect anywhere in the library and enjoy speedy wireless access.
In loving memory of our good friend and co-worker, Sue Archer

Sue Archer
We are very sad to announce that our friend and co-worker Sue Archer has passed away. She worked here for the past 28 years, making this library a part of her life. Those of us who were fortunate enough to work with her will miss her infectious laugh, historical knowledge of the library, and her mentoring of younger employees. Thank you, Sue, for everything.

Friends of the Library
Did you know the Friends are responsible for funding almost all of our programming? That’s right—from cooking classes to musical acts to speakers on history, science and the arts, the Friends of the Library make sure you can attend quality programming at your library free of charge.

This dynamic group of people raises money to make this possible with their popular book sales, and the membership dues for their organization. Would you like to become a Friend? It’s just $5 to join. You can participate in all that the Friends do, or sit back just knowing that you’ve made a difference in your library with your membership contribution. Membership also gets you into the book sales early for a chance to snatch up your favorites before the rush.

For more about what the Friends are doing, take a look at their newsletter, here. Want to know more about becoming a Friend? There’s more on our website.

We are so lucky to have these caring and creative people as a part of our library.

Needlework Show
Don’t miss the Friends of the Library 39th Annual Needlework Show! See page 9 for dates and times.

Dessert Extravaganza
Dessert Extravaganza is coming! Tickets for the Library Foundation Fundraiser on sale now.

Last year was our biggest Dessert Extravaganza celebration ever! As attendees will attest, we were packed into Silver Lake Country Club like a bunch of very friendly sardines. This year, our evening of decadent desserts and savory munchies will be held at Roses Run Country Club, where we’ll have more room to relax.

We hope you’ll join us on Thursday, April 18 from 7 to 9:30 p.m. We’ll have signature desserts from the area’s finest restaurants and bakeries, along with hors d’oeuvres. There will be a silent auction, featuring everything from rounds of golf to spa packages to signed copies of favorite books. Jewelers Abshire & Haylan is again generously donating a beautiful jewelry item to be raffled off. There will be music, a cash bar, and great company. Please come and enjoy our annual celebration—it just keeps getting better every year.

Tickets are $30 and proceeds from the event benefit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation. The foundation helps with many library projects and purchases, like flooring for our redesigned Storyhour Room, furniture for the Conference Room, and the street-side electronic sign.

To see highlights of last year’s Dessert Extravaganza, visit our facebook page. Want to know more about the Library Foundation? Click here. If you’re interested in becoming a corporate sponsor for this year’s Dessert Extravaganza, please contact Ann Malthaner, Director of Marketing and Public Relations at amalthaner@smfpl.org or call her at (330) 688-3295 ext. 110.

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I’ve been reading about the importance of buying organic, but my budget doesn’t always allow me to buy organic everything. Can you help me find a good compromise?

Yes. The Environmental Working Group (EWG) provides a list of the “Dirty Dozen” foods that you absolutely should buy organic, and a list of the “Clean 15” foods that retain practically no pesticides and can be safely eaten. Check out these websites for more information: http://www.ewg.org/foodnews/; http://www.pbs.org/wnet/need-to-know/health/the-dirty-dozen-and-clean-15-of-produce/616/; http://www.organic.org/articles/showarticle/article-214; and check out some of these books: The organic food shopper’s guide: what you need to know to select and cook the best food on the market by Cox, Jeff; The unhealthy truth: how our food is making us sick—and what we can do about it by O’Brien, Robyn; Kranz, Rachel; This organic life: confessions of a suburban homesteader by Gussow, Joan Dye.

I am looking for a chemical-free way to control weeds in my vegetable garden. Any suggestions?

Yes! According to Doug Oster and Jessica Walliser, authors of Grow Organic, newspaper effectively controls the growth of weeds in your flower or vegetable gardens. Just layer the sheets, excluding the shiny inserts, wet with your hose, and cover with mulch, hay, grass clippings, or straw. For more chemical-free gardening tips, check out our wide selection of organic gardening books.

I am half Irish and would like to celebrate this part of my heritage by preparing some Irish food on St. Patrick’s Day. Unfortunately, I don’t know any Irish recipes. Can you help?

Of course! Check out our cookbook section for some great ideas, including: Elegant Irish Cooking: Recipes from the World’s Foremost Irish Chefs by Cullen, Noel C.

NEW MOVIES

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

ANNA KARENINA
CIRQUE DU SOLEIL WORLDS AWAY
THE COLLECTION
HOBBIT—AN UNEXPECTED JOURNEY
THE INTOUCHABLES
KILLING THEM SOFTLY
LIFE OF PI
LINCOLN
THE MAN WITH THE IRON FISTS
PARENTAL GUIDANCE
PLAYING FOR KEEPS
RED DAWN
RISE OF THE GUARDIANS
RUST AND BONE
SILENT HILL
TO THE ARCTIC
TWILIGHT SAGA—BREAKING DAWN [PART 2]
UNCONDITIONAL
WRECK-IT RALPH
ZERO DARK THIRTY

NEW MOVIES
Living History Series
Meet Bill Rapp, Eyewitness to the Fall of the Berlin Wall

Author Bill Rapp will speak at the library on Thursday, March 28, at 7 p.m. Mr. Rapp was stationed in Berlin with the Foreign Service when the Berlin Wall came down. His stories of this joyous and tumultuous time will surprise and engage you.

In addition to his career with the U.S. government, Rapp is a novelist. His thriller, "Berlin Breakdown" is set against the backdrop of the wall’s historic fall. His other mystery/thriller titles include, "A Pale Rain," "Angel in Black," and "Burning Altars." Books will be available for purchase and autographing at this event. Click here to sign up, or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4.

Mystery Author (and Stow Resident) Les Roberts Comes to Library

Les Roberts will speak at the library on Wednesday, March 13 at 7 p.m. The popular mystery writer is best known for his Milan Jacovich detective series set in and around Cleveland. Copies of his latest book, “Whiskey Island,” will be on hand for purchase and autographing along with a number of his other titles.

“Whiskey Island” is Les Roberts’ sixteenth title in the Jacovich mystery series, which began with the novel, “Pepper Pike.” He is also the author of “The Strange Death of Father Candy,” set in Youngstown, “We’ll Always Have Cleveland,” a memoir of the city, and “A Carol for Cleveland,” which was adapted for the stage and played to rave reviews at the Cleveland Playhouse last year. To register for this free program, click here, or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4.
The Mango Language database includes a variety of resources to help patrons learn practical conversation skills for languages spoken all around the world, offering both Basic and Complete courses, with more than 50 language-learning experiences available. Mango uses real-life situations and actual conversations to more effectively teach a new language. By listening to and repeating material designed around realistic conversations, you'll not only learn the individual words and phrases, you'll know how they're used in practical situations and conversations. You'll learn more than grammar, vocabulary and conjugation; you'll learn how to communicate.

The following is some of the languages that are taught:

- Arabic (Egyptian), Arabic (Levantine), Arabic (MSA), Chinese (Cantonese), Chinese (Mandarin), Dutch, Farsi (Persian), French, French (Canadian), German, Greek, Greek (Ancient), Hawaiian, Hebrew, Biblical Hebrew, Hindi, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Pirate, Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Tagalog

To begin you will first need to access our Mango Languages link. Follow the steps below or click here and choose "Mango Language" at the bottom of the page. Go to www.smfpl.org and click on "Adults" at the top of the page. Next click on "Databases / Resources" and then "Foreign Languages". Mango Languages is the only option.

If you are outside of the library, you will be asked to type in your library card number. Make sure to enter the numbers without any spaces or dashes to avoid an error.

The first time you log in, you will need to provide your email address and create a password. You will need to log in this way each time that you use Mango.

Once you create your profile, you will receive an activation e-mail with an activation link. This link is to be used only once to activate your account. Every subsequent log in should be through the link on our website. After you complete these simple steps, you should be all set to start learning language with Mango!

Passports

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is your one-stop shop for passports. Passport services (including passport photos) are available by reservation at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Please call (330) 688-3295 x 130 to make a reservation. Due to staffing, walk-ins cannot be accepted. Evening and weekend appointments are available. Complete information on getting a new passport, renewing an old passport, passport cards, optional expedited fees, and complete costs can be found here or by calling 330-688-3295 x 130.

DESSERT Extravaganza

Tickets on Sale Now!
Thursday, April 18, 2013

The Dessert Extravaganza is always a night to remember so you’ll want to buy your tickets now for this year’s event, held at the Roses Run Country Club. Tickets are available at the Circulation Desk for $30 each. As always, the evening will feature sumptuous desserts and appetizers, delightful company, and enticing auctions. We invite you to join the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation for its signature fundraising event on Thursday, April 18, 2013. See you then!

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Spring is near! Seniors need to remember to ask for discounts when they are out and about. Many times, these discounts are not advertised, so you need to ask! Most fast food restaurants offer modest discounts or free coffee and certain retail stores will give a percentage off to seniors on one specified day of the week. In addition, check out the local movie theater to see about reduced ticket prices! Individuals 60 and older are eligible for a Golden Buckeye card. To find out more about the Golden Buckeye program, click here.

This month the Outreach recommendations come from Margaret V. at Stow Kent Gardens, our movie aficionado:

**My Left Foot** (1989) starring Daniel Day-Lewis:
This is the riveting true story of Irishman Christy Brown who was born with cerebral palsy. The only controllable extremity he had was his left foot, which he used to become an accomplished artist and writer. This movie has touched people throughout the years and is truly a classic.

“I thought this movie was informative; it shows you can still lead a normal life with cerebral palsy. Daniel Day-Lewis is a very good actor.”

**Trishna** (2011) starring Freida Pinto:
Trishna lives with her family in a village in India, and as the eldest daughter, works at a nearby resort to help pay the bills. She meets Jay, the wealthy son of a property developer, and their fates cross. When they move to Mumbai to start their lives as a couple, their bliss is threatened by Jay’s deep family bond. Based on Thomas Hardy’s classic novel, Tess of the D’Ubervilles, it reveals the tragedy that accompanies beauty in all its forms.

“I watched it twice, that’s how good it was.”

**Hachi: A Dog’s Tale** (2009) starring Richard Gere and Joan Allen:
An abandoned Akita puppy finds his way into the heart and home of a college professor, and a bond like none other forms between them. Based on a true story, Hachi shows the true meaning of dedication as he goes above and beyond to show his love to his owner.

“It was a cute movie and it shows how close of a companionship dogs and humans can have.” •

Each month the Outreach Services team brings materials to various retirement communities and senior buildings in Stow and Munroe Falls. Additionally, they provide a drop off service to several area nursing facilities. For those who cannot come to the library due to age, illness or injury, the library also provides Homebound Delivery Services. For more information, contact Outreach Librarian, Jess Alloggia at 330-688-3295, ext. 129.
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Chris Andersen

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library since November of 2012.

What is your current job?
I am a Children’s Library Associate.

What other jobs have you had?
I am a substitute teacher in the Stow-Munroe Falls City Schools and am also completing a practicum at the Lakeview and Fishcreek libraries.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
The SMFPL is a vibrant place filled with all kinds of wonderful resources and many great programs in which to participate.

What is your favorite vacation spot?
That’s a hard question. I love to go to Walt Disney World—it is a place filled with magic and wonder. I guess I would have to say it is my single favorite spot.

What book would you recommend?
For middle grades, *Starry River of the Sky* by Grace Lin is one of my favorites, as is *Wonder* by R. J. Palacio.

For younger kids, I would recommend *Goldilocks and Just One Bear* by Leigh Hogkinson and *Extra Yarn* by Mac Barnett - well, I could recommend piles of books. There are so many good books out there for young readers! I haven’t been reading many books geared toward adults recently, but I always enjoy the *Flavia de Luce* novels by Alan Bradley. The most recent one is *Speaking from Among the Bones*.

What are your hobbies?
I love to read—surprise! I also love to hike and travel—and combining those two is one of my favorite things to do.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I know a little bit of Japanese - I studied it in both high school and college. Unfortunately, I don’t practice it very often, so my skills are not what they once were. But I love to travel to Japan to visit my friend, and I get to practice a bit then.
I also love Star Trek and Star Wars. Yoda is my favorite!

Do you have any pets?
Goodness—sometimes I think I live in a zoo. We have one dog, three guinea pigs, tons of birds (including a conure and a parrot) and a tank full of fish.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
It would definitely depend on the patron and their particular needs. For kids, I would definitely recommend reading the Spike Times so that they will know all about the fun activities taking place at the library. For parents of kids, I would also recommend they read Spike Times, but also that they might want to check out our new Pinterest Boards for book recommendations and other fun ideas.
Don’t miss these great programs at your library!
- Register online or call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 to register.
Check out our computer class schedule [here](#).

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*EASTER: LIBRARY CLOSED*
Friends of the Library 39th Annual Needlework Show

Registration of Entries
Sat., March 16, 10 AM - 4 PM
Sun., March 17, 1:30 - 4 PM
No entries will be accepted after these times.

Needlework Show Hours
Wed., March 20, 10 AM - 8 PM
Thurs., March 21, 10 AM - 8 PM
Fri., March 22, 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat., March 23, 10 AM - 5 PM
Sun., March 24, 1 - 4 PM

Entry Pickup
Mon., March 25, Noon - 8 PM
Tues., March 26, 6 - 8 PM

Free admission. All ages may enter. Photos permitted.
Entry fees: $5/item (no fees for juvenile entries).
For information, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 110.
Directions to our library are available on our website.

Co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

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 Public 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 or to unsubscribe, email Ann Malthaner at: amalthaner@smfpl.org

Spot Spike
Our library mascot, Spike, is traveling around town talking to members of our community. In this interview, Spike meets Firefighter Sandy. Click here to view the video.

Spike Times
Did you know that you can conveniently view our Children’s newsletter, the Spike Times, on our website? Click here to check it out.

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