Continue the celebration of Earth Day on Saturday, May 8 at 10:00 a.m. when Katie Myers of Countryside Conservancy in Peninsula will present a program on the benefits of buying locally grown, pesticide-free produce. She will also provide information on area farmers’ markets and CSAs (Community Supported Agriculture), give tips on starting your own pesticide-free garden, composting and more. Myers represents the Conservancy on the Ohio Food Policy Council, the Ag Viability Task Force, the Farmland Summit Planning Committee and is an advisor to the Farm Business and Planning Analysis Program at the Wayne County Career Center.

Countryside Conservancy, in partnership with Cuyahoga National Parks, has worked to rehabilitate old farms within the park’s borders and has established farmer’s markets in Peninsula and the Akron area. It strives to encourage people to buy locally grown healthy produce. Visit the Conservancy’s website at www.cvcountryside.org/.

Additional information on how to “Eat Healthy, Live Healthy” will be provided by brochures from various local businesses such as Cappabianca’s Natural Foods Market of Stow, Kent Natural Foods Co-Op, Elizabeth Telling Farm, Birdsong Farm CSA and more.

Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

**SUPER SUMMER CLOTHING SWAP**
**SATURDAY, MAY 8 1:00—4:00**

Save money, find great clothes for the warm weather, be eco-friendly by reducing clothing waste and meet your environmentally responsible neighbors. All patrons can participate in our Super Clothing Swap from 1:00 — 4:00. Bring summer clothing you no longer wear (adult, teens, kids, infants) from 1:00—2:00 p.m., then join in the swap from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. You may bring as many items as you want and take anything you like. All clothing must be laundered and in good “loan-to-a-friend” condition. Clothing not taken during the swap will be donated to an area organization that cares for persons in need.

Free organic, fair trade coffee will be available during the program. Free dogwood seedlings will be given away to those attending the program, while supplies last.

For more information, call 330-688-3295.
**ASk A LIRbRian” BY BARBARA NELSON—ASSISTANT HEAD OF REFERENCE SERVICES**

Last year, the Adult Information Desk answered 98,749 questions. What types of things are asked? Here is a sampling of questions from last month.

**Question**: I found an abandoned baby bunny. How can I care for it?

**Answer**: According to the International House Rabbit Society “Fewer than 10% of orphaned rabbits survive a week. The best thing to do is put the bunny right back where you found him, as the Mom will only come back at night to call and find him. Leave the area. If injured, please contact a Wildlife Rehabilitator or a rabbit vet immediately.”

**Question**: I would like to do something special for the library in memory of my late father. He loved Frank Sinatra, the Cleveland Indians and gardening. What should I do?

**Answer**: You can make a monetary donation at the Circulation Desk. You will be asked about the interests of the person who is being remembered. Depending on the size of the donation, we can use the money to purchase a Frank Sinatra CD, books about Frank Sinatra, or books about the Cleveland Indians, or books on gardening. We will place your father’s name on the CD or inside the book. Your father’s name will also appear in the library catalog when a patron looks up those items.

**Question**: I donated one of my own books to the library. I don’t see it on the shelf. Where is it?

**Answer**: Unsolicited books that are donated will not necessarily be added to our collection. The librarians will decide if we need the book. If not, the book goes into storage until the next Friends of the Library book sale. The money that is generated from the book sale goes toward paying for programs and other necessities at the library. Even through the book is not added to the collection you are still helping the library!

**World Turtle Day Party, Saturday, May 22, 2:00 PM**

Turtles are very special to us here at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Spike, the turtle in our children’s room turned 24 years old this year. In honor of the library's very special and much-loved turtle, we are celebrating "World Turtle Day" on May 22 from 2-3 pm for a party for all ages. Turtle activities and stories will be geared toward 4-6 year olds, but the entire family is welcome to participate. Registration begins Monday, May 10th, by phone or walk-in. Space is limited, so don't be slow like a turtle!

**Bow Wow Book Buddies, Sunday, May 2, 9, and 16 at 2:00**

Children in grades kindergarten through 4th grade can read to Isaac, Ernie, Bucca or Storm, our Dog Book Buddies. Why is this important? Reading out loud can be a frightening experience for some children and then it can be a real knock to their self-confidence. The premise behind this program is that children read a book out loud to a specially-trained therapy dog. The dog's owner stays with the child and the dog and may offer assistance. The dogs don't care if the child makes a mistake. This builds the child's self confidence and gives them courage to go on.

No registration is required. Sign up for a 15 minute time slot when you arrive. Bring your favorite book or we can help you pick one when you get here.

Sunday May 2, 9, and 16 at 2:00 and June 18 at 10:00.
**Jorge DeCardenas is the “Fine Print Employee of the Month”**

Ever wonder who designs our website and helps to keep our computers in tip-top shape? That’s Jorge de Cardenas!

**What is your current job?** I am the assistant head library systems administrator. I have bachelors degrees in mathematics and computer science.

**What other jobs have you had while employed at the library?** This is the first position I have had here. I have been at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library for two years.

**How would you describe SMFPL?** The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is a very busy place that is well-used by the community.

**What book would you recommend?** I'm not very much of a fiction reader. I stick to computer and cook books.

**What is your favorite vacation spot?** I’ve recently been to Hocking Hills State Park. I like camping. I’m going to Charleston this summer.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?** I was born in Cuba and came here on a plane when I was 7 with my 8 year old brother and 6 year old sister. I lived here with my aunt and uncle in Akron until my parents were able to leave on a boat to Spain 2 years later. We all live in the area now.

**How about any hobbies?** I enjoy cooking, cycling, photography and listening to a wide variety of music.

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**Teen Services Column by Christina Getrost**

**Q: Tell us a little about the Teen Services Department.**

A: The Teen Services Librarian stocks the Teen Area with materials of interest to teens, from new fiction books, audiobooks on CD and Playaway, to magazines, manga, graphic novels and comic books. There is a browsing collection of teen nonfiction, too, on a variety of topics. The Teen Department also provides video games for Playstation 2 & 3, Xbox360 and Wii. I put on various programs at the library just for teens; I go to Lakeview, Kimpton and the high school to meet students, share books and show them the library’s services; I help students and their parents with homework needs. The Teen Librarian also assists teachers with materials for their assignments, and maintains the teen area of the library website as well as our teen Facebook and MySpace pages.

**Q: Do you have any monthly programs for teens?**

A: Yes! Anime Club meets monthly on Saturdays, to watch Japanese animated films and series and share a love of Japanese culture. Chess Club meets monthly on Tuesday evenings at 6:30. And the new Scrabble Club for teens meets on a different Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. No signup is needed; you just have to be at least 12 years old (five years or older for Chess). And snacks are served at each meeting! See the library website or pick up a flyer for meeting dates.

**Q: Do you have a teen book club?**

A: Yes, at Stow-Munroe Falls High School. I visit the school once a month, bringing paperbacks of that month’s book provided by the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. We enjoy discussing each book and talking about other books we’re reading. We have even discussed a book with its author in an online Skype videochat.

**Q: How can I find something good to read?**

A: Ask the Teen Librarian for suggestions to find a book that interests you. Flip through our “What Do I Read Next?” notebook in the Teen Area, full of lists like “Books That Rock: Books about Being in a Band.” Check the booklists in the Teen section of www.smfpl.org, the links to other teens’ reviews and my book reviews on Goodreads.com.

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**A Conversation with Teen Librarian Christina Getrost about the Teen Department.**
TOUCH-A-TRUCK, SATURDAY MAY 1 AT 10:00AM—NOON

It’s time again for Touch-a-Truck, one of the most popular events at the library. This program is Saturday, May 1 from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Come to the library parking lot to see a variety of big trucks. Sit in the driver’s seats, honk the horn and talk to the drivers. Last year we had a fire truck, ambulance, UPS truck, mail truck, mulch truck, motorcycle, cement truck and even a police car. Who knows what we will have this year? Don’t forget your cameras for this ultimate photo opportunity. The program is for children and their families. No registration is necessary. There is no scheduled rain date for this exciting program. Keep your fingers crossed for no rain!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

The library will be closed on Friday, May 28 for an unpaid staff day and on Sunday, May 30 and Monday, May 31 for the Memorial Day holiday. We look forward to serving you on the days we are open.

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 2009 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. Why a Foundation? Maintaining Stow and Munroe Falls' top-notch library isn't possible with public funding alone. The Foundation's mission is to stabilize the library in times of reduced public funding and secure the ongoing excellence of the library.