THE LIFE OF YOUNG ABE LINCOLN ON THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:00 P.M.

Join impersonator Gerald Payn on Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 to 8:00 p.m., as he portrays the young Abraham Lincoln, including his early life in Kentucky, Indiana, Illinois and his settling in New Salem. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register. This program is cosponsored by The Munroe Falls Historical Society, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library. It will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room at the library.

Gerald “Gerry” Payn, a native of Lodi, Ohio, began presenting Abraham Lincoln in 1999 after being inspired by James Getty of Gettysburg, Pa. The Wooster resident has spoken at schools, churches, retirement centers, service clubs, and Civil War re-enactments. During recent years, he has had about 60 engagements a year as Mr. Lincoln and has visited every place Mr. Lincoln lived during his lifetime plus a number of Civil War Battle sites and other related places.

Payn is a life member of the Association of Lincoln Presenters and considers it an honor to portray our greatest president. He is a “full height” Lincoln presenter at 6′4″ and performs in costume (and whiskers), presenting in first person. Payne can speak on a large variety of topics, including Life of Lincoln (any “chapter”), Lincoln and Religion, Lincoln and Slavery, Lincoln and Politics, Lincoln’s Education, Trials and Tribulations of Lincoln’s Presidency, plus others. He can deliver any of Lincoln’s speeches, and sometimes performs with a Mary Todd Lincoln Presenter (his wife Marilyn Ferguson of Wooster).

He is a retired science teacher and guidance counselor, a former dairy farm owner-operator, and is active with the Congress Community Church, Northwestern Ruritan Club and Wayne County Historical Society. Payn graduated from The Ohio State University College of Agriculture, where he played tuba in the OSU marching band (and dotted the “i”!). He is married to Marilyn and has three children and six grandchildren.

MEMORY FITNESS ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2:00 P.M.

Do you spend a lot of time looking for misplaced items? Would you like to learn more effective memory strategies? Join Kathryn Kilpatrick, Memory Fitness Specialist, on November 18 at 2:00 p.m. for an interesting inspirational and informative program. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register. This program is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library. It will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room.
PREVENT & REVERSE HEART DISEASE, NOV. 10, 7 P.M.

Dr. Caldwell Esselstyn Jr., retired Cleveland Clinic surgeon, researcher and author, will speak at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on Tuesday, November 10, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. He will explain how heart disease can be prevented and reversed by switching from the Standard American Diet to a plant-based, oil-free diet. In his book, "Prevent and Reverse Heart Disease", Dr. Esselstyn discusses how conventional cardiology has failed patients by developing treatments that focus only on the symptoms of heart disease and not the cause. He presents research supporting that a radical change in diet would end the heart disease epidemic in America. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register. This program is cosponsored by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library. It will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room. 

ASK A LIBRARIAN BY AMY GARRETT—HEAD OF ADULT SERVICES

The Adult Information desk at our library is always a busy place. Last year they answered 98,749 questions in person and through phone and email. Actual numbers of questions differ from day to day. On average, they answer 130 questions on Sundays, and anywhere from 122 on Saturdays to 346 on Mondays. Amy Garrett is the head of adult services. She provided some of the questions they get on a normal day.

Question: When was the first football game filmed and who were the teams?


Question: I have some leaves and I need to find out what kind they are.

Answer: See our "Tree Identification" books under call number 582.16. We have lots of books in this area that will help you identify your leaves.

Question: I’m looking for books that talk about the history surrounding Thanksgiving.

Answer: We have a book called "Thanksgiving, an American Holiday, and American History" by Diana Karter Applebaum that provides a “thorough and entertaining chronicle of America’s oldest holiday.” Currently it’s in our “Fall into Autumn” display behind our Adult Information Desk. At other times, it is under call number 394.2649 Ap6483t.

FACEBOOK CLASS, NOVEMBER 7, 10:00 A.M.

Are you the only one of your friends who is not on Facebook? Are you interested in finding out how to use it? Come to the Introduction to Facebook Class on Saturday, November 7th at 10:00 a.m. We will teach you all about this social networking program, including how to set up a free account. All you have to do is check in at the Adult Information Desk between 9:30 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. You must have a SMFPL card and have your own email account before you arrive for the class. It’s that simple!

Learn what everybody is talking about at our Facebook Class on Saturday, November 7th.
ELLIE HARDING IS THE “FINE PRINT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH”

Ellie Harding is this month’s “Fine Print Employee of the Month.” She is the perfect choice for this new monthly feature because she is the employee who has been employed here the longest. She recently sat down to answer some questions about her career at the Stow-Munroe Falls Library.

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library? On May 8 it will be 30 years.

What is your current job? I am the Head of Technical Services.

What other jobs have you had while employed at the library? I started as a shelver, I also worked at the check out desk, and of course I worked in tech services.

How would you describe the SMFL? It’s a nice, friendly place to work.

What book would you recommend?

“Eat This, Not That,” by David Zinczenko

What would people be surprised to know about you? This is the only place I have ever worked. I started working here when I was 17 years old. I hadn’t even graduated from high school yet.

“GREAT COURSES” ON CD & DVD BY JIM WILLIAMS

An increasingly popular collection in the library is Great Courses. It features college level lectures on both CD and DVD and covers a wide range of interests: science, the arts, philosophy, religion, history, and linguistics, just to name a few. One of the reasons why the Great Courses have become so popular is the lecturer is an expert in a particular field so that every course is entertaining as well as informative. Each course comes complete with a course outline and bibliography. And, best of all, there is no final exam to worry about!

People who drive a lot will find Great Courses a welcome relief from the tedium of driving and listening to the radio. The courses are also excellent for anyone who wants to learn more about a particular topic or for anyone who just wants to expand his or her knowledge. All of the courses are accessible to the average, intellectually curious person.

Even as a man with a weak math background and strong, unpleasant memories of school math, I still enjoyed The Joy of Mathematics course. While I did not quite experience the “joy” of mathematics, I did find the course instructive, entertaining, and promising. Promising because the instructor, Dr. Arthur Benjamin, is a skilled lecturer whose enthusiasm and explanations make me want to take the entire course over again.

One of the most popular lecturers is Dr. Rufis Fears. Two of his courses, Famous Greeks and Famous Romans, are truly excellent. Dr. Fears is a wonderful storyteller, and that is exactly how he lectures about ancient Greece and Rome. He is a born raconteur. I also thoroughly enjoyed listening to Dr. Fears’ Books That Have Made History, Books That Can Change Your Life. Several times in fact! Dr. Fears does not just talk about a book’s ideas or narrate its plot. He is a gifted story teller who instead tells about a book’s author and the social, political, religious, historical, conditions that existed at the time of the book’s writing. In effect, Fears makes you want to read the book. I enjoyed his lectures so much that I have purchased some of his Great Courses for my own personal use.

Anyone at the Adult Information Desk will be pleased to help you locate the various courses.

“Passionate, erudite, living legend lectures. Academia’s best lecturers are being captured on tape.”

-The Los Angeles Times
My First Try at Origami by Ann Malthaner, Head of PR

Michael Roy Baldridge made it look so easy. His display was very enchanting with a family of penguins here, and a beautifully sculpted horse there. It was even topped off with a delicate, peaceful dove. And on his beret? A whimsical, orange, goldfish. But in reality, origami is a science of valley folds, mountain folds and inverse folds. Michael Roy Baldridge attempted to teach this delicate art to 18 Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library patrons on October 6. Luckily, I was one of them.

Originally, I was just going to watch, but I couldn’t resist trying what Michael was teaching. When he passed beautifully colored sheets of paper around the table, I was hooked. I didn’t even know what we were going to make, but it didn’t matter. First, using the basic types of folds, we made a very simple bird. My confidence began to grow.

Next, Michael announced we were all going to make penguins and he held up one as an example. Everyone was very excited, but inside I secretly wondered if we could do it. Penguins looked pretty hard. But, we all started at the same spot and one fold after another our penguins began to look pretty good. It’s been a little longer than two weeks and my penguin is still sitting here on my desk.

Michael’s origami class consisted of participants ranging from 5th grade to age 70, and had both men and women. But as we left that night we all had something in common besides a small black and white penguin. We all had a feeling of accomplishment. Thank you, Michael.

Library Closing

Due to budget cutbacks, the library will be closed for unpaid staff days on the following:
Friday, October 30, Friday, November 27, and Friday, December 18. We look forward to serving you on the days we are open.

Library Foundation

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation was incorpo-rated 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 Munroes 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.

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 activities. 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.