Back by popular demand, personal chef Sarah Mentzer will present “Holiday Appetizers” on Tuesday, November 22 and “Holiday Desserts” on Thursday, December 8. Two presentations will be available, one from 5 to 6:30 PM and one from 6:30 - 8 PM. Watch her step-by-step cooking demonstrations and taste the sample recipes. Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

Make this Thanksgiving memorable as you celebrate with family and friends. Our books on entertaining will help you put the finishing touches on your holiday meals.
Thinking about giving special gifts this year? Check out our collection for some creative ideas.
Questions
by Ann Malthaner
Marketing & Public Relations Manager

Ever wonder what kinds of questions patrons ask our Reference Staff at the Information Desk? Here’s a sampling from last month’s inquiries!

Fax Service at the Library
Patrons can send faxes at the new machine in the library’s front lobby, which is across from the Circulation Desk. The fax machine takes all major credit, debit and check cards. Faxes sent to locations in the U.S., Canada and the Caribbean cost $1.50 for the first page and $1 for additional pages. Faxes to other locations are $4.95 for the first page and $3.45 for additional pages.

Save the Date
New Date—New Venue: Thursday, April 19, 2012
The Dessert Extravaganza is always a night to remember so you’ll want to mark your calendar for next year’s event, being held at The Silver Lake Country Club. 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 event on Thursday, April 19, 2012. See you then!

W hat role have cranberries played in American History?

Beyond the Native Indians and Pilgrims, General Ulysses S. Grant served cranberries to the troops during the siege of Petersburg in 1864. During World War II, American Troops ate about a million pounds of dehydrated cranberries a year.

W hat triggers leaf fall?

In early autumn, in response to the shortening days and declining intensity of sunlight, leaves begin the processes leading up to their fall. The veins that carry fluids into and out of the leaf gradually close off as a layer of cells forms at the base of each leaf. These clogged veins trap sugars in the leaf and promote production of anthocyanins. Once this separation layer is complete and the connecting tissues are sealed off, the leaf is ready to fall.

H ow many cranberries do Americans eat a year?

In 2006, there were 6,780,000 100-lb. barrels of cranberries harvested. There are about 440 to 540 cranberries in a pound depending on the size of the berries, and 44,000 to 54,000 cranberries in a 100 lb. barrel. That’s 3 to 3.5 billion cranberries harvested a year! In 2006, there were 39,000 acres harvested.
EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH

Betsy Adams
How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have been working here for 23 years.

What is your current job?
I am the Program Coordinator for the Children’s Department.

What other jobs have you had while employed at the library?
I started as a part-time employee. I was an assistant to the Department Head, Carrie Burrier, and a storyteller.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
Not only is it a fun place to work, it reaches far into the community—fantastic children’s and adult programs, great partnership with the schools, outreach, so many books and electric opportunities!

What book would you recommend?

What is your favorite vacation spot?
Any ocean beach—preferably Outer Banks of NC.

What are your hobbies?
Music, sewing, storytelling.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
How “old” I am and that my given name is Susan.

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

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
The wonderful programs—they’re free!

Coffee with the Editor

Network with your neighbors and meet Stow Sentry Senior Editor Marsha McKenna for coffee and conversation in the Stow Room at the library. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, November 2 at 9:15 AM. Registration is not required.
Enjoy feature films on the library’s brand-new entertainment system, complete with a ceiling-mounted projector, big screen and new speakers. Popcorn, soda and the movie are free. Movies start at 1 P.M. on Wednesdays: Nov. 2, 9, 16, 23 & 30 in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room. There is no need to register. Just drop in.

**Programming Schedule:**
- **Nov. 2**: Captain America: The First Avenger *PG-13* ©Paramount
- **Nov. 9**: Pirates of the Caribbean: On Stranger Tides *PG-13* ©Touchstone
- **Nov. 16**: Larry Crowne *PG-13* ©Universal
- **Nov. 23**: Super 8 *PG-13* ©Paramount
- **Nov. 30**: Crazy, Stupid, Love *PG-13* ©Warner

These programs will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room and are cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

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**Tree & Wreath Auction**

Pat Catan’s and the Friends of the Library are co-sponsoring the bi-annual Miniature Tree and Wreath Auction. All proceeds benefit programming at your favorite library! The silent auction will open bidding at 9 A.M. on November 2nd, and will take final bids at 3 P.M. on November 23rd. Winners will be notified by phone.
Don’t miss these great programs at your library!
- Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register.
The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation presents

Tax Free IRA Distributions

Tues., Nov. 29
10:30 AM

Individuals aged 70½ or older can distribute up to $100,000 of their IRAs to charitable organizations and enjoy significant tax savings. Learn more about this tax planning option at a roundtable discussion on November 29 with Library Foundation members, Linda Trevorrow, CPA and Attorney Thomas Houlihan, and PNC Bank financial advisors, Donald Conrad and David Ionno. Registration begins October 24. Call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 or stop by the Information Desk to register. Light refreshments will be served. This program will be held in the Conference Room at the library and is sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation.

Inheritance Release Party

Monday, Nov. 7, 2011
7:00 PM

Celebrate the release of Christopher Paolini’s latest book in his popular young adult fantasy series at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Inheritance, which will be released the next day, November 8, concludes the cycle of novels which began with Eragon, and continued with Eldest and Brisingr. Teens are invited to discuss the series and plot possibilities for the final book, play Eragon trivia and other games, and enjoy snacks. Three copies of Inheritance will be given away as door prizes. The event is free, but registration is encouraged. Please call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 to register. For more information about this event, please contact Ann Malthaner or Mary McDonald at 330-688-3295, extension 228 or 110.