Join us on Tuesday, November 10 at 7 PM as local photographer Rob Blair shares stories and experiences behind some of his personal favorite nature photos for the first time. It will be a fun-filled, interactive journey that will not only include the “how,” but the “why” behind the images he captures. Nature photography can be much more than a hobby, it’s a powerful medium that has the ability to change the way we see our world. Don’t miss this opportunity to explore the power of modern nature photography from a fresh, new perspective. Click here to register or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. This program is cosponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

About the Speaker:
Rob is a freelance professional photographer and videographer. He has always enjoyed exploring the beauty of creation and finding fresh ways to share the memorable experiences he encounters. Rob was born and raised in Northeastern Ohio and he comes from a long line of artists on both sides of his family. By the Spring of 2012, still photography emerged to become his most prominent artistic frontier and he has been snapping countless photos ever since. He specializes in landscapes, wildlife and macro photography, though he occasionally does events and portrait work. For more information, click here to visit his website.
Wanting to add a few healthy dishes to your holiday dinners? Check out some books recommended by Chef Giulia!

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Click to link!
Volunteer of the Year

Diana Tirpak

Each year, our staff votes to elect a Volunteer of the Year. We are grateful to have so many generous and hardworking individuals pitching in to make our library great. This year, we congratulate Diana Tirpak for winning this well-deserved award! Diana is vice president of the Friends of the Library and has been a board member since 2010. She takes hundreds of puzzles home and counts their pieces before they are sold at the Book Sale. Diana is so dedicated that she celebrated her last birthday with her family in the back room preparing for the sale.

Diana’s volunteerism extends far beyond the confines of our library’s walls. We asked her to share her personal story with our readers. Here are some insights into her dedication. Thank you for all your hard work, Diana!

“T
his is a very special award for me because if I had had my ‘druthers I would have been a librarian. I accept the award also on behalf of my family who helps me. I am old and want for very little so my birthday and Christmas lists are very short: Give me six days to help with the Friends book sales. And so Jake (who is also an honorary life member of the Friends), Karen, Sabrina, David and Adam do just that. Doug and Liz, and our grandchildren, Ava and Ian cheer us on from Maryland.

Volunteering has always been in my blood since I was a little girl. I first volunteered in the fourth grade during the Cleveland Public Schools summer playground programs. I have continued to volunteer all of my life. My other volunteering is done at The Gathering Place which is a community organization for patients and families who have been touched by cancer. I have also volunteered, albeit not voluntarily, to be in a clinical trial to receive an umbilical cord stem cell transplant when I was diagnosed with leukemia 10 years ago. After my transplant I spoke before groups on behalf of the Cleveland Cord Blood Bank and to the Ohio House of Representatives for the successful passage of House Bill 102 which provides for educational information and materials to expecting parents on options for umbilical cord banking and donations. An exciting experience for me was to participate in a CNN health segment about my cancer journey and the need for cord donations. My volunteering is just a very small way of trying to pass my gratitude forward.

I graduated from the St. Luke’s Hospital School of Nursing, Cleveland, Ohio 40+ years ago, married, had three children, was guardian to my three nephews and continued my education to receive a BSN from Cleveland State University and a Master’s degree in health education from Kent State University. Along my nursing journey I have been the president of the Ohio School Nurses Association and was honored to be both the Ohio School Nurse of the Year and the National School Nurse of the year. I am also one of the Distinguished Alumni of the St. Luke’s School of Nursing.”

Work for a cause, not for applause.
Live life to express, not to impress.
Don’t strive to make your presence noticed.
Just make your absence felt.

—Author Unknown

Diana & Jake Tirpak
This is my dog Brady. He was adopted from the Portage County APL in 2009. They found him wandering on Brady Lake Road and named him Brady and I never changed his name. He is about 8 years old now but I don’t really know his true age. Brady is a true mixed breed dog. A DNA test showed he is Chinese Shar Pei, Rhodesian Ridgeback, Collie, Beagle and Sheltie. Besides being the sweetest dog in the world, what is most unique is that sometimes both ears are down, sometimes one ear is up and one ear is down, and on rare occasions both ears stand straight up. ●

Chris Caccamo is one of our Reference Associates.

She's been employed here at the library for 20 years.

This is her dog Brady... "the sweetest dog in the world".
"I’m from Brazil and I’ve been living here for ten years. So, now I come here to improve my English. That is my goal: to learn more English at the library."

"I just recently discovered the library. I like to get books and movies from the huge selection. I also get audiobooks to listen on my way to and from work."

—Christian

"I come to the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library because it’s free from distractions. It’s a great place for me to study and get my work done."

—Megan

As in the popular book and blog ‘Humans of New York,’ we have so many patrons and volunteers with stories to tell about how the library has impacted their own personal lives. In this section we’d like to introduce just a few and ask you to consider how the library has impacted you. Click here for more information about the book, ‘Humans of New York’.
Wacky Science Show

Join us on Saturday, November 14 at 1 PM for our first-ever, fun, and educational, Wacky Science Show with Mr. Science, Doug Scheer! More than just whiz, bang, poof and pop, this show puts science in the hands of more than a dozen onstage volunteers. This is the only show to ever win Dow Chemical’s Touch-Tech Award for excellence in hands-on science education. Laugh and have fun while learning science! This family program is geared towards children in grades K-5. Come get your free tickets beginning Saturday, November 7. This program is provided by the Paul Eisenzimmer Memorial Fund.

Adventure Time at Spike’s Place

Travel to the Land of Ooo for Adventure Time during this library event for grades 2 to 4 on Saturday, November 21 at 2 PM. Choose your character: Finn, Jake, Fionna, or Cake and participate in several Adventure Time activities. Make a foam sword, traverse your way through a giant floor maze to visit Marceline in the Nightosphere, draw a room in Finn and Jake’s treehouse for a group art project and go “fishing” for Adventure Time characters. Registration required starting Monday, November 9.

Teen Talk

Teen Craftapalooza

Exercise your creative juices and try a new craft or make a gift for a friend or relative on Wednesday, November 11 at 7 PM. Make something out of polymer clay, make a paper craft, create some bead jewelry, or assemble a felt “plushie” creature. All supplies provided. For teens in grades 6 to 12. Registration suggested, by calling (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or by emailing teenlibrarian@smfpl.org with your name, grade, and phone number.
Healthy Drinks & Snacks!

It’s time to snack healthy at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. We now have a Healthier4U Vending Machine for our patrons. Snacking is a good opportunity to fuel your body between meals. Healthy snacks ensure you won’t be ravenous come mealtime. Healthier4U helps us promote the choice to eat healthy and nourish the mind and body with better snacking options. The machine features Credit/Debit card readers [Visa, MasterCard, Apple Pay, and Google Wallet] to allow for cashless and easy payment.

Spanish Conversation Group

Fridays: November 13 & 20 @ 3 PM: Feeling a little bit rusty on your Spanish-speaking skills? Come join Maria Brett, a native speaker, in our upstairs Computer Lab to brush up on your español. This is a great opportunity to meet new people and to converse in a comfortable, relaxed environment. Registration is encouraged but not required. Call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or click here to register.

*This is not a group for homework help or tutoring.*
Fall is upon us! The weather is cooler, the leaves are changing colors, and it’s a great time to cozy up to a good book. Looking for a good read? Check out these new titles:

**The Mapmaker’s Children** by Sarah McCoy

“When the daughter of abolitionist John Brown realizes that her artistic talent could save lives, Sarah Brown becomes a mapmaker of the Underground Railroad, hiding maps within her paintings. As civil war looms, Sarah learns that she cannot bear children and faces difficult sacrifices. …Eden is a modern woman desperate to conceive a child with her husband. Moving to an old house in the suburbs, she finds the hidden remains of an Underground Railroad doll with an extraordinary past of secret messages, danger and deliverance.”

**The Heart Goes Last** by Margaret Atwood

“Living in their car, surviving on tips, Charmaine and Stan are in a desperate state. So, when they see an advertisement for Consilience, a ‘social experiment’ offering stable jobs and a home of their own, they sign up immediately. All they have to do in return for suburban paradise is give up their freedom every second month – swapping their home for a prison cell. At first, all is well. But then, unknown to each other, Stan and Charmaine develop passionate obsessions with their ‘Alternates,’ the couple that occupy their house when they are in prison. Soon the pressures of conformity, mistrust, guilt and sexual desire begin to take over.”

**Villa America** by Liza Klaussmann

“When Sara Wiborg and Gerald Murphy married, they set forth to create a beautiful world together – one they couldn’t find in New York City. Packing up their children, they moved to the South of France and fell in with a group of expats that included Hemingway, Picasso, and Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald. They built Villa America, and invented summer on the Riviera for a group of bohemian artists and writers. It was a charmed life. But these were people who kept secrets, and who beneath the sparkling veneer were heartbreakingly human.”

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 Jackie McCloud at (330) 688-3295 ext. 129.
# Upcoming Events

Adult Programming Highlights for **November 2015**

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**November 17**

- Book Discussion: Gift from the Sea
- Transition to Plant-Based Meals
- Tech Tuesday
- Family Folklore
- Tech Thursday
- Book Discussion: The Bluest Eye
- Antique Appraisals
- Spanish Conversation Group
- Tech Tuesday
- LIBRARY CLOSES @ 5 PM
- November 26 & 27*

**November 26 & 27**

- LIBRARY CLOSED
- *Due to electrical work.

Although Antique Appraisals on November 19 is **FULL**, spectators are welcome and do not need to register.

**Click here for**

- Children's Programs
- Teen Programs
**Fast Facts**

*Monthly Statistics for September 2015*

- Items Checked Out: 63,917
- Library Visitors: 21,796
- eBooks: 5,284
- Digital Magazines Accessed: 143
- Freegal Music Downloads: 1,026
- Hoopla Downloads: 618
- New Library Cards: 258

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**Mini Health Fair**

Nursing students from Kent State University will be at the library on Tuesday, Nov. 10 from 9 to 11:30 AM to provide information on improving health for all ages. These students wish to educate, inform, and advance your knowledge on current health issues within the community. Information will be available on the topics of immunizations, mental health, sexually transmitted infections, and nutrition.

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**Tech Thursday: 1 - 5 PM**

Tech Tuesday is so popular that we’ve expanded to Tech Thursday! First come, first served assistance in setting up and familiarizing yourself with your mobile device and learning how to download free books, audiobooks, movies, magazines and more from the library’s digital collection.

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**It’s Community Cash Back Time!**

Help us earn 5% cash back… It’s easy! Buy store brands at your local Acme Fresh Market and save your receipts dated August 20, 2015 – January 6, 2016. Place your receipts in our collection box located across from the Circulation Desk and Acme will donate 5% cash back to the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library!

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**Library Closing for In-Service**

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed on Friday, November 6 for Staff In-Service Day. The book drop will be open for returns. Fines will not be charged for that day.

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**Dessert Extravaganza Committee**

Interested in helping on the Dessert Extravaganza Committee this year? We are looking for people who can help get corporate sponsorships, sell tickets and find silent auction gifts. The Dessert Extravaganza is the Library Foundation’s major fundraiser of the year. Over the last nine years, it has raised over $100,000 for the library. All of the money raised stays at our library and is used for major projects that are not possible with taxpayer money alone. These projects include, the electronic sign at Darrow Road (in conjunction with the Friends of the Library), the mural going up the stairs to the children’s room, the floor in the story hour room, the conference room furniture, and a new outreach vehicle that will be purchased in 2016. If you are interested, please email Ann Malthaner at amalthaner@smfpl.org or Cindy Pribonic at cpjpcircle82@yahoo.com. Thank you!

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**New Movies**

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

- *90 Minutes in Heaven*
- *American Ultra*
- *Amy*
- *Dope*
- *The End of the Tour*
- *The Gift*
- *Inside Out*
- *Jerusalem*
- *Jurassic World*
- *The Man from U.N.C.L.E.*
- *Meru*
- *Mistress America*
- *Mr. Holmes*
- *No Escape*
- *Ricki and the Flash*
- *Self/less*
- *Shaun the Sheep Movie*
- *Terminator Genisys*
- *Vacation*
- *We Are Your Friends*