From pacifiers to night lights, there are plenty of things we outgrow as we age, but reading picture books should not be one of them. Despite what you may think, picture books aren't just for kids. November is Picture Book Month, so if you can't remember the last time you read one of these books, we invite you to indulge your inner child!

We have 12,000 picture books in our collection! Click here to take a trip down memory lane or see page 5 for suggestions from our Children's Staff. We believe these titles will warm the hearts of all readers—young and old alike.

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*Dr. Seuss*’s *The Lorax*

“Fantastic Fun for Everyone!”
Puzzle & Game Sale

Looking for a special gift for the holidays? Don’t miss the fantastic bargains at the Friends of the Library Puzzle Sale on Saturday, December 2 (10 AM - 5 PM) and Sunday, December 3 (1 - 4 PM). These puzzles and games are in beautiful condition, ready to present as gifts complete with ribbons and bows.

The Friends have a big selection of puzzles and games for the sale right now. Also, game and puzzle donations are coming in steadily since the Fall Book Sale. New donations will be added to the December sale as time allows for volunteers to count pieces or put puzzles together. Puzzle and game price labels will indicate the count of pieces in the box; or the label will say “Complete” if the puzzle has been put together and all pieces are included. Puzzles and games will be priced as marked on the label.

This sale will be held in the lobby of the library and is free and open to the public. Friends accept credit and debit card payments as well as cash and personal checks. Watch the Friends Book Sale Facebook page for preview photos of some of the puzzles that will be in the sale. This sale is cosponsored by the Friends and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Art Gallery Exhibit featuring Jessica Hoskins

November Exhibit: Jessica Hoskins is a local illustrator who loves to explore themes of motivation, dilemma, and truth through stories involving the supernatural and the alien, using her art to express adventure through the dramatic. A graduate of Stow-Munroe Falls High School and the University of Akron, she currently works in Kent and resides in Stow with her two daughters and husband, Adam.

Jessica’s exhibit is entitled I Am No Bird. I Am No Bird is a highly illustrative mixed media art exhibit. The focus of the exhibit is the process of character realization and design leading to finished compositions. Jessica’s work is influenced by fantasy and anime and is targeted to a young adult audience but is appropriate for all ages.

The Art Gallery is located on the wall to the left of the main entrance on the first floor of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Click here to see upcoming shows.
Adult Programming Highlights for November 2017

Click on any program for description and registration information.

November 1
Popcorn & a Movie
1 PM
Jazz Concert
6:30 PM

November 2
Family Folklore
10:30 AM
Tech Thursday
10 AM & 2 PM
Trivia Night
6:30 PM

November 3
Spanish Conversation Group
3 PM

November 6
Bob Evans Fundraiser for Library Foundation
all day
Book Discussion:
Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood
7 PM

November 7
Tech Tuesday
1 - 5 PM

November 8
Popcorn & a Movie
1 PM
Art Workshop:
Dancers in Blue
6 PM

November 9
Family Folklore
10:30 AM
Tech Thursday
1 - 5 PM & 7 - 8:30 PM

November 10
LIBRARY CLOSED

November 13
Book Discussion:
The Zookeeper's Wife: A War Story
10 AM & 2 PM
Bridge Club
12:45 PM

November 14
Tech Tuesday
1 - 5 PM
Cooking Class—Morocco:
Around the World on a Plate
5 & 6:30 PM
Book Discussion:
The German Girl
7 PM

November 15
Popcorn & a Movie
1 PM

November 16
Family Folklore
10:30 AM
Tech Thursday
1 - 5 PM

November 17
Spanish Conversation Group
3 PM

November 18
Tech Tuesday
1 - 5 PM & 7 - 8:30 PM

November 22
LIBRARY CLOSING AT 5 PM

November 23
LIBRARY CLOSED

November 28
Tech Tuesday
1 - 5 PM
Book Discussion:
How Green Was My Valley
7 PM

November 30
Family Folklore
10:30 AM
Tech Thursday
1 - 5 PM
Penning a Name

—by Amy Garrett, Head of Information Services

If you have ever read a book by Jayne Castle or Amanda Quick, you were actually reading books written by Jayne Ann Krentz. Have you read books by Robert Galbraith? If so, you were actually reading a book written by novelist turned billionaire J.K. Rowling.

What is the purpose of pen names or nom de plumes which is the literary term for pseudonyms? There are several reasons. A pen name may be used to make that author’s name more distinctive, or to disguise his or her gender. It may also be used to distance an author from some or all of their previous works. This was the case for J.K. Rowling as she writes under her pen name for The Strike Series. “I was yearning to go back to the beginning of a writing career in this new genre, to work without hype or expectation and to receive totally unvarnished feedback,” she said.

Pen names have been around for a long time. Back in the 1800’s, Samuel Langhorne Clemens wrote as Mark Twain. During the last century, Theodore Seuss Geisel also known as (aka) Theo LeSieg wrote as beloved children’s author, Dr. Seuss. Other historic authors who wrote using a pen name include Agatha Christie, who wrote six romance novels under the name Mary Westmacott. Benjamin Franklin, who wrote a series of “charming” letters that were published in an American newspaper under the name, Mrs. Silence Dogood. More recently, Marguerite Annie Johnson combined a childhood nickname with a version of her ex-husband’s last name to write as Maya Angelou.

Franklin W. Dixon of Hardy Boys and Carolyn Keene of the Nancy Drew books were both pseudonyms for several ghostwriters.

Currently, many authors use pen names for a variety of reasons. Stephen King published four novels under the name Richard Bachman because his publisher didn’t think that readers would buy more than one novel per year from a single author.

Novels by Barbara Mertz have been published under the names Elizabeth Peters or Barbara Michaels to separate them from her academic publications.

Women who write in genres normally written by men sometimes choose to use initials, such as S.E. Hinton (author of The Outsiders) and J.D. Robb aka Nora Roberts.

And who hasn’t heard of Fifty Shades of Grey? Well, you may not know that E.L. James is the pen name of Erika Leonard, who was born Erika Mitchell. Sharon Kava is an American author of psychological suspense novels and writes as Alex Kava. Diana Kyle writes as Diana Palmer and Janet Quin-Harkin writes as mystery author Rhys Bowen. Tallmadge resident and Hudson Library and Historical Society employee and author Amanda Flower sometimes writes as Isabella Alan.

Some authors write “collectively.” Erin Hunter is a collective pseudonym used by the authors Victoria Holmes, Kate Cary, Cherith Baldry, Gillian Philip, Inbali Iserles, Tui T. Sutherland and Rosie Best. For those who may be unfamiliar with “her” works, she is a children’s author who has penned the Warriors and Seekers series, among others.

K.J. Larsen is another collective pseudonym used for three sisters—Julianne, Kristen, and Kari Larsen—who write mysteries that are often laugh-out-loud funny.

Also, Nicci French is the collective name for the British crime fiction team of Nicci Gerrad and Sean French.

Looking for a new author? Check out these pen names to discover someone new!
Miss Amy recommends...

“We all need a dose of optimism that this picture book brings!”

“A classic tale that teaches us that friends love us even with all of our flaws.”

“A picture book that teaches us to dream. We can all be kings for a night if we want to be.”

Miss Kristin recommends...

“A funny story that showcases the long-term value of nonviolence.”

“A fairly new book about kindness.”

“Find your STORIES!”

Miss Lydia recommends...

“A picture book is just right for fall weather!”

“Find your STORIES!”

Picture Books that Adults Should Read
1. **Origin**
   - Dan Brown
   - A symbology professor goes on a perilous quest with a beautiful museum director.

2. **Sleeping Beauties**
   - Stephen King
   - Women who fall asleep become shrouded in cocoons while men battle one another.

3. **Fairytale**
   - Danielle Steel
   - Camille Lamanais is forced to deal with tragedy and unexpected dangers.

4. **Column of Fire**
   - Ken Follett
   - Lovers find themselves on opposite sides of a conflict.

5. **The Rules of Magic**
   - Alice Hoffman
   - Three singular siblings try to break a family curse.

6. **The Cuban Affair**
   - Nelson DeMille
   - A Miami lawyer solicits an Army veteran to go on a secret mission.

7. **Manhattan Beach**
   - Jennifer Egan
   - A female diver during WWII tries to understand why her father disappeared.

8. **The Girl Who Takes an Eye for an Eye**
   - Stieg Larsson
   - Lisbeth Salander seeks to uncover the secrets of her childhood.

9. **Don’t Let Go**
   - Harlan Coben
   - A detective uncovers clues about personal events that happened 15 years ago.

10. **Macomber**
    - A temp is given a social life when family members create an online dating profile for her.

11. **Haunted**
    - James Patterson
    - A New York detective on vacation in Maine is enlisted to help solve a crime in the woods.

12. **Little Fires Everywhere**
    - Celeste Ng
    - An artist upends a quiet town outside Cleveland.

13. **To Be Where You Are**
    - Jan Karon
    - The 14th novel in the Mitford series.

14. **Before We Were Yours**
    - Lisa Wingate
    - A South Carolina lawyer learns about an orphanage that kidnapped children.

15. **A Legacy of Spies**
    - John le Carré
    - Peter Guillam is pulled out of retirement to defend intelligence operations during the cold war.

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MOVIE NIGHT!

Coming soon to our shelves.

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Most titles have been ordered and added to our catalog.
Just for Kids

Large Play Equipment
Let’s face it – winter is coming. No more picnics, trips to the park, or days at the pool. But don’t worry! The library provides plenty of indoor activities for your little ones. Not only do we have comfy furniture, books, magazines, movies, music, programs and crafts, but we also have large play equipment. Bring your child to Spike’s Place where they can sail a boat, climb a bridge, conduct a train, and explore the new Reading Tree!

See Animals at the Library
Sat., November 18, 10:30 AM: Families, join us for a special program called Feathers, Fur and Scales given by a Lake Metroparks Wildlife Naturalist on Saturday, November 18 at 10:30 AM. What animals are covered with feathers? What animals are born with fur or scales? Learn these answers and meet several Wildlife Center permanent residents face-to-face and discover where they live, their favorite foods, their hunting techniques and many more facts about the lives of Ohio’s animals. Stick around to the end of the program for some hands-on fun with pelts, skins, etc. This program is geared towards ages 3-11, but families with any age child are welcome. Free tickets are required, available beginning November 11.
**Teen Talk**  
—by Christina Getrost, Teen Librarian

**Front Lines** by Michael Grant

Have you ever wondered what World War II would have been like if girls and women fought in the armed forces along with boys and men? Front Lines tells the stories of three teen girls who volunteer to join the Army in 1942 after the Supreme Court decides that females are to be drafted equally with males. One wants to impress a boy she likes; another girl wants to become a spy; the third just needs a steady paycheck to help support their family. All three of them go through basic training and then are shipped out to various battles of the war. I loved the idea of girls on the front lines, being as strong as the boys. The author pulls no punches when it comes to the battle scenes and the discrimination that all three girls experience (fair warning that this book contains a lot of strong language among soldiers, as well as the racial slurs and sexist language of the era). A compelling war story and a feminist story, a great alternate history with complex characters you’ll be rooting for, that portrays both the madness of war and the beauty of patriotism. There is a sequel, “Silver Stars.”

**Invictus** by Ryan Graudin

A fun and romantic time-travel science fiction adventure, Invictus stars a team of teens who travel into the past to steal very valuable artifacts for their boss, a shady mobster-type guy who sells the rare items, long thought to be lost to history, for millions. Farway, our hero, was born “outside of time,” which soon poses a problem as the team encounters a strange new time traveling girl who interferes with their missions. And time itself may be in trouble!

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**Life-Sized Candy Land**  
**Sat., December 2, 10 AM - 2 PM:** Make your way through the Gumdrop Mountain, Peppermint Forest and more on our life-sized Candy Land board, stopping to collect candies along the way. Don’t forget to visit the Story Time Room when your game is done to enjoy a special treat! No registration is required, but families do need to check in at the children’s information counter when they arrive that day to get a number to play the game. We will see you on Saturday, December 2 between 10 AM and 2 PM for this annual family event.

**Words In Deep Blue** by Cath Crowley

An Australian-set romance that is a story of not just the love growing between two teens, but also a story of the love of reading and books, and how books play a big role in so many people’s lives. Our lovers are Rachel and Henry, who were best friends and crushes until Rachel moved out of town; when she moves back to Henry’s town three years later, they’ve grown apart over missed letters and misunderstandings, and new boyfriends and new girlfriends, as well as family shakeups and tragedy. You know they’re going to eventually fall back in love with each other, but it takes a while for all of the obstacles to be overcome. Henry’s family’s bookstore has a “Letter Library,” a case of special donated books that are never sold, because they contain handwritten notes in the margins about how a particular book affected the owner, or letters of correspondence between two people. Someone can leave a note in a book, and the other person comes in later, opens that book and reads their note, then responds to it. Some of the notes are to people who are no longer around, and a large part of the novel deals with grief and the grieving process. Rachel gets a job cataloging this library of notes. It’s a sweet story, that will leave its readers remembering all of the special books they read and how they were affected by them.
Say What?!

We recently received a letter from 1819 written in support of Stephen Butler’s renewal of a license for a house of entertainment. Yes, in Stow! It is signed by thirteen town leaders, including William Wetmore (1804 pioneer and Joshua Stow’s land agent), William’s brother Titus Wetmore (Stow’s first postmaster), and Stephen W. Butler, son of Stephen Butler.

The signers of this document recommended that Stephen Butler, being a man of good character, be able to renew his license for a house of entertainment. The license was renewed for a fee of just $6.

We want to thank long-time Stow resident Robert Wade for his generous donation of this letter. It has been digitized and is available for viewing here.

Want to know more? Our Local History Librarian, Beth Daugherty, wrote a complete description of this letter. Click here to view it.

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Fast Facts for September 2017

- Items Checked Out: 56,916
- Library Visitors: 21,070
- eBooks: 6,122
- Freegal Music Downloads & Streaming: 2,639
- New Items Added to Collection: 1,229
- Hoopla Downloads: 1,147
- Flipster Magazines: 271
- New Library Cards: 288
- Items Collected for Fine Free Fridays: 139

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