Regina Brett wears many hats. She is a columnist for the Cleveland Plain Dealer, and an award winning author. She recently started hosting a weekly inspirational radio show on WKSU called “The Regina Brett Show”.

Regina is the author of God Never Blinks: 50 Lessons for Life’s Little Detours. Her book is an inspirational collection of essays and stories about the lessons life taught her along the detours of life.

She was named a Pulitzer Prize finalist twice, in 2009 and 2008 for columns she wrote for The Plain Dealer, Ohio’s largest newspaper.

God Never Blinks was written by popular demand. When Regina turned 50, she wrote a column on the 50 lessons life taught her. A life as an unwed mother, a single parent for 18 years, a life searching for love and finally finding it at 40, a life interrupted by breast cancer at age 41, and a life that reflects the ups and downs, twists and turns we all face, but usually not all in one lifetime.

Readers love the column. They post it on their refrigerators. They carry it in their wallets. They tuck it in their purses. They email it all over the country. It has appeared on thousands of blogs and has been reprinted all around the world.

Regina will be at our library to discuss her book on Tuesday, November 16 at 7:00 p.m. Her book will be available for purchase. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the information desk to register.

**Meet Author Regina Brett November 16**

**WE NEED YOUR VOTE TO WIN $10,000!**

Your vote is worth $10,000 to us! If you have been in our library during the last month you have seen our Playaway Display at our courtesy desk. Our playaway display is 1 of the top 10 finalists out of hundreds of displays in the nationwide Playaway Contest Competition! Please vote for us at http://vote.playaway.com/stow. The winning library will receive $10,000! Selection will be based entirely on the number of online votes received by December 17, 2010. Be sure to tell your family and friends!

What is a Playaway? Playaway is the simplest way to listen to audio on the go. Each Playaway comes with the digital content already pre-loaded on it and a battery to make it play. Simply plug in earbuds and enjoy. Our library has a great selection of titles to choose from.

Our Library Foundation member, Nadine Chapman, helped make this great display. Your vote could help us win $10,000!
Is it possible to make a vegetarian (meatless) mincemeat pie? Yes. Authentic mincemeat contains beef and beef suet. There are several recipes that substitute green tomatoes for a low fat, vegetarian mincemeat pie. You can find a recipe for this in the book *Passionate Vegetarian*. Look on our shelves for call number 641.5636.

Do you lend out anything besides books, DVDs and CDs? The Children’s Department lends out beautiful large hand puppets. They have 99 puppets to choose from. You can find a bear, a panda and even a police officer puppet! Most of these were donated in memory of Children’s Librarian Linda Potter. The puppets are washed by the Children’s Department staff on a regular basis!

The Teen Department lends out video games for PS2, PS3, Wii and Xbox360. Our library owns some of the games. The other games are part of a rotating collection that is changed every 3 months. Come in and see what’s new!

Who was known as the “Popcorn King” of Stow?

Floyd Darrow, a descendant of Stow Township surveyor, Joseph Darrow, who lived at the Stow-Hudson border was known as the “Popcorn King” of Stow. His family began growing and selling corn for popcorn in the 1930’s. Customers could drive up to a window and buy the raw popcorn without having to get out of the car! His house and artifacts were donated to the Stow Historical Society and are now located at the Heritage Reserve in Stow.

Read more about Stow and Munroe Falls history in the new book, *Images of America, Stow and Munroe Falls* by our Local History Librarian, Beth Daugherty.

Meet the Author—Beth Daugherty

Take a trip down memory lane with local history librarian Beth Daugherty as she presents “Images of America: Stow & Munroe Falls” on Saturday, November 6 at 1:00 p.m. Daugherty’s book includes more than 200 images and captions from throughout the history of Stow and Munroe Falls, and is broken down into six chapters—early days; unique people and special places; school days; neighborhood clubs and organizations; worshipping, shopping and doing business; and two communities looking toward the future. Books will be available for signing and purchase. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

New DVDs Purchased

The following movies are being purchased by our library for the month of November. Remember... holds can be placed on these items if they are already in the catalog.

**November**
- Toy Story 3
- Grown Ups
- Charlie St. Cloud
- Scott Pilgrim vs. the World
- Ramona and Beezus
- Disney’s A Christmas Carol

- The Last Airbender
- Cats and Dogs: The Revenge of Kitty Galore
- Exit Through the Gift Shop
- Eat Pray Love
- The Sorcerer’s Apprentice
- Knight and Day
Reference Associate Susan Falkman has worked at our library for 6 years and currently works at the Information Desk. She handles the Interlibrary loan requests and teaches Introductory Computer Classes. She is this month’s “Fine Print Employee of the Month.”

How would you describe the SMFPL? Bustling. We always seem to have a lot of traffic at the Information Desk. People always need our assistance.


What is your favorite vacation spot? The beach. Any beach. I love to travel. I’ve seen many states but I haven’t made it abroad.

What are your hobbies? Organic gardening, cooking, reading, writing, playing and listening to music, watching movies, pets, researching, volleyball.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I watch the extended version of “The Lord of the Rings” every winter. I love airplanes and the history of flight and cars. I have an MA in English from CWRU and an MLIS from KSU. I took surfing lessons in Myrtle Beach this summer and I just learned how to can tomatoes.

Here are some hot reads and cool picks for fall teen reading, when you’re in the mood for some real-life drama—

Fascinated by Twilight and the movie’s stars? Check out a new biography: Stephenie Meyer: Queen of Twilight, by Chas Newkey-Burden; or Bonded By Blood: Robert Pattinson & Taylor Lautner, by Garrett

For the “Gleeks” and fans of show choirs: The Completely Unofficial Glee A to Z by Sarah Oliver, or Pitch

Perfect: The Quest for Collegiate Acapella Glory by Mickey Rapkin

Into sports or music? Try The Sports Illustrated Hockey Book, or An Oral Visual History By the Red Hot Chili Peppers

Feeling adventurous? These new titles will tempt you to do more than exploration by armchair: Finders Keepers: A Tale of Archaeological Plunder and Obsession, by Craig Childs, or The Last Man on the Mountain: The Death of an American Adventurer on K-2, by Jennifer Jordan

Indulge your creative side with: Digital Photo Madness! 50 Weird and Wacky Things To Do With Your Digital Camera, by Thom Gaines, or Totally Twisted: Innovative Wirework and Art Glass Jewelry, by Kerry Bogert

Science buffs will want to read The Encyclopedia of Weather and Climate Change or Amber: The Natural Time Capsule, by Andrew Ross—which has lots of fascinating closeup photos of insects trapped in amber, and explains how to tell a genuine amber artifact from a fake.

True stories, amazing facts, and biographies of famous people are found on the Teen shelves. Check them out for yourself!
NEW BOOK ALERT

The following books by popular authors are scheduled for release in November 2010. Our library will purchase these titles as soon as they are available. You can put a hold on them as soon as the title appears in our catalog. And don’t forget about our Bestseller’s Club! Join the Bestsellers Club by selecting up to TEN of your favorite authors. Your name will automatically be placed on the reserve list for these popular authors. Although we can’t guarantee how near to the top of the list you’ll be, it’s one less thing you’ll have to do. We’ll add your name to the waiting list and let you know when your book is ready to check out. Your membership in the Bestsellers Club will be effective with next month’s new releases. Just go to our website at www.smfpl.org. The Bestsellers tab is on our homepage and you can put a hold on the forthcoming new books in our catalog.

David Baldacci—Hell’s Corner
Steve Berry—Emperor’s Tomb
Patricia Cornwell—Port Mortuary
Clive Cussler—Crescent Dawn
Jeffrey Deaver—Edge
Fannie Flag—I still Dream About You
Robert Jordan—Towers of Midnight
Stephen King—Full Dark, No Stars
James Patterson—Cross Fire
Anne Rice—Of Love and Evil
Anita Shreve—Rescue

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

We will be closed on Friday, November 12 for a Staff Development Day. We will close at 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 24 and we will be closed all day on Thursday November 25 for Thanksgiving. We will reopen on Friday at 9:00 a.m.

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.

Front Row: Linda Trevorrow, Treasurer; Kelley Cerroni, Vice President; Julie Gedeon, President; Ann Lucco, Secretary. Back Row: Jane Mead, David Renninger, Ruth Reedy, Cindy Pribonic, Thomas Houlihan, Ann Malthaner, Doug Dotterer. Not pictured: Pamela Anderson, Nadine Chapman, Carolyn Radcliff

Friends officers for 2010 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. Interested in giving to the Foundation? Go to www.smfpl.org/library/foundation/about_foundation