A Letter from Josephine Pardee Hallauer

STOW HAD MANY SUPERIOR INSTITUTIONS. THE SCHOOLS, THE CHURCHES, ALL THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE, BUT THE ONE THAT GREATLY INFLUENCED MY LIFE WAS THE LIBRARY, OVER AND ABOVE ALL!

I VIVIDLY RECALL MY FIRST TRIP TO THE LIBRARY, WHEN IT WAS LOCATED IN THE OLD TOWN HALL, DOWN AT THE "CORNERS" AS WE CALLED IT. I WAS FIVE YEARS OLD. HOLDING TIGHTLY TO MY MOTHER'S HAND, WE WALKED THE LESS-THAN-A-BLOCK TO THAT VENERABLE BUILDING. THE LIBRARIAN GREETED BOTH OF US, BUT I DIDN'T NOTICE. I WAS OBLIVIOUS. BOOKS! EVERYWHERE, BOOKS ON ALL SIDES OF ME! ALL AROUND THE WALL, ON THE TABLES, EVERYWHERE! SHE SHOWED ME WHERE THE CHILDREN'S BOOKS WERE AND IT DIDN'T TAKE LONG, WITH MOTHER'S HELP, TO CHOOSE ONE, THE COCK, THE MOUSE AND THE LITTLE RED HEN. STILL A CLASSIC CHILDREN'S STORY TODAY.

I ALREADY KNEW HOW TO READ, EVEN THOUGH I HADN'T BEGUN SCHOOL. THE EADER GIRLS, WHO LIVED NEXT DOOR, PLAYED "SCHOOL" WITH ME, AND I WAS THE SOLE PUPIL AND THEY WERE THE TEACHERS. THEY USED THEIR OWN FIRST GRADE TEXTS LEFT OVER FROM THEIR FIRST YEAR, FOR SCHOOL BOOKS WERE OWNED IN THOSE DAYS AND NOT.

How has our Library Impacted your Life?

Everyone has a story. Maybe it goes back to your childhood or perhaps it was a great computer class you took last week. Young and old, we all have memories about how libraries have changed our lives. If you have a story you'd like to share about how the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has impacted your life, please click here. Feel free to send a photo of yourself along with your email. Your story may be featured in one of our next FinePRINT issues.
Print & eBooks

In addition to lending out physical copies of books, magazines, CDs, DVDs and so on, your Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card provides a host of electronic materials for free download. In July, library patrons downloaded 3,331 eBooks, eAudiobooks, eMusic and eVideos. Have you tried downloading electronic materials yet? If you’re not sure how to get started, just call 330-688-3295 ext. 4 to make an appointment for free, one-on-one help from a librarian.

Hoopla!

We are really excited to announce that the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is now the first in northeastern Ohio and western Pennsylvania to offer hoopla, a great new library service, to all of our patrons! Hoopla gives you access to thousands of titles anywhere you have an Internet connection. Imagine being able to watch episodes of your favorite TV shows or listen to the latest audiobook without expensive subscription fees; all you need is a valid Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card! Excited? We are! To get started, visit hoopladigital.com or come into the library to get more info!

Library Card Sign-Up Month

September is Library Card Sign-up Month, a time when Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library joins with the American Library Association and public libraries nationwide to make sure that everyone in our community has a free library card.

Multiple resources are available at SMFPL to anyone who has a library card. Parents can turn to the library for materials, programs and services that promote reading for their children. Check out our fall storytimes or other fun events for children and adults on our online calendar at www.smfpl.org.

For those who have eReaders, our huge selection of eBooks will be a welcome surprise. We also offer many databases that are free to our patrons, like the AtoZ databases.

“Our library is a community information center,” says Ann Malthaner, Marketing and Public Relations Manager at SMFPL. “We provide exciting and engaging programs, as well as resources that patrons can access at the library or from home. This makes a library card a must-have resource.”

Throughout the course of the month, the library will host a number of activities, including Wednesday Cone Night at Handels Ice Cream in Stow, where those who show their library card will receive a special price on ice cream cones. Also, during the month of September when you sign up for a free library card you will receive a special gift.

For more information on how to sign up for a library card, visit the Circulation Desk at SMFPL.
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supplied by the school, and were
cherished for long after they
were first used.

But then mother said, “Get
your book. We must take it back
to the library.” Take it back! I
thought it was MINE, for ever
and ever, and if I didn’t cry on
my way down to the Corners, I
was consumed with gloom. My
precious book was handed back
to the librarian. Gone forever!
But then a miracle occurred.
“Now what book would you like?”
she said. I could get another
book?! ANOTHER BOOK? What
riches were mine that day! And
continued every day since
with the riches of all the public
libraries I have used.

I do not know when the library
was moved north to the little
house on Hudson Road, as it was
named in those days. That was
the next library miracle for sure,
for we lived just two houses away
from it, and no longer did I have
to have parental permission to go
get a book. I am confident that,
over the years, I increased the
circulation of the Stow Library by
at least ten percent. Many days,
I would go over in the afternoon,
check out two or three books,
take them home, read them,
then go back in the evening for
another assortment.

The children’s collection was
excellent and while I do not make
the claim that I read every book
in it, I came close. Some I reread
many times, and it was a
little embarrassing to see
my names on the book
card one after another
with no one else checking
it out, so I’d write in one
of my friends names to
avoid the shame.

I can’t recall the names
of all the librarians who
served us so well over
all those years, but they
were all good. Were
they fully qualified
professionals with library
degrees? I do not know.
But we had a concerned library
board to handle those hiring
and firings. My father served on
the board for a short while, but
I don’t think he was a trustee
when the librarian was FIRED.

FOR IMMORAL BEHAVIOR! She
was from Cleveland and chose to
live in that little house as well as
work in it. And it must have had
a kitchen and other facilities to fill
all needs. Trouble is, she added a
weekend visiting boyfriend. He
came often, parked his car in the
garage and enjoyed her company
until he left Monday morning.
His visits were obvious to the
many neighbors who could not
help noticing his comings and
going, and with his car’s license
plate, he was checked. Yep! A
married man! And this was in the
1920’s when such behavior was
considered truly sinful.

There were others and in my
recall, they were all good friends
and great librarians. I remember
one lady who tried to broaden
my reading by asking me to read
a book and then tell her what I
thought of it. She pushed titles
like At the Back of the North Wind,
and Water Babies, and even the
Greek and Roman myths. This
was a great help to me later
when I trained to become
a children’s librarian and had
already “done” the classics. I’d
bring the books back, lean my
elbows on the librarian’s desk
and ask her, ”Well don’t you think
Toad is a pretty dumb guy and
why would they even bother to
be friends with him?”

One librarian consulted
with my mother, I found out
years later, when I began to
explore outside of the Children’s
Department and she was a little
worried about what I was dipping
into. Mother told her not to be
concerned, that what I didn’t
understand would go right over
my head. And she was right. I

all of George Eliot’s titles… and
that served me well when I got to
college.

Even with all this library
involvement, I would never have
thought of going to Library
School if Mrs. Troesch, our high
school English teacher (who
was also, in summer, working
on her doctorate at Western
Reserve) hadn’t pointed me in
that direction. With financial
help from the Stow Culture Club
I made it through that tough
terrain and got my advanced
degree in 1940.

In subsequent years, I was
employed as Children’s
Librarian at Detroit Public,
Akron Public and
then after
the war years when I was a Navy
cryptographer, I went west and
turned into a regional librarian,
ending as head of the largest
[in geographic size] library in
the US.

And it all began in the
wonderful Stow Library. I wish
I could visit it again, even if you
did take out our old home to be
the parking lot. The town has
grown and so has the library, and
I do hope everyone appreciates
this vital institution.

—Josephine Pardee Hallauer

New Movies

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

Click on title
to advance to catalog.

BLESS ME, ULTIMA
THE BLING RING
CHASING ICE
THE CROODS
DISCONNECT
THE EAST
FILL THE VOID
FROM UP ON POPPY HILL
THE ICEMAN
THE KING OF SUMMER
THE LORD OF SALEM
LOVE IS ALL YOU NEED
NOW YOU SEE ME
OBLIVION
THE PLACE BEYOND THE
PINES
STAR TREK—INTO
DARKNESS
STORIES WE TELL
THIS IS THE END
TYLER PERRY’S PEEPLES
WORLD WAR Z

— Josephine Pardee Hallauer

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Employee of the Month

Maggie Marten

How long have you been working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?

I started working at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library at the end of April this year. Since I just finished my junior year of high school, I had to qualify for a workers permit before I could start working.

What is your current job?

My current job at the library is called a Shelving Page. That means that I’m the one who puts everything that has been returned from being checked out back in its spot on the shelves. It sounds like a boring and rather remedial job, but I enjoy it because it feels like a little treasure hunt. You have to search for the single and correct spot for the book in the whole entire library, and since I love the adventurous and romantic feel of old fashioned pirates searching for treasure, it keeps me entertained. I also am responsible for finding and pulling books that have been requested by a patron for a hold or for our outreach program. Cleaning up at the end of the night and making sure things are tidy throughout the day is also an important task of mine.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?

I would describe the library as a house of knowledge for everyone of every color and creed. It supplies knowledge and services to anyone who has the will to seek them. For me personally, the library is somewhere I can go to really focus on what I need to accomplish and I can trust that if I need help, well, there’s always a book to help me out. The library is also such a cool place to go and explore and search for entertainment, inspiration, or information. I really adore it!

What book would you recommend?

I’m definitely a child at heart, so when I’m asked to recommend a book, the first one that comes to mind is a lovely children’s picture book titled, Ladybug Girl. It’s an absolutely darling story about the adventures of a little girl who dresses up like a ladybug and does heroic things. I’m crazy about it and reading that book always makes me smile. I also would recommend an older book titled, The Count of Monte Cristo by Alexandre Dumas, an adventurous tale written by the same author who wrote The Three Musketeers. It’s a classic and it’s fabulous.

What is your favorite vacation spot?

My favorite vacation spot is the Florida Keys. My parents went there on their honeymoon and my grandpa lived there for quite a long time. I have been there a few times with my family and I love it. We rented a lovely and colorful vacation home on Big Pine Key and we went snorkeling at Bahia Honda Park every day and saw tons of tropical fish and creatures. I also enjoy the eccentric and exciting vibe of Key West with all the Street performers in Mallory Square. We also took a boat out to an old brick fort called the Dry Tortugas. Its about ninety miles off the coast of Key West and the snorkeling around it is amazing. It’s kind of creepy, so I liked it.

What are your hobbies?

My biggest hobby at the moment is taking my Golden Doodle, Phoebe-Jean, to Bow-Wow Beach. I love taking her every day, unless it’s crazy hot out. It’s so much fun to watch her race around and play with all the other doggies in the water. She doesn’t swim, but she still loves to play in the water. I also enjoy painting and doing art. If shopping and dressing up in vintage clothing could be a hobby, I would probably love that too, but something tells me it doesn’t count!

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What would people be surprised to know about you?
Something people might be surprised to know about me is that once I graduate from high school I want to attend Hiram College and study to be a nurse. Hiram College has a big connection with my family because my grandma lives right on campus (in a darling old pink house!) and both my parents attended college there. There’s also an old house the college now uses for English classes, but before it was used for that my parents actually got married in the garden behind it! Also, something not too many people know is that when I go to sleep at night my dreams are like storybooks. They’re full of adventure and really entertaining!

Do you have any pets?
I have a Golden Doodle dog named Phoebe-Jean and a big fat cat named Moki. My family and I have had Moki for about six years, but we’ve only had Phoebe for about seven months. She’s four years old but she is a rescue from a broken household about 45 minutes away. My mom found a posting for her on Craigslist and we went to the family’s house to go look at her that cold February night in a snow storm. It was kind of risky, but we got so lucky with her; she’s so quirky and loving, not to mention she’s healthy! My family and I couldn’t have asked for a better little pooch!

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
The service I use the most from the library is definitely our quiet work zone area in the back and in the front. During the school year I was absolutely loaded with homework and if it wasn’t for the library and that quiet space to work in, I doubt I would have ever finished it all. I would definitely recommend it to anyone, like me, who has trouble working on work or school stuff at home. You can’t work in groups or anything in the quiet work space because there is no talking allowed, but that’s why I love it because I get distracted so easily.

Mums
Support the Library Foundation
Saturday, Sept. 7, 2013
9 AM - 3 PM
Make your yard beautiful with brightly colored mums from the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation’s Fall Mum Sale. This sale will be held at the entrance of the library on Saturday, Sept. 7. Proceeds will benefit upcoming projects for the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. The mums are sponsored by Stow’s Amber Gardens.

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Kids’ iPad Play Time

Check out our library iPads or bring your own during this open iPad activity time geared toward younger children. Scheduled for Friday, Sept. 20 at 10:30 a.m., this program is drop-in only. No registration. We’ll showcase some fun apps that spur development and reading readiness and some other apps that are just for fun. We can give you recommendations for apps to download at home or answer any other questions you have while children use the iPads. If you need help downloading library ebooks to your tablet, we can help with that too. Light snacks and a few puppets and other play items will be available during this session.

A Million! A Billion! A Trillion! (Adventures in Math)

Kids ages 6-12 join Miss Chris on Wednesday, Sept 18 and Wednesday, Oct. 9 from 4:30 to 5:30 PM for a fun filled-math exploration. This activity based program will offer kids the opportunity to delve into math concepts while listening to stories, playing games, participating in hands-on activities, playing with iPads and enjoying a math based snack. Registration required.

Teen Volunteers

—By Amy Thomas, Assistant Head of Children Services & Teen Volunteer Coordinator; and Nancy Messmore, Children Associate & Teen Volunteer Coordinator

This year’s children’s department summer reading program, “Dig Into Reading,” was a record breaking year! 2,112 children read over 22,000 hours. With over 40 programs offered plus story time sessions for children ages birth to age 5, the library was a very busy place. The success of the summer would not have been possible without the help of a very special group of teen volunteers. Every May, teens that have completed 6th grade and up come to orientations here at the library where they sign up for various volunteer opportunities, which include helping with children’s programming and getting children signed up to keep track of their reading. This summer 55 teens volunteered for over 400 hours! Volunteer opportunities ranged from mundane to fun. The mundane task of helping families register for the summer reading program is not glamorous but it is essential to the function of the children’s department.

With more than 2,100 children registering, if it weren’t for the efforts of the teen volunteers, the staff would do nothing during the first week or two of the summer reading program but assist with registrations. Teens also assisted with library events this summer. They helped prepare snacks for the Wednesday family movies. They moved furniture and assisted patrons during our Pride in Library Day. They helped with programs for children ranging in age from birth to 12 years old. All the volunteers came to help with energy and enthusiasm. Some volunteers took their duties very seriously. For example, two volunteers came dressed as the Mad Hatter and Alice in Wonderland for the Mad Hatter’s Tea Party in July. They helped make the event extra special for the 3-5 year old participants by bringing the characters to life. For the Percy Jackson: Camp Half-Blood program, nine teens became “camp counselors” to the 30 “demigod” participants, making children feel like they were really the sons and daughters of Olympians.

To reward them for their service, a Teen Volunteer Appreciation Pizza Party was held at the end of the summer reading program. This year, a small contingent of teens participated, but they had fun playing games with the Teen Librarian, Christina Getrost, and the Teen Volunteer Coordinators, Amy Thomas and Nancy Messmore.

One of the teens who helped with Camp Half-Blood said that he loves visiting the library, participating in teen events, and helping with children’s programs. With over 50 teen volunteers, it’s obvious that he is not alone. And we appreciate every single one of them!
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Friends of the Library

Book Sale

at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

Sept. 24*-28, 2013

Free to the Public:

Wed. 1 - 8 PM
Thurs. 10 AM - 8 PM
Fri. 10 AM - 5 PM
Sat. 10 AM - 2 PM

SATURDAY IS BAG DAY—$3/bag
Saturday 2 PM—All books free to Teachers & Non-Profit Organizations

*PATRONS’ NIGHT

Tues., Sept. 24, 5 - 8 PM
Entrance donation: $10 per person
[Friends’ members donation: $5]

FRIENDS’ PRESALE

Wed., Sept. 25, 10 AM - 1 PM ONLY
Entrance to members only—
memberships may be purchased at the door.
Membership: $5/person; $10/family.

Co-sponsored by the Friends &
the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

Book Donation Day

Sat., Sept. 7
10 AM - 4 PM

Please bring your used books, CDs, DVDs, audiobooks, records or puzzles to the BACK DOOR of the library. Curbside pickup service will be available.
Materials will be used by the library or sold at the Friends’ Book Sale. Proceeds benefit library projects.
Donations are tax deductible. Donate 10 items or more on this day—receive a pass to the Friends’ Book Sale Presale.

Friends of the Library

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### Upcoming Events

**Adult Programming Highlights for September 2013**

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Planning a Trip to Canada?
Did you know that the US Department of State now requires all citizens of the United States to have a passport to get back into the country?
Stop by the Information Desk or call us @ (330) 688-3295 x4 for more information about passports or to make an appointment to apply for a US passport.

New Book Discussion Group
This new Afternoon Book Discussion Group will meet at 2 PM every 3rd Thursday beginning September 19th. For more information, book lists, and books for those attending the discussion, please call (330) 688-3295, ext 4 or click here for more information.

Fast Facts
Monthly Statistics for July 2013
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