September is Library Card Sign-Up Month

We all know that happiness is having your own library card, so it’s not surprising that Snoopy is returning as this year’s Honorary Chair of Library Card Sign-up month. Our library joins with the American Library Association and other public libraries nationwide to make sure that every student has the most important school supply of all – a library card. Sign up for a library card anytime during the month of September and receive a prize!

To sign up, patrons 18 and older must present a photo ID with current address. If the ID does not have the current address, please provide a car registration or piece of mail forwarded by the post office for proof of current address. Those under 18 may sign up for a library card accompanied by a parent or legal guardian. A library card at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library means access to all our materials, computers, and free internet access. Enjoy all the perks your card has to offer, and be sure to share what you library means to you with your friends, family and colleagues who don’t have a card.
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Book Sale

AT THE STOW-MUNROE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

*PATRONS’ NIGHT
Tues., Sept. 27, 5 - 8 PM
Entrance donation: $10 per person
[Friends' members donation: $5]
Memberships may be purchased at the door.

FRIENDS’ PRESALE
Wed., Sept. 28, 10 AM - 1 PM ONLY
Entrance to members only—memberships may be purchased at the door.
Membership: $5/person; $10/family.

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

The next Book Donation Day will be Sat., Sept. 10, 10 AM - 4 PM.
Watch for these new releases!
We will be adding them to our shelves as soon as they are available.
Let's Meet Sue's Fish!

I've maintained an aquarium for about 20 years. It's a small 10-gallon tank, and so I fill it with small fish. The current inhabitants include:

- Three sparkling gourami (A)—delightful little fish who enjoy sunshine
- Six micro rasbora (B)—tiny and shy
- Five checker barbs (C)—cheerful and bold

These fish are little beauties not typically found at the local pet store, and I'm very proud of them.

And then… there was Erik (D), the only fish with a name. (It comes from the Monty Python sketch where John Cleese attempts to buy a license for his pet halibut Eric.) My Erik was not small or beautiful: he was dull brown, had a mouth that looked like a Dust Buster, and lurked around in a creepy manner. In fact, he was acquired by accident. When I purchased him eight years ago, I thought he was a Siamese algae eater. Siamese algae eaters enjoy an excellent reputation: they're non-territorial, attractive, fairly small, and eat all varieties of algae.

But Erik wasn't a Siamese algae eater; he was a Chinese algae eater. Chinese algae eaters are not so well-regarded:
- They're very territorial, and their “territory” often encompasses the entire tank
- They’re attracted to the slime coating of other fish, and may attach themselves to tank mates with their sucker mouths.
- They’re avid diggers and frequently uproot plants
- They only eat algae when they’re young, and even then will only eat specific kinds of algae
- They grow very quickly, and can reach a length of 11 inches

When Erik first arrived, he was just a little sliver of a fish—a baby, about an inch long—and he seemed harmless. In his first week, he industriously Hoovered up algae… and doubled in size. I was alarmed.

As Erik grew in size, he began to dig, usually in the dead of night. In the morning I would find the plants floating on the surface, and deep pits in the aquascaping. One Saturday I awoke to wet carpet—one of the tank’s seams had sprung a leak! The leak was in Erik’s favorite digging corner, so he remains the prime suspect.

Some quick research suggested that Erik was trying to excavate a hiding cave for himself, so I made him a little ceramic one. I installed it in the tank, Erik swam in, and presto! No more digging.

Erik lived for nearly eight years, and his size maxed out at six inches. Sometimes at night I could hear him play “soccer” with the glass marbles that decorate the tank floor (click… click… click…), but in the daytime he hid in his cave. Early this spring, his color faded, and he began to lounge out in the open more and more until he finally passed away.

What followed was an enormous algae bloom—I hadn’t realized how talented Erik had been. I quickly found a successor: meet Erich (E), a golden Chinese algae eater. Isn’t he beautiful?
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.

Fans of the Grand Dame of Mystery Agatha Christie, Gillian Flynn’s Gone Girl, and Paula Hawkins’ The Girl on the Train should check out these new titles and get reading!

**You Will Know Me**
by Megan Abbott

How far will you go to achieve a dream? That’s the question a celebrated coach poses to Katie and Eric Knox after he sees their daughter Devon, a gymnastics prodigy and Olympic hopeful, compete. For the Knoxes there are no limits—until a violent death rocks their close-knit gymnastics community and everything they have worked so hard for is suddenly at risk.

**Wilde Lake**
by Laura Lippman

The New York Times bestselling author challenges our notions of memory, loyalty, responsibility, and justice in this evocative and psychologically complex story about a long-ago death that still haunts a family.
MOVIE NIGHT!

Coming soon to our shelves!

Click movie cover to advance to our catalog or to place a hold.
Staff Picks

Ann—Marketing & PR Manager

"This movie was funny, charming and compassionate. It is award winning but that's not why I liked it. I love true stories and this gives a glimpse of life back during King George VI's era. A great story about overcoming adversity."

"Classic Clint Eastwood. If you can get past some rough language, this is a great story, that should be embraced by all of us."

"I listened to this in my car and I laughed so much I worried other drivers would think I was a crazy person."

"One of the few movies I liked as well as the book. Great acting."

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"Far From the Madding Crowd
"These characters stick with you and you find yourself thinking about them long after you are done with this movie. A wonderful adaptation of a book a lot of us read in high school."
Doctor Who Party

Wednesday, September 14—7-8 PM: Calling all time traveling teens in grades 7-12! Grab your fez and your sonic screwdriver and join other fans of the time traveler in the TARDIS as we celebrate Doctor Who with games, trivia, crafts and snacks. Watch clips from your favorite episodes. Make an edible Sonic Screwdriver. Enter the costume contest and you could win a prize! Registration requested, beginning Sept. 1. Three ways to register: call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4, stop by the Teen Information Desk, or email "teenlibrarian@smfpl.org" with teen’s name, grade and phone number.

Harry Potter Fan Club

Join Miss Nancy to talk about J.K. Rowling's Harry Potter books & movies; to find out what other books you might be interested in reading; and to have your own Hogwarts experience through crafts, activities & snacks.

We will meet at 7 PM on the following dates:
September 22—(come a few minutes early to see if you got your Hogwarts letter!)
October 20—(wear Hogwarts gear if you’d like and be prepared to take classes!)
November 17—(find out what your Patronus is, take your OWLs, and visit Hogsmeade!)

Registration is requested beginning at 9 AM on September 12. You can register online (please register each child separately), in person at the library, or by calling (330) 688-3295 ext. 5. For ages 8-12 only, please.

Story Hours

Fall Story Time runs from September 12 to November 19. Drop in (first come, first served).

Lapsit (Birth to not yet walking): Thursdays at 11 AM.
Walking Babies (Walking babies up to 24 months): Thursdays at 10 AM
Toddlers (Ages 2 and 3): Mondays and Tuesdays at 10 AM
4- & 5-year-old Story Time: Tuesdays at 11 AM or Wednesdays at 10 AM
Family Story Time: Tuesdays at 6:30 PM
Silly Saturdays: Saturdays at 10:30 AM Stories, Songs & So Much More (Geared to ages 2 to 6 but all are welcome). Due to room capacity limits, passes will be given out the morning of story time. We will do a second session immediately afterward if necessary.
# Upcoming Events

**September 1**
- **Bob Evans Fundraiser for Library Foundation**
  - all day
- **Furniture & Equipment Auction**
  - ends at 8 PM
- **Tech Thursday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

**September 5**
- **LIBRARY CLOSED**

**September 6**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 7 - 8:30 PM
- **The Heart of Hell**
  - 7 PM

**September 7**
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - 1 PM
- **Jazz Concert**
  - 6:30 PM

**September 8**
- **Family Folklore**
  - 10:30 AM
- **Tech Thursday**
  - 1 - 5 PM
- **Writing Workshop**
  - 7 PM

**September 9**
- **Spanish Conversation Group**
  - 3 PM

**September 10**
- **Library Foundation Mum Sale**
  - 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM
- **Book Donation Day**
  - 10 AM - 4 PM

**September 11**
- **Bridge Club**
  - 12:45 PM
- **Meet the Author: Mark Price**
  - 7 PM
- **Book Discussion: The Boys in the Boat...**
  - 7 PM

**September 13**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

**September 14**
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - 1 PM

**September 15**
- **Family Folklore**
  - 10:30 AM
- **Tech Thursday**
  - 1 - 5 PM
- **Book Discussion: Isaac's Storm**
  - 2 PM
- **The Beauty of Spring Bulbs**
  - 7 PM

**September 16**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

**September 19**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM
- **Book Sale Patrons' Night**
  - 5 - 8 PM
- **Book Discussion: All the Light We Cannot See**
  - 7 PM

**September 20**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

**September 21**
- **Popcorn & a Movie**
  - 1 PM

**September 22**
- **Family Folklore**
  - 10:30 AM
- **Tech Thursday**
  - 1 - 5 PM
- **Book Signing Series with Ruth Kim**
  - 1 - 3 PM

**September 23**
- **Spanish Conversation Group**
  - 3 PM
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM
- **Book Sale**
  - 1 - 8 PM
- **Book Discussion: Mrs. Dalloway**
  - 7 PM

**September 24**
- **Friends' Presale**
  - 10 AM - 1 PM
- **Book Sale**
  - 10 AM - 8 PM
- **Book Discussion: Isaac's Storm**
  - 2 PM
- **The Beauty of Spring Bulbs**
  - 7 PM

**September 27**
- **Tech Tuesday**
  - 1 - 5 PM
- **Book Sale Patrons' Night**
  - 5 - 8 PM
- **Book Discussion: All the Light We Cannot See**
  - 7 PM

**September 28**
- **Friends' Presale**
  - 10 AM - 1 PM
- **Book Sale**
  - 10 AM - 8 PM
- **Book Discussion: Mrs. Dalloway**
  - 7 PM

**September 29**
- **Book Sale**
  - 10 AM - 8 PM
- **Tech Thursday**
  - 1 - 5 PM

**September 30**
- **Book Sale**
  - 10 AM - 5 PM
Comic Con

Inflatable Iron Man welcomes visitors to the library’s Comic Con event last month (L). Participants had fun dressing up for the Comic Con costume contest (R).

Community Jazz Band

Did you know that our Community Jazz Band has been playing concerts at the library for over 30 years? Stop by the Local History section of the library to watch a tribute slideshow presentation on our beloved Jazz Band. This presentation will run through the end of September.

Banned Books Week

Celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Books Week which runs from September 25 – October 1. Check out 5 or more books and enter our raffle to win a Banned Books themed giveaway! The items will be displayed in the lobby of the library prior to September 25. Banned Books Week highlights the value of free and open access to information and brings together the entire book community. To see a list of frequently banned and challenged books, visit www.ala.org/bbooks.

Fast Facts

Monthly Statistics for July 2016

- Items Checked Out ................................................................. 74,795
- Library Visitors ................................................................. 25,773
- eBooks ................................................................................. 5,993
- Digital Magazines Accessed ............................................ 202
- Freegal Music Downloads & Streaming ......................... 2,509
- Hoopla Downloads ............................................................ 919
- New Library Cards ............................................................. 254