What’s Your Story?
Janet & Tom Tell their Stories for National Library Week
—by Lisa Maruna, Marketing & PR Coordinator

Libraries strengthen communities through education, lifelong learning, and a wealth of public services. No longer just a place for books, libraries have expanded beyond their traditional roles and provide more opportunities for community engagement and the delivery of new services that connect closely with the community’s needs.

Libraries are at the heart of our cities, towns, schools, and campuses—a resource for all community members to find what they need to help improve their quality of life. We urge you to join us in celebrating the library and continue to help us build a strong community.

In honor of National Library Week (April 7-13), we’ll be giving away a sweet treat to anyone signing up for a library card during this week of celebration. We also wanted to highlight a longtime patron and friend of our library along with another very special patron who shares his personal story as a library user.

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Save the Date: Summer Reading starts June 1.
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April 9* - 13, 2019
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Free to the Public:
Wed. 1 - 8 PM
Thurs. 10 AM - 8 PM
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Meet Janet Howard —
Janet has been coming to our library for 85 years! She’s seen many changes and has many memories of the library. One of her earliest memories is the librarian who had an overnight male guest stay at her apartment over the library. (She was subsequently fired.) Janet also remembers moving the library across wooden planks and through the mud to its “new” location. When asked what she likes about the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, Janet responds, “I love the atmosphere, the staff & our services. It’s my second home...always has been.”

Libraries have always been important to Janet. Her first job at our library was filing catalog cards for Dorothy Saviers in the “little house.” Janet had met Dorothy while attending Kent State University. Janet also worked for Doris Jyurovat, where she started the Young Adult collection. After that, Janet worked for Carrie Burrier in the Children’s Room, and then in Reference for Margaret Cooper and Vicki Victoria. Janet also helped start two local libraries: The GriefCare Place and the library at First Christian Church of Stow. Janet retired from the Cuyahoga Falls Library where she was a reference department assistant.

Janet has been a member of our Friends of the Library for many years, and has graciously volunteered her time and talent. Currently, one of her main responsibilities is to sell puzzles at the Book Sales.

Janet had many other interests outside of the library, including The World Young Women’s Christian Association (World YWCA). She was involved in arts & crafts, creative drama, swimming, dance and piano lessons. “My parents introduced me to many things at an early age. I was blessed with a sense of independence.”

Out of all her accomplishments in life, Janet is most proud of her five sons. Her oldest son visits the library three times a week. Janet sees the value and importance of libraries and raised her family to view them in a similar light.

“I count my blessings, and the library is included.”
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Say Hello to our New Staff
You may notice some new faces around the library. We had multiple retirements last year, and while it’s always sad to say goodbye, we’re very happy to welcome five new employees! Next time you’re in, make sure to give a warm welcome to: Jill, Jen, Melissa, Josh, and Weiping!”
Tom’s Story  
—by Ann Malthaner, 
Head of Marketing and 
Public Relations

Tom Broderick, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library patron, sat down for an interview about how our Tech Tuesday and Tech Thursday has “opened his world,” as he struggles with his declining vision. This one-on-one instruction is free, and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Please call ahead to confirm availability.

“Due to glaucoma, my eyesight has been failing. The librarians at SMFPL have worked with me one-on-one and showed me what options I have to keep books in my life. They also showed me some accessibility features on my iPhone which make it much easier for me to operate. Even with my failing vision, I have now enjoyed more books in the last month than I have in the last ten years.

Learning has been a process that has kept me coming back to Tech Tuesday/Thursday time after time. The librarians are helpful and patient, sometimes showing me tricks and tips over again if I don’t get them the first time.

Because of my vision, they set me up with the Libby app on my iPhone and I am now able to listen to books and music. The choices are fantastic. Just about everything I have wanted has been on Libby.

But then something literally life-changing happened. A librarian worked with me to allow the audio to play directly to my hearing aids via Bluetooth. My world expanded exponentially. Now I don’t have to bother with the earphones or speaker phone. It is very easy, and I can even listen to my books when I am lying in bed.

Quite frankly, if it weren’t for Tech Tuesday/Thursday, and the librarians who have helped me, I would be lost and stuck in front of the TV for a large portion of the day. These ladies make the instructions easy enough for me to understand. It has been a game-changer, and has increased my quality of life.

If you are unfamiliar with current technology, I highly recommend the one-on-one lessons with the librarians at SMFPL. Once you get started, you will realize that you are just scratching the surface of what you can learn. For me, these lessons have been transformational, and have given me back something that I have always enjoyed. For that I am very grateful.”
The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation’s 13th annual Dessert Extravaganza will take place Thursday, April 25 at 7 PM at Roses Run Country Club (2636 N River Road in Stow). The evening will be a mix of desserts and appetizers, silent auction, and patrons pulling together to help support the library.

A signature event for the library, “DX19” is presented by Thompson Electric of Munroe Falls. The event features 17 restaurants, including some that have been with the event from its inception, including Pancho & Lefty’s and Handel’s Homemade Ice Cream & Yogurt.

Abshire & Haylan Jewelers has participated for the past 12 years, each time donating a custom, handcrafted piece of jewelry. The item is often designed and presented by Belinda Vartenuk, the store’s jewelry designer. This year’s jewelry item is a 14 karat yellow gold, diamond, and 1.58ct grape garnet ring, valued at $3,000 (see photo below).

Admission to DX19 is $50 and only 150 tickets will be sold. The purchase price includes enjoying unique taste-sized portions from each restaurant, a glass of wine or beer, and the raffle of the Abshire & Haylan ring. Tickets to the event will be available at the front desk of the library beginning March 21. If you can’t attend the event, or if you’d like to increase your chances of winning, raffle tickets for the ring will be available at the front desk for $25.

A silent auction of unique items donated from patrons and local businesses is also a part of the event. Interesting items in this year’s auction are Cavalier and Indians tickets, a signed David Bowie album, a coin collection, baseball cards and winter driving lessons.

All proceeds from Dessert Extravaganza are used to fund major projects at the library that might not be possible with taxpayer funds. New Children’s Room furniture will be purchased this year, with child-size and adult seating, and modular tables that pull apart for tutoring purposes.

Past projects include the stairway mural, conference room furniture, tween signage and materials, Connect Zone furniture, event monitors, customized book display in the library’s lobby, part of the outdoor electronic sign and the Outreach vehicle which allows us to visit all day cares, preschools and nursing homes in Stow and Munroe Falls.

For more information, please visit the DX19 page of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library website at www.smfpl.org/dessert or contact Ann Malthaner, head of marketing and public relations at amalthaner@smfpl.org or (330) 688-3295 ext. 110.

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation is a non-profit organization which produces the annual Dessert Extravaganza to raise funds to benefit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.
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Coming soon to our shelves.

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It’s never too early to be thinking about Summer Reading. In just a couple of months, the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library’s annual Summer Reading program will begin.

This year’s theme is “Read for the Stars” and runs from June 1 – August 1. To encourage reading as well as life-long learning, Summer Reading is open to everyone from birth through adult. The library will host various events and programs throughout the summer, allowing everyone to participate in the fun.

Children can log 50 days of reading and win a customized library bag courtesy of the Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls. For every ten days of logged reading, come to Spike’s Place for a prize and a ticket to enter a grand prize drawing.

Teens entering grades 7-12 can log titles of books, magazines or graphic novels they’re reading, or audiobooks they listen to. Reviewing books and logging summer activities such as hiking or attending library events will also be eligible for teen prizes. The more teens read and do this summer, the more chances they have to win weekly gift cards to Amazon, GameStop and Chipotle, and the grand prize of a $75 Amazon gift card.

Adults can log books by filling out a paper form in the lobby or by registering on smfpl.beanstack.org. If you have already registered at Beanstack, simply log in and update your information.

Winners will be drawn each week and adults will be eligible for a grand prize which will be drawn on August 2. Adults can also play the “Read for the Stars” game. Look at the photos displayed in the lobby and guess which “stars” the young people are reading to. A second grand prize will be drawn from all entries with the correct answers on August 2.

Share your Summer Reading photos on social media using #ReadForTheStars19.

Grand prizes courtesy of the Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls and the Friends of the Library. For more information, visit www.smfpl.org.
What is your name? 
Amanda Rome

What department do you work in? 
Children Services—I’m the Outreach Librarian so I get to visit cute kiddos at their preschools, daycares and out in the community!

How long have you worked here? 
6.5 years

What is your favorite other job that you have had?  
I was an AmeriCorps volunteer living in rural Washington state for a year doing youth programming. It was an amazing experience that encouraged me to foster and adopt kids. It changed my life in many ways.

What do you do when you aren’t working?  
Playing with my kids, gardening, playing board games, reading, cooking, crafting, watching movies, volunteering, hiking, camping, biking.

Do you live with any other people or animals? 
My husband, Andrew, my kids, Evian (13) and Raylynn (9), my dog Donovan, my cat, Sosue, and chickens (in the coop).

Do you have a creative outlet? 
Yes, I love to write poetry and do metal smithing. I dabble in many crafts, most notably paper collage and jewelry making. I also play the ukulele for story time!

What do you do to relax? 
Honestly, relaxing is hard for me. Working full-time and being a parent doesn’t leave much time for relaxing but I love crafting, doing yoga, meditating, and reading.

If you could recommend one local place to go, where would it be? 
The Haymaker Farmers Market in Kent. It’s a year round farmer’s market with great farmers, healthy food and a wonderful community feel. Plus, my spouse is the market manager!

Who is the biggest influence in your life? 
I admire strong and artistic women. I have many friends that I admire greatly, but Frida Kahlo and Dian Fossey have been two of my personal heroes.

What’s your favorite book? 
I usually go with The Hunger Games for something accessible to everyone, but I love Margaret Atwood. Her favorite work of mine is The Year of the Flood. It talks about the ideal of living in community and being self-sustaining in a future world.

What’s your favorite movie? 
You probably wouldn’t guess this unless you know me pretty well, but I love the Kill Bill movies by Quentin Tarantino. I also love Hayao Miyazaki’s animated films, especially Howl’s Moving Castle, Princess Mononoke, and Spirited Away.

What’s your favorite musician/band? 
I love female singer songwriters. I cut my teeth on Tori Amos and then moved on to many other amazing musicians. Right now, it’s Neko Case and Brandi Carlile. I also love children’s music for its upbeat, irreverence and positive messages. I get to buy the Children’s music for the library and I can’t get enough Casper Babypants, Laura Doherty, and Bari Koral.

Have you ever been told you look like someone famous, and who? 
I have been told I look like Anne Hathaway and Christina Ricci.

What’s your favorite food? 
Pierogi! With sautéed onions and sour cream. I am part Ukrainian, so I grew up eating them.

Do you prefer to spend time indoors or outdoors? 
Outdoors, definitely! Gardening, hula hooping, hiking, biking, and observing insects are some of my favorite things to do. I do love snowshoeing and being snowed indoors in the wintertime, too.

Do you play a musical instrument? Which one(s)? 
Flute and ukulele, though not very well since I don’t have much time to practice.

What three things would you take to a deserted island? 
My spouse, a water purifier and a pencil.

What is the best place you have ever lived (could be the specific building or the city, etc.)? 
In college, I lived on Hessler Street in Cleveland. It was a great community full of older people, students, a wonderful street fair and my first-ever community garden. It was wonderful to see all of these engaged people being together and it is a model for the sense of community I strive for now.

What is the best place you have ever visited? 
Living in Washington state for a year, I explored Mt. Rainier and Mt. St. Helen’s extensively. I also loved caving in Ape Caves. It was a spiritual experience for me.
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Celebrate Trees!

Stow Tree Festival
Sat., April 27
10 AM - 12 PM
at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

Celebrate trees at the annual Stow Tree Festival, hosted this year by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library:

- Individual and community crafts
- Art display
- Story Time with Miss Evie at 10:15, 10:45, and 11:15 AM
- Cookie refreshments (while supplies last)
- Presentations by the City of Stow Urban Forestry Department, Ohio Department of Natural Resources, and more
- See a City of Stow bucket truck with chipper
- Tree planting in front of the library at 12 PM
- Get a tree seedling to plant at home (while supplies last)

Seedlings & Cookies provided by City of Stow Urban Forestry Department

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742,963 items were borrowed in 2018, which is an average of 46 items for each active cardholder.

What was checked out?*

![Chart showing 594,371 Physical Items and 148,592 Digital Items]

Upcoming Art Gallery Exhibit

June/July Gallery Exhibit featuring Pratim Datta:
Pratim “Pratt” Datta is a photographer by avocation and a cybersecurity research scientist and inventor by vocation. He enjoys traveling around the world with his wife, Erica (Papillon), and capturing moments that highlight the beauty of nature and human endeavor. His photographs have been published by the Smithsonian and United Airlines’ Mileage Plus Credit Card Promotions. His photos have been displayed in the NY Public Library and his works exhibited at the Hudson Public Library and the Highland Public Library.

Scheduling Exhibits

Artists interested in exhibiting their artwork should submit five electronic files to cnelson@smfpl.org. Anyone wishing to display will be given consideration; however, the Marketing and Public Relations Department will make final decisions based on variety and quality. Click the guidelines brochure below for details.
1. A loner teams up with unusual characters in search of a mysterious boy.

2. Eve Dallas searches for clues to the cause of Lyle Pickering’s mysterious death.

3. Jessica Farris’s life unravels when she signs up for Dr. Shields’s psychology study.

4. Theo Faber investigates a famous painter who stops speaking after shooting her husband.

5. A decorated World War II veteran shoots and kills a pastor.

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7. Charlie Worthing investigates an outbreak of viral dreams.

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9. Humorous musings on the ways long-term partners tolerate each other.


11. Dangers encroach upon a dressmaker’s apprentice and a houseboy.

12. Detective Harriet Blue pursues the murderer Regan Banks.

13. Milo Sturgis and Alex Delaware investigate the death of a stranger at a wedding reception.

14. Zeus banishes Helios’ daughter to an island, where she must choose between living with gods or mortals.

15. A family crisis tests the bonds and ideals of a renowned poet and her siblings.
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