Douglas Dotterer, executive director of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, is retiring from his position effective March 31, 2020, after a 33-year career in public libraries. Dotterer has served 15 years as director.

In his early career, Dotterer spent 2-1/2 years at Westlake Porter Public Library and 10 years with Cuyahoga County Public Library working in Information Services. Dotterer became the director at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library in March of 2004, after serving as Head of Reference Services for six years. Since then, he led the effort on two successful library operating issues in 2005 and 2010, presided over two comprehensive building interior renovation projects in 2013 and 2014, and successfully lobbied Senator Sherrod Brown's Office to make the library a United States Passport Acceptance Facility. He oversaw the purchase of two library outreach vehicles, and wrote three large non-matching library grants, including a $106,661 Knight Foundation Challenge Grant for computers, printers, and equipment in 2010-11.

“It has been an honor and privilege to have served this wonderful organization for so many years. My passion has been to make a difference in people's lives by offering cutting edge technology, a rich diversity of programming, and a wide variety of library department services. Together, the board of trustees, fiscal officer, staff, Friends of the Library, and Library Foundation members have partnered with me over the years to make our library a community success story, and one of the finest public libraries in Ohio. I'm grateful for the opportunity the Board of Trustees gave me 15 years ago to become its second-longest-serving director.”

Dotterer is looking forward to turning the page to the next chapter of his life. In the coming years of his retirement, he plans to remain an active volunteer within the Stow community, as well as hike, bike, run, and travel the world with his wife, Julie. Dotterer is a veteran of the United States Air Force.

The Stow-Munroe Falls Library Board of Trustees will be conducting a search to identify the next executive director.
Winter Reading

Readers of all ages can join in the winter reading fun at the library by reading and logging books during the Winter Reading Challenge, which will run from January 2 to February 29, 2020.

Adult Winter Reading

Adults can register at smfpl.beanstack.org anytime and read and log at least one book per week beginning January 2 to be eligible for weekly random drawings of gift cards. To be eligible for the grand prize gift card drawing at the conclusion of the program, you must log at least five books. Prizes are courtesy of the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

If you registered at smfpl.beanstack.org last summer for Adult Summer Reading, no need to register again! Just start reading and logging your favorite books.

Children’s Winter Reading

Children from birth through 6th grade can earn prizes or receive a ticket for the grand prize drawing for every five books, magazines, comic books, audiobooks, or eBooks you read. Grand prizes include a Kindle Fire 7 or a prize package to Cafe O’Play. Track your progress on our paper reading log or online at smfpl.beanstack.org. The last day to receive tickets is Saturday, February 29.

Teen Winter Reading

Teens in grades 7-12 can register at smfpl.beanstack.org anytime and read and log at least one book per week beginning January 2 to be eligible for weekly random drawings of gift cards. To be eligible for the grand prize gift card drawing at the conclusion of the program, you must log at least five books. Prizes are courtesy of the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

For help getting registered or for more details, call or stop into the library.
In honor of Doug’s retirement, we decided to dig into our archives and feature all of our organization’s leaders. So let’s turn back the hands of time and take a look.

Library History: Head Librarians and Directors
—by Chris Caccamo, Information Services Assoc.

Stow Library was founded in May 1924 as a school district library with a Board of Trustees appointed by the Board of Education. Located in the Township Hall close to the town center, it served both Stow and Munroe Falls, as it does today. Jessie Williamson, daughter of Adella (Adell) Durbin, was the first librarian of Stow Public Library. Mrs. Williamson was sent for library training at Western Reserve University for one month in the summer of 1924, at the expense of the Trustees. The library officially opened to the public in January 1925.

Jessie (Mrs. Don) Williamson
June 1924 – July 1927
The Library’s collection at this time consisted of 2,000 books, primarily fiction with some reference books. The first budget of $4,800 had to provide service to the public library, as well as to the high school and grade school libraries.

Louise Thomson
July 1927 – July 1929
Ms. Thomson began cataloging the library book collection with a cataloging budget of $500. She also instituted celebrations for National Library Week and Children’s Book Week, set up book displays, and held story times for children. After Ms. Thomson resigned, the Board of Trustees voted to give the new librarian a two-week vacation at the end of the first year, but she would have to find her own replacement and pay her herself.

Nellie Glass
July 1929 – August 1932
In 1930 a part-time assistant to the librarian was hired and the Library Board of Trustees purchased the Clara M. Bradley property at 122 Hudson Road (now Darrow Road) for $8,500. It was located across from the First Christian Church. The library was moved from the township hall building to a small house on the property, which was home to the library until 1963.

Marion King
August 1932 – July 1937
Marion King began the practice of inserting library news into the only existing local paper at the time, “The Community Church News”, which was issued by the

Jeanne C. Lewis
Sept. 1937 – Nov. 1939
Jeanne C. Lewis was the first graduate of the Kent State University School of Library Science to lead the library. During her tenure, the Board of Trustees decided to allow personal sick leave for the librarian. She did, however, have to personally reimburse her substitute at $.50 an hour.

Lottie Mae Straka
Feb. 1940 – Feb. 1945
During this time, the little house was remodeled to include a new office and staff workroom, music recordings (78s and LPs) were added to the collection, and the assistant librarian position was made full-time. Two cents per day was charged for overdue items.

Bernice Van Hyning
May 1945 – Sept. 1947
Ms. Van Hyning started sending book reviews to be published in the “Community Church News” and she began submitting detailed circulation reports to the Board of Trustees, something that had not been done in the past.

Myrtle Sloan
June 1948 – June 1949
According to Library Board of Trustees minutes, the board had difficulty finding a librarian because the beginning salary was very low and there was a shortage of qualified librarians. Ms. Sloan retired after one year.

Dorothy A. Stair (Saviers)
June 1949 – Nov. 1963
Many changes occurred during Mrs. Saviers’ fourteen-year tenure. The first telephones were installed in 1950, and a mimeograph machine and a safe were purchased in the same year. The first shelvers were hired in 1953 at a salary of $.50 per hour. In 1959, the connection between the public library and the school libraries was severed and planning began for a new library building. By 1963 there were six staff members and yearly circulation was over 100,000.

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Doris Jyurovat
Nov. 1963 – Dec. 1985
Doris Jyurovat, or Mrs. J., as she was known by in the community, started as acting Director in 1963 after the resignation of Dorothy Saviers. Mrs. J. instituted monthly staff meetings, a library organizational chart, a staff handbook of operations, and staff professional continuing education. In the 1960s, regular story times were set, school fields trips to the library began, and book discussions started. Mrs. Jyurovat oversaw three building projects in 1963, 1973, and 1979. In 1963 plans were made to move the library from the little house. By 1973 the new building needed an addition. Another addition added in 1979 gave the library a total of 20,000 square feet of space.

Margaret Cooper
Margaret Cooper integrated new technologies into the library, with the addition of automated circulation and a computerized card catalog. After four years of work, the Project 2000 committee, consisting of library staff, trustees, and community members, initiated an addition and renovation plan. The plan allowed for utilization of the second floor and updating of the first floor to accommodate increases in materials and technology. A 12-year, 0.88-mil bond issue was passed in November 1995 to fund this project. Because of Mrs. Cooper’s medical leave during most of 1996, Vickie Victoria, assistant director, served as interim director. Ms. Victoria oversaw the expansion of the library, as well as the library’s move to temporary quarters in the Stow-Kent Shopping Center. The newly expanded and renovated Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library opened to the public in November 1997.

John Patane
June 1997 – March 2004
On December 7, 1997, Mr. Patane hosted the grand re-opening ceremony, attended by over 1,000 guests. Immediate results of the expansion and renovation of the library included huge jumps in circulation and new card holders.

Douglas Dotterer
March 2004 – Present
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Sharing cookies with Spike on Library Day 2016
Flag donation—Rep. David Joyce 2018
Thelma Chapman DAR book donation 2019
Trick or Treat Story Time 2019
MOVIE NIGHT!
Coming soon to our shelves.

Click movie cover to advance to our catalog or to place a hold.
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Volunteer with the Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library receive, sort, and box all the many donations that are brought to the library by our community. It takes many hands to process these items to get them ready for sale. We could use your help!

The Friends organize and conduct three book sales and a jigsaw puzzle sale throughout the year. We are always in need of people to keep the tables in order and to act as cashiers for these sales.

We do this work to provide funds for library programming. Our group pays for programs, speakers, prizes, and refreshments so that the library can continue to provide access to recreational, educational, and cultural activities for our community.

If you love books, enjoy lively company, and want to support the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, please consider volunteering with us.

For more information contact: Barbara Nelson, president@friendsofsmfl.org

New Faces in Our Circulation Department

You may notice some new faces around the library. We’re very happy to welcome four new employees. Next time you’re in, make sure to give a warm welcome to: April, Braxton, Greta, and Janay.

Novel Eating

Check out some of Kristin Casale’s favorite cookbooks—see page 8 for more.
Library Celebrates 95 Years

In celebration of our 95th Anniversary, Local History Librarian, Gretchen Quinn, will present **History of Our Library: Celebrating 95 Years** at 7 PM on Thursday, January 30.

Since the Stow Public Library officially opened its doors on January 21, 1925, our library has proudly served the communities of Stow and Munroe Falls. We are excited to celebrate our 95th Anniversary in 2020.

Join us as we commemorate this special anniversary with Local History Librarian, Gretchen Quinn. Learn remarkable facts about the library through the years. See some extraordinary photos and artifacts from the library’s archives. And share some of your favorite memories of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library from the past 95 years.

Registration begins at 9 AM on Monday, December 30. To register, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or click [here](#).

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In Praise of The Joy of Cooking
by Kristin Casale, Children’s Librarian

In this day and age, there is a cookbook for every kind of diet, cuisine, appliance or technique. We live in an era in which the average home cook can confidently tackle everything from home brewing to layer cakes. Almost nothing is out of bounds to even the most inexperienced cook.

Within this context, it seems natural to head straight for texts featuring world-famous chefs, who after all are experts in their field, or collections showing us how to make cronuts at home. Especially during the winter months, an enjoyable, home-cooked meal takes on added appeal as we think of how comforting it would be to have a hot bowl of soup or a roast chicken. I go through my cookbooks more often when it’s cold for precisely this reason. And while I refer to a variety of texts featuring all different kinds of recipes, I still find myself returning to America’s most famous cookbook—The Joy of Cooking by Irma Rombauer.

A self-taught cook, Rombauer used what little she had left after the stock market crashed in 1929 to self-publish her collection of recipes. She went door to door selling her book in the early 1930s, slowly building a following. The Joy of Cooking was eventually picked up by a publisher, and by the 1940s was a bestseller.

While often maligned by modern cooks, I would like to stand up for this classic cookbook. My mother gave me a revised edition when I moved into my first apartment 13 years ago, as a nod to the fact that I was finally ready to establish my home kitchen. I think people can be critical of The Joy of Cooking, because they buy into the admittedly misguided premise that this is the only cookbook one needs and then become disappointed when this text falls short. In reality, The Joy of Cooking is the only cookbook needed to prepare easy versions of dishes belonging to an America that was once dominated by people of Northern and Western European descent.

I frequently check out our library’s large collection of cookbooks and copy down all of the recipes that catch my eye. Sometimes, I even check out a cookbook I’ve already gone through just to make sure I haven’t discarded something potentially delicious. I probably have more recipes than I can reasonably cook in a timely manner, but they sit on my hard drive for the future, when I have the time or occasion required to prepare them.

If you have worn out your copy of The Joy of Cooking there are a number of other all-purpose cookbooks out there that are great. Some of these are below:

• Mark Bittman’s How to Cook Everything series covers so much as to be exhaustive. This series includes How to Cook Everything Vegetarian and How to Grill Everything.
• Appetites by the dearly departed Anthony Bourdain is not a large cookbook, but his recipes for chicken salad and tuna salad are the only ones you’ll ever need. They’re not difficult, but they’re full of flavor. This book is available through Search Ohio. Talk to a librarian for more information.
• For those of you with an Instant Pot (I received one as a gift last year), Melissa Clark has written Dinner in an Instant and Comfort in an Instant. I now hard-boil eggs in my Instant Pot because of this cookbook, and I love her recipe for oatmeal. While these cookbooks are for the Instant Pot, they include a variety of excellent recipes. What I have listed in this article is just a small sample. We have hundreds of cookbooks at The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, including The Joy of Cooking, and I encourage you to check them out. And what we don’t own, we can get from other libraries. In the words of Chef Jacques Pepin, happy cooking!

You can read more about the history of The Joy of Cooking at https://www.history.com/news/the-personal-tragedy-behind-the-joy-of-cooking. •
New & Popular in our Children’s Department

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ALLIES

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It Rained Warm Bread

The Proudest Blue

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The Space We’re In

A Dreidel in Time

Christine Day

I Can Make this Promise

Summer Green to Autumn Gold

Cassandra

Bolivar Eats New York

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Family Folklore
by Lisa Maruna, Marketing & Public Relations Coordinator

This upcoming New Year will mark the 20th year of Family Folklore—a group of women who meet regularly at the library to keep their family memories alive. These busy retirees call themselves the Memory Keepers and they are wives, mothers, grandmothers, and community volunteers. But every Thursday morning, they gather here at the library to share stories of their families—brave immigrants who fought for freedom; heroines who fed strangers during the Great Depression; enterprising parents and grandparents who ploughed farms, started businesses, or labored in the rubber and steel industries.

Family Folklore originated in 2000 and has been meeting at the library for the past 12 years. Leader Gladys Ashenfelter says, “Meeting regularly encourages us to write more often for a ‘live’ audience and get positive feedback from each other. We don’t critique each other’s writing, but encourage writing in order to share stories and family memories for future generations.”

This fall, the group published an anthology entitled, Through the Years with Family Folklore, which they donated to the library’s collection. The anthology includes photographs, a biography, one story and one or two poems from each author. Check it out today.

Library
—by Gladys Ashenfelter

When you enter a library
You sense that the rooms are filled with words.
Oh, not just in the pages of books,
But in the air
On a chair
Floating softly everywhere.

You open a book and they escape.
Thoughtful words run away to sit and peer over shoulders.
Nonsense words bounce out,
Inch close and tickle your sides.
Lofty words float up from the pages,
And peer down in omniscient grandeur.

Some words leap out and drag you back in time.
Others push you forward into an unknown future.

Comforting words glide out
And caress your cheek
Like an old friend.
Know it all words
Get bossy,
And tell you what to do.

When you close the book
Some words remain free
And cling to the readers.
Do you feel them?

Others take their places
In the spaces
Of the library.

—Through the Years with Family Folklore, p. 16
Upcoming Art Gallery Exhibits

December/January Gallery Exhibit featuring Erica Diffee:
Erica Diffee is an amateur photographer who enjoys taking photos with her husband, Pratt. She enjoys taking pictures of flowers, wildlife, art, and architecture. She loves to travel the world with her husband and her camera, capturing the ephemeral beauty of flowers and the perennial beauty of nature. For more information, contact Erica at piadura.innovation@gmail.com

February/March Gallery Exhibit featuring Dan Weiss:
“My interest in art began at an early age drawing military vehicles and planes. In high school, I began to experiment with photography. While in college, I took a couple of art courses. After graduating from the University of Akron, I began my career in education. I spent thirty-six years working with high school students at Archbishop Hoban, Walsh Jesuit, and Brecksville-Broadview Heights. I spent most of my time in education as a guidance counselor helping and advising students. After I retired, my interest in photography was reawakened. I entered some of my work in the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Amateur Photography Contest and received several awards. My work has also been displayed at the Summit County Metro Parks Exhibit and Stow City Hall. In 2017, my wife Carla and I published a children’s book based on our travels to the national parks. We wanted to share with young children the beauty and geographical diversity of the United States. Our book, Denali Visits the National Parks, is about a dog who travels to the parks and what he learns as a result. I photographed the pictures in the book. I hope you enjoy the photos displayed in this exhibition.”

—Dan Weiss

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.
Document Station

Did you know we have a full-service Document Station on the first floor of the library? With the Library Document Station, you can scan books and documents (color, black and white, grayscale) and convert to PDF, searchable PDF, and Word. Scanned documents can be sent digitally via mobile phone or tablet, email, print, fax, GoogleDrive, Microsoft OneDrive, and USB drive. If you have any questions about this service, or need assistance, please call or visit the Information Desk.

Portable Hotspots

Hotspots allow library cardholders who don’t have home internet access to easily connect online from almost anywhere using a Wi-Fi-enabled device such as a phone, tablet or laptop. Hotspots are the newest items in the Eclectic Collection.

To borrow a hotspot, bring its card (located in the Top Shelf new book area) to the checkout desk. Items can be checked out for two weeks with no reserves or renewals. A maximum of two Eclectic Collection items may be checked out per card.

Overdue fees will be charged for an item not returned by its due date at the rate of $1 per day. Borrowers will be held responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged items or accessories. New cardholders may not borrow Eclectic Collection items at their first checkout.

Update Your Contact Information

Does the library have your correct email address? It’s how we reach you. Please take a moment to verify and update your contact information next time you visit or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 3.

Director

Douglas H. Dotterer

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is a citizen support group for Library services and activities. The Friends are a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization with an endowment fund dedicated to supporting children’s, teens, and patrons’ programs. The Friends sponsor book sales as well as other programming. For more information, visit www.friendsofsmfpl.org

Foundation

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation was incorporated in 1994 as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation’s mission is to provide funds for significant projects that enhance the mission of the library and to build an endowment that will carry on the legacy of the library. For more information, visit www.smfpl.org/foundation

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Who uses the library?

16,018 cardholders used the library in the last year.

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

What was checked out?

80% Physical Items
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