Reference Staff Favorites from 2013
—by Barbara Nelson, Assistant Head of Reference Services

Each December the staff of the Reference Services Department compiles a list of their favorite books of the year. Some of the books were published in 2013 and some were just discovered in 2013. Here is a list of everyone's top book.

Click on Summary to link to book descriptions and Borrow to link to our library's catalog.

All the Great Prizes:
The Life of John Hay, from Lincoln to Roosevelt
—by John Taliaferro
Amy Garrett's Favorite
Summary
Borrow

Anne Perry and the Murder of the Century
—by Peter Graham
Chris Caccamo's Favorite
Summary
Borrow

The Art of Racing in the Rain
—by Garth Stein
Jess Alloggia's Favorite
Summary
Borrow

The Borgias: The Hidden History
—by G.J. Meyer
Jim Williams's Favorite
Summary
Borrow

The Enchanter Heir
—by Cinda Williams Chima
Christina Getrost's Favorite
Summary
Borrow

The International Bank of Bob
—by Bob Harris
Thea Bilowich's Favorite
Summary
Borrow

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Light and Shade: Conversations with Jimmy Page
—by Brad Tolinski
Susan Falkman’s Favorite
Summary
Borrow

Once Upon a Flock: Life with My Soulful Chickens
—by Lauren Scheuer
Diana Parker’s Favorite
Summary
Borrow

The Rosie Project
—by Graeme Simsion
Beth Daughtry’s Favorite
Summary
Borrow

Tell the Wolves I’m Home
—by Carol Rifka Brunt
Barbara Nelson’s Favorite
Summary
Borrow

We also each provide a list of 5-10 “Honorable Mention” titles. If a title appears on more than one person’s list we like to acknowledge it. Here are the books that more than one of us enjoyed in 2013:

The Cuckoo’s Calling
—by Robert Galbraith
Summary
Borrow

Life After Life
—by Kate Atkinson
Summary
Borrow

Sycamore Row
—by John Grisham
Summary
Borrow

Unbroken
—by Laura Hillenbrand
Summary
Borrow

Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald
—by Therese Fowler
Summary
Borrow
Support the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation as you enjoy breakfast, lunch, or dinner at Bob Evans on **Thursday, January 2, 2014**. Bob Evans, located at 3489 Hudson Drive in Stow, will be hosting a community fundraiser to benefit the Library Foundation. From 6:00 AM until 10:00 PM on this particular Thursday, Bob Evans will donate 15% of sales from your meals to the Library Foundation through their **Dine to Make a Difference Community Fundraiser** program. Participants must present a special flyer to the cashier at checkout. Flyers are available at the library or click [here](#) to print the January flyer from home. Click [here](#) to view Bob Evans’ menu. Proceeds from Bob Evans includes $106 in November and $76 in December. The Library Foundation is grateful for your donation. Please tell your friends!

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**Volunteer of the Year**

**Judy Cohen-Baer**

When Judy received the news that she was being named Volunteer of the Year for 2013, she was shocked. “It’s such an honor…” Judy shakes her head, humbly. She has been volunteering for six years at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and has been a member of the Friends of the Library for three and a half years. Judy started volunteering with the Outreach Program (home deliveries) and continues to today. She devotes much of her time to the Friends’ annual Book Sales. When Judy is not volunteering, she enjoys reading, watching movies, birding, and traveling. She loves visiting home in California but thinks the most interesting place she’s ever been is Mongolia. Judy believes the best part of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is the wonderful staff and the library’s involvement with the community. “The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is always looking to new trends. It’s a library that grows with time. It’s always vibrant and always moving forward.”
Happy New Year!

Outreach Services would like to welcome Mulberry Gardens to our program. Starting this month, we will be bringing library materials to these Munroe Falls residents! Our team is looking forward to this expansion of service.

Once again, our recommendations this month come from Ginger R. at Allen Place. She is an avid reader (and book on CD listener) with an eclectic taste!

**Nonfiction:**

*How to Create the Perfect Wife: Britain’s Most Ineligible Bachelor and His Enlightened Quest to Train the Ideal Mate*

—by Wendy Moore

Thomas Day, an 18th-century British writer and radical, knew exactly the sort of woman he wanted to marry. Pure and virginal like an English country maid yet tough and hardy like a Spartan heroine, she would live with him in an isolated cottage, completely subservient to his whims. But after being rejected by a number of spirited young women, Day concluded that the perfect partner he envisioned simply did not exist in frivolous, fashion-obsessed Georgian society. Rather than conceding defeat and giving up his search for the woman of his dreams, however, Day set out to create her. This extraordinary true story is brought to life by award-winning historian, Moore, is stranger than fiction.

*Countdown: Our Last, Best Hope for a Future on Earth?*

—by Alan Weisman

Our planet is not getting any bigger. Author Alan Weisman traveled to more than 20 countries to ask some of the hardest and most important questions on Earth regarding its limitations. One of those being: How many humans can the planet hold without capsizing? Weisman gives intense detail of the escalating effects of our collective presence, revealing what may be the most affordable and logic way of returning our planet’s balance.

**Fiction:**

*Longbourn*

—by Jo Baker

This is a beautifully rendered tale from beyond the pages of Pride and Prejudice. Sarah is the housemaid to the Bennets, scrubbing, polishing, cleaning, etc. With the arrival of a mysterious new footman, the orderly realm of the ‘downstairs’ folk threatens to turn on end. Jo Baker takes her readers deep into the often overlooked domain of the very lifeblood of the household, creating a most fascinating world.
Feeling cold this January?
Try these three teen novels that have very different meanings of COLD!

The Coldest Girl in Coldtown, by Holly Black:
Tana awakens from a late night party to find she is the only survivor of a massacre—all of the party's teen guests were murdered by vampires. In Tana's world, vampires exist—but are quarantined in walled-off "Coldtowns," along with anyone who has been bitten and infected by a vampire: they have become "cold." The only other survivors are her exasperatingly endearing ex-boyfriend, infected and on the edge, and a mysterious boy burdened with a terrible secret. Shaken and determined, Tana enters a race against the clock to save the three of them the only way she knows how: by going straight to the wicked, opulent heart of Coldtown itself.

The White Darkness, by Geraldine McCaughrean:
Symone has an imaginary friendship with a long-dead polar explorer, because she's obsessed with the Antarctic and because she has no close friend in whom to confide (she's shy and wears hearing aids). When her uncle surprises her with a trip to the actual Antarctic, she's very happy—but soon she discovers her uncle has been hiding the real reason he wanted to go to the South Pole, and the story turns into a nightmarish struggle for survival. I recommend having a cup of hot cocoa next to you as you read this, because you'll really get the chills!

Fallout, by Todd Strasser:
A suspenseful story set in 1962 during the Cold War, when the possibility of nuclear war is all anyone talks about. Scott's dad decides to build the neighborhood's only bomb shelter in their backyard, despite scoffing from their neighbors. When the attack siren suddenly sounds in the middle of the night, Scott and his family scramble to get in the shelter and fight off the same neighbors who are trying to force their way in too. Scott's dad knows there are only enough supplies for a family of four. With not enough room, not enough food, and not enough air, life inside the shelter is filthy, physically draining, and emotionally tense. But even worse is the question of what has happened "up there."

Children's Room Remodeling
Beginning on Monday, January 6, the Children's floor will be temporarily closed during the month of January for remodeling. However, a selection of children's items will still be available for check out at the courtesy desk. Watch out for the Children's floor grand reopening in 2014!

Stories at Starbucks!
Join Miss Amanda at the Stow Starbucks on 4200 Kent Road on Saturday, January 25 at 10:30 a.m. for stories, songs and lots of fun! Kids who attend can enjoy a free drink. No registration required.

This is Real
A Kids Program about Actual Events, People and Places
Sign up for this program series featuring books about real places, people and events. This series is for kids in grades two to six and takes place on select Saturdays from January through April. During each session, we will feature non-fiction books and do a corresponding activity, craft, science experiment or food-related project. Topics include animals frozen in ice, strange uses for food and other things found in nature, spies and camouflage, infinity and bicycles and more! Register by calling (330) 688-3295 ext. 5, or visit www.smfpl.org. Event dates are: January 4; February 1; March 1; and April 26. All programs take place at 11 a.m. in the first-floor conference room.

Teen Talk
by Christina Getrost, Teen Librarian

Just for Kids
by Kristin Casale, Children's Librarian

Children's Website
Teen Website
Spike Times
Click to link!
Employee of the Month

Delaney Baronwright

How long have you been working at the Stow Munroe Falls Public Library?
I have been working here for 3 years.

What is your current job?
I am a Public Service Assistant in the Circulation Department.

How would you describe the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library?
It’s a great and useful resource for the people in our area! We have so much going on here. There’s something for everyone.

What book would you recommend?
The book I would recommend is Ham on Rye by Charles Bukowski. He is an unorthodox and outrageous poet... He has been described as “a drunken closet romantic”.

What is your favorite vacation spot?
My favorite vacation spot is New York City. I love the excitement that big cities bring. Relaxing in warm weather on a lounge chair in front of an ocean isn’t bad either!

What are your hobbies?
I love to cook, practice fine photography, walk in the park and shop at thrift stores.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I am majoring in Graphic Design at the University of Akron.

Do you have any pets?
Yes, I have 2 cats. Stash and Ella.

If you had one SMFPL service to recommend to a patron, what would it be?
Our programs! We have so many neat and interesting programs offered year round. I’d love to go to all of them.
# Upcoming Events

**Adult Programming Highlights for January 2014**

*Click on any program for description and registration information.*

Please note that we have an abbreviated listing this month as our meeting rooms are closed during our upstairs remodeling. Watch for our Grand Reopening in February!

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Libra Circulation Statistics

The stats are out! November was the sixth busiest month in a row! There were 64,434 items checked out and 233 new library cards issued. Thank you to all the patrons who are loyal users of our resources and we welcome all the new faces to our library. We invite everyone else to stop in and see what the excitement is about!

Fast Facts

Monthly Statistics for November 2013
Record Breaking Statistic is highlighted!

Items Checked Out........................................... 64,434
eBooks.............................................................3,147
Digital Magazines Accessed..........................351
Freegal Music Downloads.................................960
Hoopla Downloads...........................................440
New Library Cards [up 23% from last November!]...233

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 July and December) at 2 PM in the Stow Room.

Library 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.

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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.

20 FEET FROM STARDOM
BLUE JASMINE
CAPTAIN PHILLIPS
CARRIE
CLOUDY WITH A CHANCE OF MEATBALLS 2
DESpicable ME 2
ENOUGH SAID
FAST & FURIOUS 6
THE FIFTH ESTATE
FRUITVALE STATION
I’M IN LOVE WITH A CHURCH GIRL
IN A WORLD
INSTRUCTIONS NOT INCLUDED
KICK-ASS 2
LEE DANIELS’ THE BUTLER
RUNNER RUNNER
SHORT TERM 12
THE SPECTACULAR NOW
THANKS FOR SHARING
YOU’RE NEXT