2009 was a great year for books! Want to know what our favorite books were? Here are the Adult Reference Staff’s favorite books from 2009!

Amy:  
- **Fire and Ice** (popular fiction) by Julie Garwood.  
- **Street Gang: The Complete History of Sesame Street** (nonfiction) by Michael Davis

Barbara:  
- **Shanghai Girls** (literary fiction) by Lisa See

Chris:  
- **A Cup of Tea** (fiction) by Amy Ephron

Beth:  
- **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** (literary fiction debut) by Steig Larsson
- **Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet** (historical fiction debut) by Jamie Ford

Vickie:  
- **Canadian History for Dummies** (nonfiction) by Will Ferguson
- **Language of Bees** (mystery) by Laurie King

Christina:  
- **Graceling** (teen fantasy fiction) by Suzanne Collins
- **Leviathan** (teen steampunk) by Scott Westerfeld

Diana:  
- **Cockatiels at Seven** (Meg Langslow mystery) by Donna Andrews
- **Six Geese a-Slaying** (Meg Langslow mystery) by Donna Andrews
- **Superfreakonomics** (nonfiction) by Steven Levitt

Susan:  
- **Angel’s Game** (literary fiction) by Carlos Ruiz Zafon
- **In Defense of Food** (nonfiction) by Michael Pollan
- **Likeness** (mystery) by Tara French

Jim:  
- **Inspector Banks** (mystery) series by Peter Robinson
- **You Can’t Go Home Again** (literary fiction) by Thomas Wolfe

Books liked by more than one staff member:  
- Amanda, Amy and Barbara: **Columbine** (nonfiction/history) by Dave Cullen
- Amy and Vickie: **The Leisure Seeker** (literary fiction) by Michael Zadoorian
- Barbara and Beth: **The Help** (historical fiction) by Kathryn Stockett

A CHOCOLATE FEST FOR TEENS ON 2/8/10 AT 7:00 PM

Teens from 6 grade through 12 grade can celebrate Valentine’s Day with “all things chocolate” at a Chocolate Fest on February 8 at 7:00 p.m.

Here’s your chance to sample some chocolate fondue and try your luck at some chocolate trivia contest questions for chocolate prizes. There is also a chocolate taste test. Plus you can make some chocolate candy for your valentine or yourself!

Sign up today by calling the Teen or Adult Information Desk at 330-688-3295 or email the Teen Librarian.

We look forward to seeing you there!
“ASK A LIBRARIAN” BY AMY GARRETT—
HEAD OF REFERENCE SERVICES

Last year, the Adult Information Desk answered 98,749 questions. What types of things are asked? Here is a sampling of questions from November, from Amy Garrett, head of Reference Services.

Question: Do you have tax forms?
Answer: We do have tax forms and books. Check out our tax display next to the Information Desk.

Question: I’m looking for books on antiques.
Answer: You’re in the right place. General information can be found at 745.1 and glassware can be found at 748.2. Stop by the Information Desk and we’ll help you find what you’re looking for.

Question: I am looking for a list of library programs.
Answer: You can see what’s happening in the library by going to our website at www.smfpl.org and clicking on “Events.” You can also see what’s happening by checking out our Events Monitor in the library or our Electronic Sign on Darrow Road. We are also more than happy to print this for you at the Information Desk.

Question: Who are our State Representatives?
Answer: We have one representative in the state house. His name is Mike Moran and he represents the 42nd house district. Kevin Coughlin is our State Senator. He represents the 27th senate district. If you would like contact info, stop by the Information Desk!

T H E  3 6 T H  A N N U A L  N E E D L E W O R K  S H O W  I S  C O M I N G !

Calling all needleworkers! You are invited to share your needle artistry and creativity in the 36th Annual Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library’s Spring Needlework Show. It will be held at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on March 24-28. Rather than competition, the focus of the show is encouraging all needleworkers to share their talents and creative ideas in order to inspire and motivate others. Entry fees are $5.00 for each item. There is no fee for juvenile entries. As in past years, we will award “Best of Show,” “Judges Choice,” “Popular Choice,” as well as 1st, 2nd, 3rd place ribbons for individual categories. Best of Show will also receive a cash prize of $25.00.

Dates to Remember:

Registration of Entries:
Sat: 3/20 10:00—4:00
Sun: 3/21 1:30—4:00
No late entries will be accepted.

Entry Pickup
Mon. 3/29 12-8
Tues. 3/30 6-8

There is no charge for admission, and all ages may enter. For more information, call 330-688-3295, or see our website.

JOIN THE “POETRY POSSE”

What is the Poetry Posse?
“Poetry can be fun for everyone.
From Haiku to Rhyme,
From Silly to sublime,
So we hope you’ll join in.
We promise you’ll grin.
We’ll read and compare.
We’ll write and we’ll share.
We’ll even have snacks,
Don’t worry about that.
So sign up today,
Then with poetry we’ll play!”

Grades 1-3 meet Wednesday February 10, March 10 and April 14 from 4 to 4:45 p.m. in the library’s Munroe Falls Room.

Grades 4—6 meet Saturdays February 13, March 13 and April 10 from 10—11 a.m. in the Munroe Falls Room.

For details or reservations, call the Children’s Room at 330-688-3295.

Call and sign-up today!

Calling all kids
to our Poetry Posse!
JOAN ARBOGAST IS THE “FINE PRINT EMPLOYEE OF THE MONTH”

Did you know Joan Arbogast, who works in our Children’s Department, has three children’s books on our shelves? Here’s some more information on this month’s “Fine Print Employee of the Month.”

What is your current job?
Library associate in the Children’s Department.

What other jobs have you had?

How would you describe SMFPL? It’s a treasure! A wonderful facility with a terrific Children’s Department.

What book would you recommend?
For adults—The Last Song by Nicholas Sparks. For middle schoolers—The Unfinished Angel by Sharon Creech.

What is your favorite vacation spot?
Corolla, In the Outer Banks, N.C. It’s quiet and has beautiful beaches with wild horses minus the commercialism often found in tourist spots.

What would people be surprised to know about you?
I’m an author with poems in gift books & greeting cards, articles in children’s magazines. My fourth book is due this spring.

How about any hobbies?
I love photography. I especially like to photograph interesting architectural details, especially of historic structures. I also like baking, gardening and crafts.

MEET JANE SNOW TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, AT 7:00 PM

Meet Jane Snow, former food editor of the Akron Beacon Journal on Tuesday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. Jane knows food! She’s taste-tested dishes with Paul Prudhomme, interviewed Martha Stewart, and rubbed elbows with Wolfgang Puck. Jane has gone to great lengths to discover recipe secrets. She knows her way around diverse cuisine. Your taste buds will be thrilled! Copies of Jane’s new cookbook “Jane Snow Cooks” will be available during the program.

Jane’s work has appeared in newspapers nationwide. She has won two James Beard Awards for food writing and has been nominated twice for the Pulitzer Prize. She lives in Akron, Ohio, with her husband, Tony, a sushi chef, and owner of Sushi Katsu, an Akron sushi bar.

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STEELHEAD TROUT FISHING DEMONSTRATION ON 2/25/10 AT 7:00

Northeast Ohio is one of the best areas to catch Steelhead Trout and the season for catching them is coming up. Learn when, where, and how to fish Steelhead, fly fishing techniques and much more on February 25, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. Dan Pribanic, owner of Chagrin River Outfitters or one of his full-time professional guides will share their knowledge on Great Lakes Steelhead and bring some of the newest rods and fishing equipment. No registration is required. This will be a 45-minute presentation with question and answer session to follow. Sponsored by Friends of Munroe Falls Parks and the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. If you are a fisherman, or wish to be one, you won’t want to miss this!

LIBRARY CLOSINGS

Due to budget cutbacks, the library will be closed for unpaid staff days on Friday, February 26 and March 19. We look forward to serving you on the days we are open.

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 December and July) at 2:00 p.m. in the Stow Room.

Friends officers for 2009 are (left to right):
Peg Niemeyer, Vice President; Hermine Meyer, Treasurer; Diane Brown, Corresponding Secretary; Nicole Welsh, President; Peggy Shaffer, Secretary.

FOUNDATION

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation was incorporated in 1994 as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation is dedicated to ensuring a great library system by raising, managing and allocating funds to expand and improve the library. Interested in giving to the Foundation? Go to www.smfpl.org

Front Row: Linda Trevorrow, Treasurer; Kelley Cerroni, Vice President; Julie Gedeon, President; Ann Lucco, Secretary. Back Row: Jane Mead, David Renninger, Ruth Reedy, Cindy Pribanic, Thomas Houlihan, Ann Malthaner, Doug Dotterer. Not pictured: Pamela Anderson, Nadine Chapman