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Library News

● Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

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Welcome to the **January 2009** edition of **LIBRARY E-NEWS**. This monthly newsletter includes several features containing information about the library. If you would like to join other subscribers in receiving the Library E-News in your e-mail every month, please fill out the following [form online](#) or complete a paper registration form at the circulation desk.

For a complete calendar of events at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library go to www.smfpl.org/calendar.htm

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Notices

Library Closings

The library will close at **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 31** and be closed all day on **Thursday, January 1** for the New Years' holiday.



Coffee With the Editor

The next Coffee with the Editor will be **Wednesday, January 7 at 9:00 a.m.**

Jazz Band

The next concert of the community jazz band will be **Wednesday, January 7 at 7:00 p.m.** Registration is not required.

Tax help available

Sign up for a free tax service, available to older residents and residents with low to middle incomes. This tax help is available at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on Fridays from **February 6 through April 10, 2009**. This annual program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons, who work in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program to assure that the volunteers are knowledgeable about the special tax provisions for older people. The service will be available from noon to 4 p.m. One-hour appointments may be scheduled by contacting the library at 330-688-3295.

Bring with you a copy of last year's tax return, social security card and picture ID. If you have lost your social security card, bring a copy of last year's return. If a child is claimed as an exemption, you must show his or her social security card. Also bring any forms showing income you earned or pensions or social security paid to you, 1099 forms showing interest or dividends that your investments have earned and receipts or cancelled checks for income or property taxes you have paid or any contributions you have made to charities. Bring with you documentation of medical expenses. **If you are a homeowner who does not itemize, you need to bring your property tax statements.**

Please be aware that library staff are not permitted to give tax advice, answer questions on your taxes or fill out your form for you. However, they will help you locate books and the appropriate forms and publications to help you complete your tax return.

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Upcoming Special Events

J.A. Jance

New York Times bestselling author J.A. Jance will be at Twinsburg Library on **Sunday, January 18 at 1:00 p.m.** to promote her newest book ***Cruel Intent***, the latest in the Ali Reynolds mystery series. Don't miss a chance to meet this bestselling author, who has more than 10 million books in print. To register, go online to <http://www.twinsburglibrary.org/> or call 330-425-4268, extension 2. This program is presented by the Reader's Row Group (Stow-Munroe Falls, Twinsburg and Hudson Libraries and the Learned Owl Book Shop).

No Goodwill Job Center in January

There will be no representative from the Goodwill Job Center at the library in January. Watch for details for visits in coming months.

Bridge Club

Come to the library for cards and conversation. The Bridge Club will meet on **the second Monday of the month from 12:45 until 3:30 p.m.** Players should arrive at **12:45 p.m. and Bridge will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.** The next meeting is **January 12**. Bridge Club meets in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room at the library. Bridge Club is co-sponsored by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Stow Woman's Club.

Jennifer Hanselman and "The Return of the Party of Nine"

Local author Jennifer Hanselman, mother of Ohio's first set of sextuplets, returns to Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on **Wednesday, January 21 at 7:00 p.m.** Hanselman will again look at life with sextuplets Alex, Logan, Kyle, Sophia, Lucy, Isabella and their older brother Connor. She will also be

available to sign copies of her new book, ***Return of the Party of Nine***. Stop by the Adult Information Desk or call 330-688-3295 to register.

Cooking With Sarah Mentzer

Sign up begins **Monday, January 12** for **Basic Cooking with Sara Mentzer**. The class on basic cooking skills will be held on **Thursday, February 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room. Call 330-688-3295 to sign up or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.

Puppy Whisperer

Sign up begins **Friday, January 19** for Terry Cranendonk: *The Puppy Whisperer*. The program will be held on **Tuesday, February 24 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room. Learn a compassionate, non-violent guide to early training and care for your puppy. Call 330-688-3295 to sign up or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.

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Recent Library Happenings

The library's new electronic message board was dedicated on December 15. Library Executive Director Doug Dotterer spoke at the dedication. The electronic message board allows the library to announce programs, events and classes to Stow, Munroe Falls and surrounding communities. It is a result of 2 1/2 years of fundraising by the Library Foundation and the Friends of the Library. No tax money was used to purchase or install the sign.

Northeast Ohio favorite Alex Bevan performed a concert of his favorite tunes at the library in November.



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New Titles

New titles are arriving daily at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Some of the new titles are:

- **Fiction/Mystery:** *Show No Fear* by Perri O'Shaughnessy, *Scarpetta* by Patricia Cornwell, *The*

Treasure by Iris Johansen, **In The Convent of Little Flowers** by Indu Sundaresan

- **Nonfiction:** **Eat, Drink and Be Mindful** by Susan Albers, **Fix it, Forget it Cookbook** by Phyllis Pellman Good, **In Triumph's Wake: Royal Mothers, Tragic Daughters and the Price They Paid for Glory** by Julia Gelardi
- **DVDs:** , **The Women, House Bunny, Traitor, Death Race, Burn After Reading**

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Department News

Adult Services

New Blu-rays coming soon

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is expanding its popular Blu-ray DVD collection in 2009. Watch for more blockbuster hits on Blu-ray, coming soon!

New printing options at the library

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library patrons can now send print jobs to the library from their home computers, laptops with Internet connection and other devices such as PDAs and blackberries. Click on the link from the library website and follow the instructions to send a print job. Patrons must come to the Adult Computer Lab to pay for their copies. Black and white copies are 10 cents per page, color copies are 75 cents per page. For more information, contact the Information Department at 330-688-3295.

Equipment upgrades improve connectivity, allows SuperSearch feature

Due to recent upgrades, patrons' connections to the Internet at the library are now faster and more reliable. The library's wireless service can now handle more laptop users and connectivity is improved on the second floor and in the meeting rooms. The new SuperSearch feature allows patrons to search the online catalog and the subscription databases simultaneously. For more information on these upgrades, contact the Information Department at 330-688-3295.

Digital eBooks, Audio Books, OverDrive Music and OverDrive Video

The Ohio eBook Project is proud to announce the arrival of digital eBooks, Audio Books, OverDrive Music and OverDrive Video for your enjoyment. Customers from Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and other member libraries can now browse and search hundreds of great titles and download them to computers, transfer them to portable devices, or burn them onto CDs for reading, listening, and viewing anywhere, anytime. Want more information? Ask at the Information Desk!

At this time, OverDrive Audio Books, Music and Video are not compatible with the Macintosh operating system or iPod players. Mobipocket eBooks are not compatible with the Macintosh operating system but can be used on Windows PCs and a range of portable devices.

The following types of materials can be checked out and downloaded from the Ohio ebook project website:

- eBooks in the Adobe® Reader®/Adobe Digital Editions PDF format (eBooks optimized for on-screen reading)
- eBooks in the Mobipocket Reader format (eBooks optimized for on-screen reading & transfer to an array of portable devices)
- WMA Audiobooks in the OverDrive Media Console™ format.

- Music in the OverDrive Media Console™ format
- Video in the OverDrive Media Console™ format (note that OverDrive Video is supported as a high-speed Internet-only product)- (Videos are mostly documentaries)

To access digital materials at Ohio eBook Project, you will need:

- A valid Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card
- A personal computer at home with access to the Internet
 - An email address
- The free software for the computer and/or device on which you wish to use the material you download from this site.

Please note that digital downloads can be enjoyed at home, at work, or when you travel, but are not for use on the computers in the library.

Need to Use a Computer? Call ahead and reserve one!

Computers with **Internet Access**, located in Computer lab at the library are always in great demand. If you are planning a trip to the library to use the computer, please **call ahead** and make a reservation. There may **NOT** be one available if you don't make a reservation! Computer time can be reserved up to **one week** in advance. **You are limited to one appointment per day.** Staff in the Computer Lab can schedule you for up to two hours of time, Monday through Saturday and up to one hour of time on Sunday. Remember, **you now need to bring your Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card to use a computer.** Don't be disappointed! Call ahead! To make an appointment, call the Adult Information Desk at 330-688-3295.

Evening Book Discussion with Amy

The evening book discussion group with **Amy Garrett** meets the fourth Thursday of the month from September through April. Discussions are on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.**

The group will meet again beginning on September 25, 2008. Books will be available at the Information Desk prior to discussion.

Reading List for the 2008-2009 Evening Discussion Group

- **January 22 - *The Escape*** by Carolyn Jessup
- **February 26 - *Waiting for Hope*** by Karen Hasley
- **March 26 - *Innocent Man*** by John Grisham
- **April 6 - *Can't Wait to Get to Heaven*** by Fannie Flagg

Monday Evening Book Discussion

The evening book discussion group with **Barbara Nelson** meets through **June 2009**. Discussions will be on **the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m.** Copies of the book will again be available at the Information Desk prior to the discussion date.

Reading List for the 2008-2009 Evening Discussion Group

- **January 5 - *Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont*** by Elizabeth Taylor
 - **February 2 - *The Grapes of Wrath*** by John Steinbeck
 - **March 2 - *Walking Across Egypt*** by Clyde Edgerton
 - **April 6 - *Farewell to Manzanar*** by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston
- **May 5 - *First Mothers: The Women Who Shaped the Presidents*** by Bonnie Angelo
- **June 2 - *Three Cups of Tea: One Man's Mission to Promote Peace One School at a Time*** by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin


Daytime Book Discussions

The daytime book discussion groups with **Chris Caccamo** will meet the **second Friday of the month from October through May at either 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m.** Books will be available at the Reference Desk prior to the discussion date. The first meeting will be **Friday, October 10.**

Reading List for the 2008-2009 Morning Discussion Groups

- **January 9 - *The Double Bind*** by Chris Bohjalian
- **February 13 - *The Notebook*** by Nicholas Sparks
- **March 13 - *Little Heathens: Hard Times and High Spirits on an Iowa Farm during the Depression*** by Mildred Armstrong Kalish
- **April 10 - *We Were the Mulvaneys*** by Joyce Carol Oates
- **May 8 - *The Lost Painting*** by Jonathan Harr

Computer Training

 The library offers classes for beginning computer users and more advanced users. They include Introduction to Computers, Introduction to the Internet, and training in Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. Classes are offered both day and evening at no charge. The class calendar can be viewed at www.smfpl.org/calendar.htm.

New Computer Class Signup Procedure

You no longer have to sign up for computer classes weeks ahead of time! Instead, stop by the Reference Desk **one half hour before class time** and sign up. Be sure to have your Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card with you! It is that easy!

Teens

Madden NFL09 XBOX 360 Tournament

The Madden NFL09 XBOX 360 Tournament will be on **Saturday, January 24 from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.** for ages 10 to 18. Prizes to be announced soon. Snacks will be provided for players. This will be a single elimination tournament, using two minute quarters, with opponents randomly chosen. players may play any regular season team of their choice. Game rules available at the Teen Information Desk. Sign up begins January 7. Space is limited.

Rotating Video Game Collection

The Northeast Ohio Regional Library System is now providing a rotating selection of video games for

adult, teen and juvenile patrons. The collection is available in the Teen department and consists of 10 Xbox-360 games, 5 Playstation 3 games and 5 Nintendo Wii games. There are a mix of titles ranging in ratings from E (everyone) to M (mature). A signed video game permission form must be on file for all patrons under 18 wishing to check out video games. A parent or guardian must be present to sign this form. The collection is a first-come, first-served collection. Holds cannot be placed on video games. For more information, contact the Information Department at 330-688-3295.

Teen Newsletter

The Teen Services Department is seeking submissions by teen patrons for the next issue of the Teen Newsletter. Submit stories, artwork or reviews. To view a sample issue, follow the link on the Teen Services page. Items can be turned in at the Reference Desk or E-Mailed to the Teen Librarian at the following address:

teenlibrarian@smfpl.org

Please go to the Teen Services web page at www.smfpl.org/TS.htm for information about current Teen activities. To see photos of Teen events go to www.smfpl.org/tsphotos.htm.

Children's

Storytimes

Registration begins **Monday, January 5** for winter storytimes, which run from **January 19 through March 19**. Sessions are available for lapsits (children from birth to 24 months with an adult caregiver), 2-year-olds (with adult caregiver), 3-year-olds (caregivers welcome) and 4 and 5-year-olds (children must attend by themselves). Register by calling the Children's Department at 330-688-3295. Family storytime is on Thursday evenings from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. for children ages 2 to 5 and their families. Registration is not required.

Caldecott Club

Help us pick the next Caldecott winner! This club will meet six times before the American Library Association's announcement of the winner. Each week a special guest will read four books, then the group will vote on a favorite. A reception will be held after the real winner is announced. This program is for current second and third grade students. Meeting dates on Saturdays from **10:30 to 11:30 a.m., December 13, 20 and January 3, 10, 17 and 24**. Reception date will be **January 31 at 10:30 a.m.** Contact the Children's Department to register.

Please call 330-688-3295 or go to the Children's Department web page at www.smfpl.org/CS.htm for further information about Children's activities and programs.

Circulation

Drive-Up Window

Don't forget about the Drive-Up Window service at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. This is an especially helpful service during inclement weather! The drive-up window is open during regular library hours and closes 15 minutes before library closing.



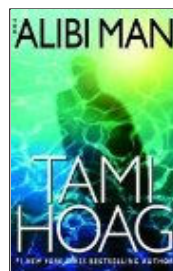
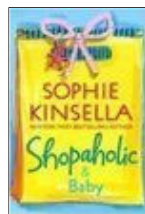
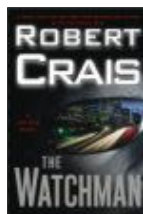
Pick 5 Bestsellers Club

Join the Bestsellers Club online by selecting up to **five** of your favorite authors. Your name will automatically be placed on the reserve list for these popular authors. Although we can't guarantee how near the top of the list you'll be, it's one less thing you have to think about! After completing this form, we'll add your name to the waiting list and let you know when your book is ready to check out. Your membership in the Bestsellers club will be effective with next month's new releases. It's that easy. Don't have a computer or are you too busy to get to your computer? Our staff would be happy to help. Fill out a form, turn it in and become a member. Are you already a member, but would like to change an author or two? Ask for an "add/delete" form at the circulation desk. It's just that easy!

Did you get a new card?

Did you get a new library card and still want to be in the Bestseller Club? Be sure to tell a circulation desk assistant to update your registration so you will continue to be placed on hold for all of your favorites!

Here's a few authors whose new books could be waiting for you!



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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 is dedicated to ensuring a great library system by raising, managing and allocating funds to expand and improve the library.

Why a Foundation? Maintaining Stow and Munroe Falls' top-notch library isn't possible with public funding alone. The Foundation's mission is to stabilize the library in times of reduced public funding and secure the ongoing excellence of the library. The next Foundation meeting is **Tuesday, January 20 at 5:00 p.m.**

Click www.smfpl.org/paypal.htm to learn more about the Foundation or to make a donation.

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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is a citizen support group for Library services and activities. They sponsor booksales as well as the annual Needlework Show and other activities. Friends meet the third Tuesday of every month (except December and July) at **2:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room.

New officers for the Friends for 2008 are (left to right): Peg Niemeyer, Corresponding Secretary; Barb Beiling, President; Peggy Shaffer, Secretary; and Hermine Meyer, Treasurer. Nicole Welsh, the new Vice-President, is not pictured.



If you are interested in joining the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, you may call the library at 330-688-3295 for further information, or you may go to the Friends page on the library website (www.smfpl.org/friends.htm) for an online application.

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Quilt on Display

This month's quilt is by Jane Weaver of Uniontown. It is called **Homespun Stars**



Art Displays

Artwork of Stephanie Coviak is now on display in the Corner Gallery. Handmade purses by Rima Elissa

are on display in the display cases. Both exhibits may be viewed during regular library hours.



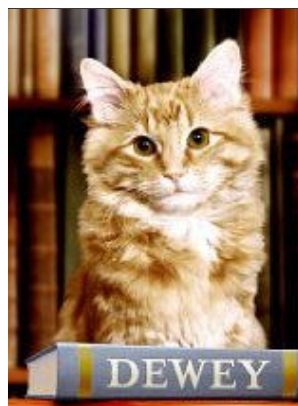
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Book Picks

January's book pick is **Dewey** by Brett Witter and Vicki Myron

From Publishers Weekly:

One frigid Midwestern winter night in 1988, a ginger kitten was shoved into the after-hours book-return slot at the public library in Spencer, Iowa. And in this tender story, Myron, the library director, tells of the impact the cat, named Dewey, had on the library and its patrons, and on Myron herself. Through her developing relationship with the feline, Myron recounts the economic and social history of Spencer as well as her own success story—despite an alcoholic husband, living on welfare, and health problems ranging from the difficult birth of her daughter, Jodi, to breast cancer. After her divorce, Myron graduated college (the first in her family) and stumbled into a library job. She quickly rose to become director, realizing early on that this was a job I could love for the rest of my life. Dewey, meanwhile, brings disabled children out of their shells, invites businessmen to pet him with one hand while holding the Wall Street Journal with the other, eats rubber bands and becomes a media darling. The book is not only a tribute to a cat—anthropomorphized to a degree that can strain credulity (Dewey plays hide and seek with Myron, can read her thoughts, is mortified by his hair balls)—it's a love letter to libraries.



Place a hold on **Dewey** by going to the library's online catalog at <http://opac.smfpl.org>.

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What Do I Watch?

Getting ready for this year's Oscars? Be sure you watch all the winners from last year!

- **No Country for Old Men**
- **There Will Be Blood**
 - **La Vie En Rose**
 - **Sweeney Todd**
 - **Michael Clayton**
 - **Juno**
 - **Atonement**
- **Bourne Ultimatum**
- **The Golden Compass**
 - **Ratatouille**

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Website of the Month

The website for this month is **GovBenefits.** at <http://www.govbenefits.gov/>

Are you eligible for government benefits? Find out by going to this website. Fill out a confidential, online questionnaire or search by benefit program categories. This site consolidates hundreds of benefit and assistance programs and matches the user with benefit programs that meet their needs. Benefits programs include child care/child support, disability assistance, disaster relief, healthcare/living assistance, and more. Also locate benefits by state.

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Library Green Tips



Enjoy these **Green Tips** courtesy of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library! Let's make a better planet for all of us! Look for new green tips each month!

- By making your own cleaning products using simple ingredients such as baking soda, soap, and vinegar, you can make cheap, easy, and non-toxic cleaning products that really work!
- Borrowing from the library instead of buying personal books, CDs and movies, saves money and printing resources. Also, less packaging and plastic wrap ends up in landfills!
 - Send E-Cards rather than paper ones!
- Walk, Bike, Skate, Jog, Skateboard rather than drive...save fuel AND get healthy!

- Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and washing your face.

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