Welcome to the **March 2008** 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](http://www.smfpl.org/calendar.htm)

For a version of this newsletter with photos and graphics, go to [www.smfpl.org/news.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/news.htm)

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**Notices**

**Library closing**

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed on **Sunday, March 23** for the Easter holiday.

**No Phone Book Recycling**

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is **not** accepting phone books for recycling. Please **do not** leave your phone books at the library.

**Tax Forms**

Federal, state, and city tax forms and a reproducible book of tax forms are available at the library. They are located in a display by the Corner Gallery (just past the Reference Desk on the first floor). If you do not see what you need ask for help at the Reference Desk or try online. Go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov), [www.ohio.gov](http://www.ohio.gov), [www.stow.oh.us](http://www.stow.oh.us), and [www.munroefalls.com](http://www.munroefalls.com).

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.
Coffee With the Editor

The next Coffee With the Editor will be Wednesday, April 2 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There will be no Coffee with the Editor in March.

Back By Popular Demand.....Book Bags!!
You can again purchase Zippered Top Pocket Book Bags at the front Circulation Desk at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. These are roomy bags with a gusseted bottom and made of 600 denier polyester nylon material. They have 24-inch long handles. The bags are $10, including tax. All proceeds benefit the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation.

Upcoming Special Events

Spring Needlework Show

Attention stitchers - the 34th Annual Spring Needlework Show is being held Thursday, April 3 through Sunday, April 6 in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room. Registration of entries will be Saturday, March 29 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 30 from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. No entries will be accepted before or after these times. Judging will be Monday, March 31.

Needlework Show Hours:

- Wednesday, April 2, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, April 3, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, April 4, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, April 5, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, April 6, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Rather than a competition, the focus of the show is to encourage all needleworkers to share their talents and creative ideas to inspire and motivate others. Entry fees are $5 for the first item and $2 for each additional item. There is no fee for juvenile entries.

As in past years, there will be awards for Best of Show, Judges’ Choice and Popular Choice. Best of Show will also receive a cash prize of $25.
All types of needlework will be accepted including counted cross stitch, counted thread, surface stitchery, canvas, quilting, hand knitting, crochet and others.

Entry pickup following the show:

- Sunday, April 6, 4:30 to 5:00 p.m.
- Monday, April 7, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 to 8:00 p.m.

For further information, stop by the library and pick up a brochure. The Spring Needlework Show is cosponsored by the Friends of the Library and Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Meet the Author: Shelly Pearsall
Shelly Pearsall, Ohio author of popular books for young people Trouble Don’t Last, All of the Above, and Crooked River will be at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on Wednesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m.
There will be an author presentation and a book signing afterwards. A limited number of books will be available for purchase. Light refreshments will be available. Reservations are appreciated. Call the Teen Information Desk at 330-688-3295 for more information. This program is sponsored by the Six District Educational Compact and the Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Jazz Band Concert
The next performance of the community jazz band will be Wednesday, April 2 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room of the library. The concert is free. Reservations are not required.

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 April 14. Bridge Club meets in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room at the library. There is no fee to join the club, but a small collection will be taken for refreshments. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295. Bridge Club is co-sponsored by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Stow Woman’s Club.

How to Have a Healthy Lawn Without Chemicals
Learn Environmentally safe options for beautifying your lawn during this exciting springtime program on Wednesday, April 9 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Registration begins on Monday, March 3 and is limited. Call 330-688-3295 to register or stop by the Reference Desk. This program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room.

Recent Library Happenings
Want to know everything that is happening at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library? Check out our brand new events monitor, located by the elevator. Find out about programs, activities, classes and services at your favorite library!
New Titles

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

- **Fiction:** *The KonKans* by Tony D'Souza, *Song Yet Sung* by James McBride, *The Little Lady Agency and the Prince* by Hester Browne, *Firefly Lane* by Kristin Hannah.


- **Nonfiction:** *The New Day Trader Advantage: Sane, Smart and Stable: finding the daily trades that will make you rich* by Jon D. Markman, *Jacked Up: the inside story of how Jack Welch talked GE into becoming the world's greatest company* by Bill Lane.

- **DVDs:** *Martian Child, Gone Baby Gone, No Reservations, Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married*

Department News

**Adult Services**

**Silly Saturday**
Join us for our annual April Fool's program during library hours on **Saturday, March 29**. Spend some time finding all the things that just don't look right in the library. Find them all and win a prize. Entrants are welcome to work in groups. This fun program is for patrons of all ages. Registration in not required.
Foreign Language Books
The Reference Department has an arrangement with the Foreign Language Department of the Cleveland Public Library to provide a rotating selection of print materials in various languages that may be checked out by our adult and juvenile patrons. The collection is rotated after a two-month period, so there will always be new titles to choose from. Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latvian, Polish, Portuguese, Romanian, Russian, Serbian, Slovenian, Spanish, Swahili, Swedish, Thai, Turkish, Ukranian, Urdu, Vietnamese, Welsh and Yiddish. Check one out today!

New to ReferenceUSA!
ReferenceUSA is one of our library's most popular databases. Patrons have used it for years to look up U.S. residential and business information. New to ReferenceUSA in 2008 is EmployersUSA, which allows users to find information on every U.S. employer, large or small. Use it to find the company you want to work for based on location, type of business and educational background. Access ReferenceUSA in the library or at home using your library card number. For more information, Call the Reference Department at 330-688-3295.

Need to Use a Computer? Call ahead and reserve one!
Computers with Internet Access, located in Computer lab at 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 Reference Department at 330-688-3295.

Evening Book Discussion
The evening book discussion group with Amy Garrett meets the fourth Thursday of the month through April 2008. Discussions will be on these Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. except in November and December. The November meeting will be the third Thursday at 7:00 p.m. and the December meeting will be the second Thursday at 7:00 p.m. Copies of the book will again be available at the Reference Desk prior to the discussion date.

Reading List for the 2007-2008 Evening Discussion Group
- March 27 - Lily's Sister by Karen Hasley
- April 24 - Double Bind by Chris Bohjalian

Monday Evening Book Discussion
The evening book discussion group with Barbara Nelson meets through June 2008. Discussions will be on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the book will again be available at the Reference Desk prior to the discussion date.

Reading List for the 2007-2008 Evening Discussion Group

- April 7 - *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards
- May 5 - *If Today be Sweet* by Thrity Umrigar
- June 2 - *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

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.

Reading List for the 2007-2008 Daytime Discussion Group

- April 11 - *The Captain’s Wife* by Douglas Kelly
- May 9 - *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

Summer titles will be released in May!

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

Chess Club
The next Chess Club will be Tuesday, April 15. Peer instruction is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and game play is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. Play chess against a variety of opponents, and learn new moves. Chess club is for students age 5 and older who are familiar with the basic rules of chess. Snacks provided. No registration is necessary.

Open Mic Poetry Night
Celebrate National Poetry Month with some coffee or soda, relaxing tunes, and a good poem or two on Monday, April 14 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Bring your favorite poem to share, or one you've written yourself, or read from one of our many books of poetry. No registration necessary.

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](http://www.smfpl.org/TS.htm) for information about current Teen activities. To see photos of Teen events go to [www.smfpl.org/tsphotos.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/tsphotos.htm).

**Children's**

**Baseball Fever**
Get ready for baseball season on **Saturday, March 22 at 2:30 PM**. Try your hand at our baseball quizzes, get your picture taken for your own baseball card, and play indoor baseball. Please attend with your favorite adult baseball fan. Don't forget to wear your favorite team's gear! The program is for children in grades 1 to 6. Registration begins on March 3. Call the Children's Department at 330-688-3295.

Please call 330-688-3295 or go to the Children's Department web page at [www.smfpl.org/CS.htm](http://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! Here's a few authors whose new books could be waiting for you!

![Robert Crais](#)  ![Sophie Kinsella](#)  ![Tami Hoag](#)

**Art on Display**

**Stow Faculty Art Show**
The Stow Faculty Art Show is on display in the Corner Gallery.

The mosaic artwork of Sandy Smith is on display in the display cases.
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.

Click [www.smfpl.org/paypal.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/paypal.htm) to learn more about the Foundation or to make a donation.

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 activities. Friends meet the third Tuesday of every month (except December and July) at 2:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.

New Friends Officers for 2007 (from left to right) are: Peg Niemeyer, Corresponding Secretary; Hermine Meyer, Treasurer; Peggy Shaffer, Vice President; Helen Meier, Recording Secretary; Martha Keisler, President.

Also pictured are Jane Mesereau (far right) and Lois Patton (handing out the flowers).
If you are interested in joining Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Friends of the 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](http://www.smfpl.org/friends.htm)) for an online application.

**Quilt on Display**

This month's amish quilt is provided by library staff member Sue Archer. It is displayed over the front checkout desk.

**Book Picks**

March’s book pick is *Stranger in Paradise* by Robert B. Parker

*From Publisher's Weekly:*

Jesse Stone trades quips with his deputies, Suitcase Simpson and Molly Crane; struggles with his relationship with his ex-wife, Jenn; and grapples with a criminal's return in bestseller Parker's sizzling seventh novel to feature the Paradise, Mass., police chief (after 2007's High Profile). Ex-con Wilson Crow Cromartie, who claims to be Apache and who eluded the police after a shootout 10 years earlier in Trouble in Paradise (1998), wants Stone not to interfere in his search for someone in Massachusetts. A Florida mob bigwig, Louis Francisco, has hired Crow to kill his ex-wife and kidnap his 14-year-old
daughter, Amber, but Crow has a policy of not harming women. In the end, Stone does more than leave Crow alone; he decides to make sure Amber, who's involved with a Latino gang, gets a chance, however slim, to overcome the odds stacked against her.

Stone and Crow make an appealing odd couple as they first warily size each other up then become grudging allies in the pursuit of justice.

Place a hold on **Stranger in Paradise** by going to the library's online catalog at [http://opac.smfpl.org](http://opac.smfpl.org).

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**What Do I Watch?**

In celebration of St. Patrick's day, check out these DVDs which feature Ireland!

- Michael Collins
- The Crying Game
- Far and Away
- Angela's Ashes
- Waking Ned Devine
- Ryan's Daughter
- The Quiet Man
- The Wind the Shakes the Barley
- Evelyn
- Once
- Millions
- Rick Steves Ireland and Scotland 2000-2007
- Passport to Europe with Samantha Brown
- Europe's enchanted lands

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**Website of the Month**

The website for this month is for **Garden Guides.com** at [http://www.gardenguides.com](http://www.gardenguides.com/)
It is time to start thinking about spring! Whether you are new to gardening, or a seasoned gardening pro, Garden Guides has everything you need. For more than eight years, Garden Guides has been a leader in online gardening information, providing thousands of pages of detailed and extensive information on plants, pests, gardening tips & techniques, gardening recipes, seeds & bulbs, gardening books, nurseries & landscapers, and much more.