Welcome to the May 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**

**Coffee With the Editor**

The next Coffee With the Editor will be Wednesday, June 4 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

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**Jazz Band**

There will be no Jazz Band Concert in June.

**Library Closing**

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed on Sunday, May 25 and Monday, May 26 for Memorial Day.

**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.

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**Upcoming Special Events**

**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. and will continue in the summer. Players should arrive at 12:45 p.m. and bridge will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m. The next meeting is June 9. 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.

Meet Author Charlotte Marky
Stow author Charlotte Marky will talk about and sign her new book A Young Girl's Story of World War II and Communism of Revolution and Escape and the Power of Faith to Overcome. The program is Tuesday, May 13 at 7 p.m. Call 688-3295 or stop by the Reference Desk to register. The program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls room at the library.

9/11 Survivor George Sleigh
On Wednesday, May 28 at 7 p.m., hear George Sleigh’s story of escape from the 91st floor of the World Trade Center. Call 688-3295 or stop by the Reference Desk to register. This program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls room at the library.

Recent Library Happenings
Bryan Newberry was the winner of the annual Silly Saturday contest held recently at the library in honor of April Fool's Day. Patrons had to find everything that was out of place in the library. Bryan received a Borders gift certificate.

Danielle Mazurowski was one of several teens that participated in the teen open mic poetry night on April 14.

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library celebrated Earth Day for an entire week in April. There was a book display, free seeds and bookmarks, organic, fair trade coffee, natural snacks, giveaways and more.

Adults winning Earth Day prizes for the week were Kathy Gillen, Debby Myers, Ellen Grandisher, Mary Myers, Fritz Reinke, Claude Rollins, Carol Oblisk and Joanne Richards. Teens winning Earth Day Prizes for the week were Ashley Neff, Stephanie Wright, Stephanie Brown, Marissa Sensius, Darby Friend, Samantha Hemphill and Clayton Buckalew.
New Titles

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

- **Fiction:** Sundays at Tiffany’s by James Patterson, 20 Wishes by Debbie Macomber, Days of Infamy by Newt Gingrich, The Assassins by Stephen Coonts.

- **Mystery:** Devil Bones by Kathy Reich, Mercedes Coffin by Faye Kelleman

- **Nonfiction:** Walking With God in America: Experiencing God’s Blessings in the Beauty of America by Ken Duncan, Boots on the Ground by Dusk: my tribute to Pat Tillman by Mary Tillman.

- **DVDs:** The Golden Compass, 27 Dresses, Across the universe, Becoming Jane

Department News

**Adult Services**

**Hats off to Ohio**

On Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m., Denny Reiser, retired teacher and history enthusiast, will present a talk and slide show on the history of Ohio. Reiser shows the audience the earliest inhabitants to the present as he dons period hats of our ancestors who made Ohio great. This program is for all ages and will cover Ohio’s canals, railroads, presidents, inventors, natural landmarks, and more. In celebration of the Stow Township Bicentennial, Reiser will place special emphasis on local historical sites. Come to this presentation and learn more about Ohio and the Stow Township Driving/Walking tour scheduled for the weekend of June 21 and 22. This program is co-sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Stow Township Bicentennial Committee. Reservations will be accepted beginning Tuesday, May 27. Contact the Reference Desk at 330-688-3295 for more information or to register.

**Stow Township Bicentennial Driving/Walking Tour**

Stow Township, created in June 1808, originally consisted of the communities of Cuyahoga Falls, Munroe Falls, Silver Lake, and Stow. These four communities have come together to celebrate the Bicentennial with a driving/walking tour of historic sites. The tour will be Saturday, June 21 from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, June 22 from 1:00 p.m. until 4:00 p.m. Some of the sites will be staffed by volunteers to answer questions and explain the historical significance of that site. Other sites will be drive-by only. White signs will identify each site.

Tour guide booklets and maps will be available at the Reference Desk at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Limit one booklet per family. Booklets will also be handed out at the Hats Off to Ohio program at the library on June 19. For more information, contact the Reference Desk at 330-688-3295.

**Cuyahoga Falls vs. Stow Spelling Bee**

Patrons can represent the City of Stow in the first annual Cuyahoga Falls vs. Stow spelling bee, to be held at Cuyahoga Falls Library on Thursday, June 19 at 7:00 p.m. The spelling bee is for patrons 12 and up. A prize will be awarded to the top speller. Sign up by stopping by or calling the Adult Information Desk at 330-688-3295.

**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, Ukrainian, Urdu,
Vietnamese, Welsh and Yiddish. Check one out today!

**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 from September through April. Discussions are on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** Discussions for this season have ended.

The group will meet again beginning in September 2008.

**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**
- 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 Summer Seasons of the Daytime Discussion Group**
- June 13 - *The Prize Winner of Defiance, Ohio: How My Mother Raised 10 Kids on 25 Words or Less* by Terry Ryan
- July 11 - *Annie Freeman’s Fabulous Traveling Funeral* by Kris Radish
- August 8 - *A Walk in the Woods* by Bill Bryson

**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](http://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**

**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](mailto: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**

**Touch a Truck**
On **Saturday, May 17 at 10:00 a.m. (rain date May 18 at 1:00 PM.)** it’s time for **Touch a Truck** again! Join us in the parking lot to see a variety of big trucks, from firetrucks and mail trucks to tow trucks and many more. Sit in the driver's seat, honk the horn and talk to the drivers. Don't forget your cameras for this ultimate photo opportunity. The program is for children and their families. No registration is required.
Yo-Yo Club
The next Yo-Yo Club meeting is **Friday, June 6 at 4:30 p.m.** Join the club and let experienced Yo-Yo kids help you learn. Bring a Yo-Yo or just come and watch. The program is for children of all ages. Registration is not required.

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!

![Image of authors](image1)

Art on Display
The paintings of Stow artist Barbara Zohn will be on display in the Corner Gallery this month. Barbara began oil painting with Jack Richard and has studied and worked with many other renown artists through the years. Her works, which have won numerous awards, are exhibited throughout the United States and are in many private collections. Her memberships include signature member of Ohio Watercolor Association, lifetime membership of Whiskey Painters of America and a membership in the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center. Her paintings may be viewed during regular library hours.

Jewelry designs by Sheila Stransky of Munroe Falls are on display in the display case by the Corner Gallery. Also on display are Rigadoon Glass pieces by Amy Jean Nichols.

All displays may be viewed during regular library hours.

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, May 20 at 5:00 p.m.** The public is invited to attend.

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

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

**Friends Annual Meeting**
The annual meeting of the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be held on Tuesday, May 20 at 2 p.m. in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room at the library. A brief business meeting will be held, including the election and installation of officers. The public is invited to meet Russ Musarra and Chuck Ayers, authors of the book, *Walks Around Akron: Rediscovering a City in Transition*. Copies of the book will be available for purchase and may be signed by the authors. Refreshments will be served. For reservations, call the library at 330-688-3295.

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 quilt design is by Dolly Madison. It is displayed over the front checkout desk.

**Book Picks**
April’s book pick is **The Last Lecture** by Randy Pausch

*From Amazon.com:*

"We cannot change the cards we are dealt, just how we play the hand.--Randy Pausch"

A lot of professors give talks titled "The Last Lecture." Professors are asked to consider their demise and to ruminate on what matters most to them. And while they speak, audiences can't help but mull the same question: What wisdom would we impart to the world if we knew it was our last chance? If we had to vanish tomorrow, what would we want as our legacy? When Randy Pausch, a computer science professor at Carnegie Mellon, was asked to give such a lecture, he didn't have to imagine it as his last, since he had recently been diagnosed with terminal cancer. But the lecture he gave--"Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams"--wasn't about dying. It was about the importance of overcoming obstacles, of enabling the dreams of others, of seizing every moment (because "time is all you have...and you may find one day that you have less than you think"). It was a summation of everything Randy had come to believe. It was about living. In this book, Randy Pausch has combined the humor, inspiration and intelligence that made his lecture such a phenomenon and given it an indelible form. It is a book that will be shared for generations to come.

Place a hold on **The Last Lecture** by going to the library’s online catalog at [http://opac.smfpl.org](http://opac.smfpl.org).
What Do I Watch?

Summer is just around the corner. Check out some of these blockbuster films from past summers.

- Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest
- The Mummy
- Forest Gump
  - ET
- Jurassic Park
- The Sixth Sense
  - Batman
  - Ghost
- Spiderman
  - Cars
  - Shrek
- Star Wars

Website of the Month

The website for this month is for The Trip Advisor at http://www.tripadvisor.com/

If you are planning a trip this summer, make this the first website you check. Their motto is get the truth, then go. The Trip Advisor boasts over 5,000,000 traveler reviews and opinions of hotels, vacations and more. Read the collection of unbiased reviews and articles about vacations and hotels worldwide. The site features videos and pictures from travelers, information on the best hotels in the most popular destinations, recommended family, beach and golf vacations, European travel, top 10 enchanted islands, hot topics, helpful links and much more. With one click, you can find available flights using Orbitz, Expedia, Travelocity, Priceline, Hotwire, Cheap Tickets, Delta Airlines and Midwest Airlines.

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