Welcome to the November 2003 edition of LIBRARY E-NEWS. This monthly newsletter includes several features containing information about the library. If you would like to join over 850 subscribers by 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 the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library go to www.smfpl.org/calendar.htm

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Hennen's American Public Library Ratings
Congratulations to Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library! For the second year in a row Hennen's American Public Library Ratings rank our library fifth in the nation among libraries servicing a population of 25,000 to 49,999. Libraries are ranked based on statistics reported to the federal government. To read more about how libraries are rated go to the HAPLR website at www.haplr-index.com. The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has received a commendation from the Summit County Council in recognition of this ranking, for "dedication and hard work and commitment to public service."
Books From Other Libraries
If the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library does not own a title you are looking for, click "We Don't Own It" on the library catalog (go to www.smfpl.org/catalog.htm). It will explain two options available to you for finding materials not owned by the library. You may request an interlibrary loan in person, by phone or by filling out an on-line request form. Interlibrary loan staff will then search library catalogs all over the country and attempt to borrow the item for you. You may also search the MORE (Moving Ohio Resources Everywhere) resource sharing catalog. This system allows you to search for materials in various library catalogs across Ohio and place your own request online. For more information, contact the Interlibrary Loan Department at 330-688-3295.

Recycling
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is now participating in a recycling program with Abitibi Recycling Corporation called the Abitibi Paper Retriever Program. The Paper Retriever bin is located behind the library and is available 24 hours. Anyone in the community can drop off the following items suitable for recycling (all items must be clean and dry): newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers, and mail. Stow-Munroe Falls elementary schools and middle school also participate in this program.

Community Jazz Band
The Community Jazz Band performs the first Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Their next concert will be Wednesday, November 5.

Library Closing
The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will close at 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, November 26 and remain closed Thursday, November 27 for the Thanksgiving holiday. The library will re-open at 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 28.

Acme Community Cash Back Program
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is once again participating in the Acme Community Cash Back Program. Just bring your Acme receipt tapes (dated September 7, 2003 to May 15, 2004) to the Children's Department or put them in the box by the elevator. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library receives one percent of the total amount of the receipts. During the 2002/2003 school year, patrons turned in over $136,000 worth of receipts! Thank you for supporting the library!

Library Board
The next Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Monday, November 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.

Volunteers Needed
Local History Specialist Bridget Hair, volunteer coordinator, is looking for "a few good people" to staff the Local History Room once a week or twice a month. There are currently afternoon and evening shifts open, two to three hours each. Tasks you may be asked to do include photocopying, typing labels, filing and sorting.

If you enjoy working on "mysteries" (searching for answers) and can work alone or with another individual, please give Bridget a call at 330-688-3295. More information may be found on the Local History web page at www.smfpl.org/LH.htm. Or visit the Local History Room, Mondays through Thursdays, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Online Services
Have you heard about our new online services? You can now renew materials, place reserves, check fines, and more via the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's website at www.smfpl.org. Click on the catalog button, then select the online catalog (ipac) link. To access your account, enter your library card number and the last four digits of your phone number. Explore our new online services and see how easy and convenient your library transactions can be!

Upcoming Special Events

Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction
Judging for our third annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction will take place November 8. Trees will be on display at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library from November 3-22 for silent bidding. The silent auction will close Saturday, November 22 at 4:30 p.m. Winning bidders may take trees and wreaths home the end of November. For further information, please call Betsy Adams at 330-688-3295.

Holiday Bake-a-Thon
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library present a Holiday Bake-a-Thon "Clamoring for Cookies" Saturday, November 15, 2003 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. Dig out your favorite cookie recipe and join us for a fun-filled baking contest! Prizes will be awarded in four categories: bar cookies, drop cookies, non-baked cookies, and decorated cut-out cookies. Both Adult and Junior bakers will be judged.

Participate in the Public Cookie Tasting from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. and vote for your favorite cookie recipe. This is also a great opportunity to help with our Holiday Food Drive by bringing in one canned or non-perishable food item the day of the contest to donate to a local area food bank.

Entry forms and complete rules are available at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library front Circulation Desk.

Recent Library Happenings

Trick or Treaters
Children in the weekly Story Hours trick-or-treated throughout the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library during the last week of October. Children’s Librarian Lydia Gamble is shown here with some of her trick-or-treaters from the Monday morning lapsit group.

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Evening Book Discussions
The Evening Book Discussion Group with Amy Garrett will be held the following dates at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room:

- The Killer in the Attic by John Stark Bellamy - Thursday, November 13
- Skipping Christmas by John Grisham - Thursday, December 11
- Hey, Waitress by Alison Owings - Thursday, January 22
- Finding Fish by Antwone Fisher - Thursday, February 26
- Tender at the Bone by Ruth Reichl - Thursday, March 25
- Seabiscuit by Laura Hillenbrand - Thursday, April 22

For more information, please contact Amy Garrett at 330-688-3295.

Morning Book Discussions
The Morning Book Discussion Group with Chris Caccamo will begin Friday, October 10 at 10:00 a.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Selected books and discussion dates are:

- Sometimes a Great Notion by Ken Kesey - Friday, November 14
- The Christmas Train by David Baldacci - Friday, December 12
- Trials of Mrs. Lincoln by Samuel Schreiner - Friday, January 9
- To a God Unknown by John Steinbeck - Friday, February 13
- Standing in the Rainbow by Fannie Flagg - Friday, March 12
- Secret Life of Bees by Sue Monk Kidd - Friday, April 9
- Blue Diary by Alice Hoffman - Friday, May 14

For more information, please contact Chris Caccamo at 330-688-3295.

New Titles
New titles are arriving daily at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Check out the growing DVD collection, as well as books on CD. Some of the new titles this month are:


- Books on Tape: Heretic by Bernard Cornwell and Barracuda 945 by Patrick Robinson.

- Books on CD: The Nathaniel Hawthorne Audio Collection.


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. **There are no computer classes in December.** The class schedule for January will be released **Monday, December 29 at 9:00 a.m.** The class calendar can be viewed at [www.smfpl.org/calendar.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/calendar.htm). Please call 330-688-3295 if you have any questions.

**Computer Volunteer**
Computer volunteer, Tom Labbe, is available to help patrons with computer questions during the following hours: Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 1:00 - 2:30.

**Local History Room**

The Local History Room will be decorated in a Victorian theme this Christmas. This includes gifts under the tree, wall decorations, and tree ornaments. If you have any Victorian artifacts you would be willing to loan for the month of December, please call Local History Specialist, Bridget Hair, at 330-688-3295. The Local History Room is locked when unattended, allowing your items to be secure.

New items to see in the Local History Room include: the biography of James Anderson (former Stow well-driller, of Anderson Plumbing); the history of Call Farm, including photos of the new development, "Call's Farm", and the latest Stow High School yearbook, the 2003 Stoanno. To learn more about the Local History Room go to [www.smfpl.org/LH.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/LH.htm).

**Young Adults**

**New YA eMAC Computer**
A new eMac computer is now located in the Young Adult Department on the homework table. The new computer is for use by teens only during afterschool, evening and weekend hours. Adults may use the eMac only on school days until 3:00 p.m. Since the eMac is internet accessible, teens must have internet permission on file. Sign up for an hour time slot is at the Information Desk.

At right, Teen Librarian Christina Getrost demonstrates the new eMac in the Young Adult Department.

For further information on Teen programs please go to the Teen Services web page at [www.smfpl.org./TS.htm](http://www.smfpl.org./TS.htm).

**Children's**

**New eMAC computers**
There are now two new eMAC computers in the Children's Department computer lab for use by students.

**Mitten Tree - Monday, November 3**
Watch for our "Mitten Tree" in the Children's Room. Bring hat, mittens, gloves and scarves for our tree. All will be donated to Good Neighbors before Thanksgiving.

**Harvest Party - Saturday, November 8 from 10:30 a.m. to Noon**
Children of all ages may join us for games, craft, refreshments, and a scarecrow costume contest. No registration.

**Magic School Bus Under Construction - Saturday, November 15 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon.**
First through third graders. Meet a working carpenter and build something for our display window. Registration begins November 3.

**Stories in the Garden - Saturday, November 22 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**
First through third graders. Celebrate *Possum's Harvest Moon* with stories, refreshments, and pumpkin painting. Registration begins November 10.

Please call 330-688-3295 for further information or go to the Children's Department webpage at [www.smfpl.org/CS.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/CS.htm) for a complete list of children's programming.

**Circulation**

**Pick 5 Bestsellers Club**
How would you like to automatically be placed on the reserve list for five of your favorite popular authors? Join our Bestsellers Club and that's exactly what will happen! Just pick up a form at the Circulation Desk and join over 300 satisfied members. 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!

**Honorees**
Arabica gift certificates have been awarded to the following patrons visiting the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library recently: Sharon DeBlois (21,000th window checkout of 2003), Aileen O'Donnell (4,500th new registration of 2003), Beth Wells (600,000th circulation of 2003), and Susan Freed (30th Bestseller's Club registration of 2003). Congratulations!

Cardholders have their privileges at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library!

**Art on Display**
Visit The Corner Gallery to view the artwork of November artist Linda Hutchinson of Brimfield Township. Ms. Hutchinson is a painter and illustrator who uses watercolor, oils, and charcoal. Her work has recently been in three exhibitions around the country: "Watercolor Ohio 2003", The Ohio Watercolor Society's 26th Annual Juried Exhibition, "The Best of America 2003", sponsored by The National Oil and Acrylic Painters Society, and "The North East Watercolor Society 27th Annual International Exhibition". She has most recently worked with Field High School students to create five paintings for the new addition at Akron Children's Hospital Medical Center. Ms. Hutchison teaches drawing and painting classes through the continuing education programs at The University of Akron and Kent City Schools.

**Quilt on Display**
The quilt on display during the month of November is
Happy Birthday Ohio by Jackie Vogel. Jackie made this feathered star wallhanging for the Ohio Bicentennial Quilt Challenge at the Ohio State Fair this year. The center feathered star medallion frames the state bird, while the Ohio star blocks in each corner frame the state flower. Jackie earned an Honorable Mention for her entry. She is a member of the Cascade and Memorymakers quilt guilds.

Friends of the Library

The Friends, one of the largest organizations in Stow, 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.

If you are interested in joining the 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) for an online application.

Books on Display

"Sew Much to Make and Do" on display in the Quiet Study area features books and videos about sewing, quilting, cross-stitch, and other needlework crafts. Sewing 101: a Beginner's Guide to Sewing by the editors of Creative Publishing International, Sew Fast Sew Easy: All You Need to Know When You Start to Sew by Elissa K. Meyrich, and Sewing With Nancy's Favorite Hints: Twenty Years of Great Ideas From America's Most Popular Television Sewing Series, by Nancy Zieman are three books that will help get you started on your sewing project. (Nancy offers free projects on her website at www.nancysnotions.com.) Other books on sewing are in the 646 section and books on needlework are in the 746 area.

During the month of November Silent Auction Christmas trees and wreaths will be on display at the Questions and Directions Desk and throughout the library. The trees and wreaths are decorated by patrons and are available for bidding. The silent auction will close on Saturday, November 22 at 4:30 p.m., and the highest bidders will pay for and take their items home on Saturday, November 29.

Spotlight on Aviation

November's Spotlight shines on "Aviation". Books and videos about aviation are located in the 629 section of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library in both the Adult and Children's Departments. These

*The Pioneers of Flight* (video), *The Magic of Flight* (DVD first released as an IMAX film), *The First Flight* (video, part of a Learning Channel series), and *Across the Atlantic Behind the Lindbergh Legend* (video produced by National Geographic), are a few of the several videorecordings on aviation. *Across the Atlantic Behind the Lindbergh Legend* allows the viewer to climb into the cockpit of an exact replica of the fabled Spirit of St. Louis to experience an hour-by-hour reenactment of the danger, doubts and fatigue endured by the young Charles Lindbergh on his record-shattering flight across the Atlantic. It features rare archival footage. To learn more about Lindbergh, go to www.charleslindbergh.com.


Issues about airline security are raised in the two books *Logging flight Time: and Other Aviation Truths, Near Truths, and More Than a Few Rumors That Could Never be Traced to Their Sources* by William K. Kershner and *Aviation Insecurity* by Andrew R. Thomas. Thomas will be appearing at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on Wednesday, January 14 to discuss his findings. For some fun with aviation, try your hand at making paper airplanes - *Origami Paper Airplanes* by Didier Boursin is located in the Adult Department and *Super Simple Paper Airplanes* by Nick Robinson is in the Children’s Department. For some free paper airplane instructions go to www.josephpalmer.com/planes/Airplane.shtml.

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**Staff Picks**

November’s staff pick is *Artemis Fowl* by Eoin Colfer, recommended by Public Service Assistant Deana Humble. Artemis Fowl is a 12-year-old criminal criminal...
mastermind who wants to control the world. His plan is to kidnap a fairy and hold her ransom for the legendary fairy gold. Unknown to him, however, the fairy he kidnaps is a member of the LEPrecon (Lower Elements Police Reconnaissance) Unit. This is a fast-paced fantasy book about fairies, leprecauns, and computers. Recommended for ages 10 and up (including adults!).

Website of the Month

Website for the month of November is Identity Theft Resource Center at www.idtheftcenter.org. The Identity Theft Resource Center is designed to support victims, broaden public awareness, and provide information about the crime of identity theft. You will find fraud alerts, ID theft prevention tips, and how to contact Credit Reporting Agencies on this helpful website.