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Welcome to the **November 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

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Notices

Library Closings

The library will close at 5 p.m. on **Wednesday, November 26** and be closed all day on **Thursday, November 27** for Thanksgiving.

- Coffee With the Editor**
 There will be no Coffee with the Editor in November.

Jazz Band

The next concert of the community jazz band will be **Wednesday, December 3 at 7:00 p.m.**
Registration is not required.

Tax help available

Sign up begins **November 10** 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.

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

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 **December 8.** 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.

Alex Bevan

Enjoy the guitar music of Northeast Ohio favorite Alex Bevan at the library on **Tuesday, November 25 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

Christmas with The Moss Stanley Trio

Join The Moss Stanley Trio for a special Christmas Jazz Concert on **Monday, December 8 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** at the library. Registration begins November 10. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register.

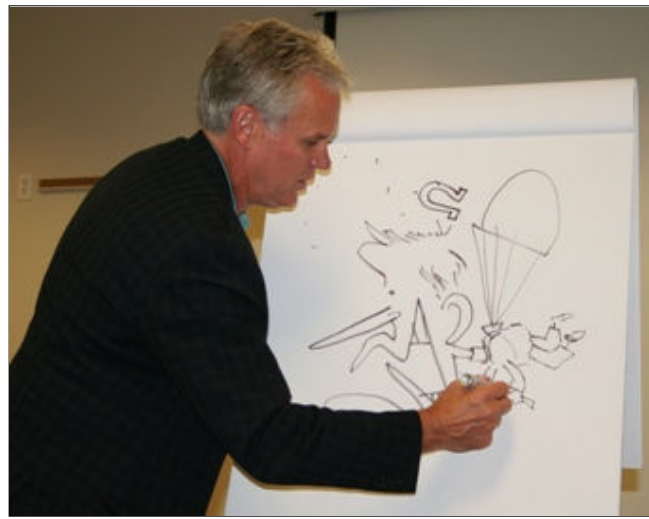
Caroling

Come to the library on **Tuesday, December 16 from 6:00 to 6:30 p.m.** for festive holiday carols performed by The Bulldog Pup Singers from Echo Hills Elementary School. This group of third and fourth grade children perform under the direction of their Music Instructor, Gloria E. Gassner. The children will sing in the front magazine lounge. Registration is not required.

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Recent Library Happenings

Jana Kohl, (left) animal activist and author of the book *A Rare Breed of Love*, appeared at the library with her rescued dog, Baby, on October 2. Editorial cartoonist Chip Bok demonstrated his skills and spoke about his new book *The Great White House Breakout* on October 11.



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New Titles

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

- **Fiction:** *Bones* by Jonathan Kellerman, *Bitter Harvest* by Jeannie Johnson, *Peripheral Vision* by Patricia Feguson
- **Biography:** *Eminem: The Way I Am* by Eminem
- **Nonfiction:** *Style* by Thom Filicia, *Tales From the Dad Side* by Steve Doocy
- **DVDs:** , *War, Inc.*, *WALL-E*, *Meet Dave*, *Space Chimps*

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Department News

Adult Services

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

- **December 11 - *The Road*** by Cormac McCarthy
- **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

- **December 1 - *Christmas in Plains*** by Jimmy Carter
- **January 5 - *Mrs. Palfrey at the Claremont*** by Elizabeth Taylor
- **March 2 - *Walking Across Egypt*** by Clyde Edgerton
- **April 6 - *Garden Spells*** by Sara Addison Allen
- **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

- **December 12 - *Pick a favorite book to share with the group--short story, Christmas book or any book that reminds you of the holiday season!***
- **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 Mulvaney*** 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

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

Teacher Boxes...new in the Children's Room!

The Children's Room has put together boxes which will be available to teachers for classroom use. The themed boxes contain books, puppets, puzzles, CDs and other interactive items. Three boxes are presently available: **All About Me, Community Helpers and Cultural Diversity**. Boxes may be checked out for two weeks and renewed for two weeks if a hold has not been placed. More boxes are planned for this fall.

Caldecott Club

Help us pick the 2008 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 beginning November 17.

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.

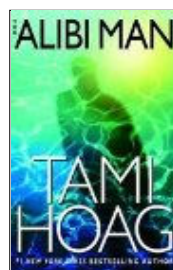
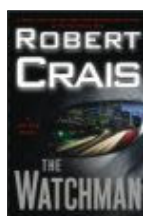
Circulation

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! 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, November 18 at 5:00 p.m.** The public is invited to attend.

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 **Stars Surrounding** and was an award-winning quilt in the library's 2008 Needlework Show.



Art Displays

Watercolors by Darlene Jackson of Hiram are now on display in the Corner Gallery. A troll collection belonging to library staff member Laurie Chevalley is now on display in the display cases. Both exhibits may be viewed during regular library hours.



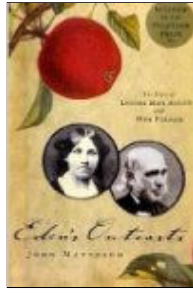
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Book Picks

November's book pick is the 2008 Pulitzer Prize winner for best biography, **Eden's Outcasts: The Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Father** by John Matteson

From Booklist:

Bronson Alcott filled hundreds of pages with minute observations of his infant daughters, believing that fatherhood was the ideal laboratory for testing his beliefs in the natural genius of children and a holistic mode of education. Yet he was baffled by the willfulness of his second-born, Louisa May. And so begins the dramatic father-daughter relationship on which first-time biographer Matteson so adeptly builds a riveting double portrait of two exceptional Americans and abolitionists: one a man of quixotic dreams and abject failures; the other a resourceful, self-sacrificing, and revolutionary woman writer. Making penetrating use of primary sources, Matteson gracefully interprets an astounding family drama of compassion and creativity, folly and courage, deprivation and mental instability. Sharing a birthday and dying within two days of each other, Bronson and Louisa were the driving forces of the Alcott household as he impressed and dismayed their friends Emerson, Hawthorne, and Thoreau by taking innovative ideas to ruinous extremes, and she became the destitute family's wage-earner and author of one of the world's most beloved novels. Matteson's lucid, commanding biography casts new light on an unusual father-daughter bond and a new land at war with itself.



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

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What Do I Watch?

We have classic holiday films such as **It's a Wonderful Life**, **Miracle on 34th Street** and **A Christmas Story**. We also have some lesser known but equally entertaining holiday films. Here are a few:

- **The Polar Express**
 - **Joyeux Noel**
 - **Elf**
 - **The Family Man**
 - **Fred Claus**
 - **Deck the Halls**
 - **Love Actually**
- **The Perfect Holiday**
 - **This Christmas**
 - **The Family Stone**
- **Christmas in the Clouds**

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Website of the Month

The website for this month is **Northpole.com** at <http://www.northpole.com/>

This website is full of holiday fun for kids, parents and teachers. It includes free things to do at holiday time, fun recipes, a disco dancing Santa, mazes, puzzles, connect-the-dots, links to toy websites, Santa's mailroom (email him and he will write back!) and much more!

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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!

- Choose to use cold water rather than hot whenever possible, reducing your energy bill and your energy use at the same time!

- Borrowing materials 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!

- Compact fluorescent bulbs use 75 percent less energy than incandescent bulbs and last up to 10 times longer. Consider switching your light bulbs to save energy!

- Send E-Cards rather than paper ones!

- Check out used clothing stores.

They have great clothes, shoes and accessories, and you can take in the stuff you no longer want and get cash or new stuff instead.

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