

STOW-MUNROE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Library News

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Welcome to the **October 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.

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Notices

Library E-News Survey

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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.

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, October 1.

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 Meeting Highlights

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees met on Monday, September 22, 2003, for both a work session and a regular board meeting. At the work session, the trustees and people in attendance brainstormed about what the Library could use and what the Library could do to offer more opportunities and services to our patrons. We also examined the declining state funding and briefly discussed alternatives to deal with that reduction. We also examined why our Library will continue to receive less of the state funding that is available as other libraries in Summit County build new or expand existing facilities. All things considered, we have a lot of work ahead of us just to maintain the status quo.

Our regular board meeting began by fondly remembering Linda Potter, known to countless children as the "Story Lady." Ms. Potter passed away last year, leaving a legacy of love for books and children. Ms. Potter's family graciously donated literally hundreds of Ms. Potter's books and videos to the Library. The most special of the donations, however, were Ms. Potter's puppets, which had entertained and educated children for years. The Library renamed the story time room in her honor and the Board formally dedicated the Linda L. Potter Storytime Room at the meeting on Monday night. With the support of the Friends of the Library, Acme, Rotary, and Wal-Mart, the Library was able to purchase additional puppets, a puppet stage, and redecorate the room. This room will be a lasting legacy to all the good work that Ms. Potter did with our youngest patrons.



The remainder of our meeting was devoted to much more mundane details. We did receive another update on the status of several issues related to the physical structure of the building, something that we will continue to revisit in coming months. Fortunately, we were told that, despite several persistent problems, the overall structure of the building is sound.

- *Michael Walsh*, President, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees

Library Board

The next Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Monday, October 27 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.



Volunteers Needed

Where would you look to find: The history of the 3390 Kent Road building? The names of Stow's first settler? High school graduates and yearbooks? The ages of Stow-Munroe Falls High School, Stow City Hall, and the Doughboy?...The answer is three-fold: Stow Historical Society, Munroe Falls Historical Society, and the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Stow's Corner
in the local history room

These three organizations cooperate in preserving our area history. While the two historical societies specialize in artifacts, special events and tours, the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library specializes in written and printed materials. These materials are kept in the Local History Room which is open 22 hours a week, year-round. We are able to keep the Local History Room open because of the generous work of volunteers who staff the room for use by the public. Between 30 and 70 people visit the Local History Room each month. In addition, we get calls and e-mails from all over the country.

Library staff oversees the volunteers and the collection. 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.

Staff Recognized

Hilary Prisbylla, systems librarian at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, was recently awarded the Jesse H. Shera Memorial Award by the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science. This award is for a student who maintains an excellent academic record and demonstrates potential for future scholarly research and publication. Hilary is a December 2002 graduate of the KSU School of Library and Information Science.

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!

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Upcoming Special Events

Missionary Program

Calvin Carstensen, educator, author, and MBA, accompanied a mission group to Bolivia as a Spanish/English translator and manager of the dental clinic. Hear about how he became involved in mission work and about his experiences with the mission team of 33 Americans, including two dentists, five physicians, and an optometrist. This free presentation will take place **Thursday, October 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. No registration necessary. Light refreshments will be served.

Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction

It's time for our third annual tree auction! Trees and wreaths will be available for "adoption" October 11 when they may be taken home, decorated, and brought back November 1 for our silent auction. Tree pick up will be Saturday October 11 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Questions and Directions Desk. Decorated trees are to be returned on Saturday November 1 from 10:00



a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Questions and Directions Desk. Judging will take place November 8. Trees will be on display in Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library from November 3-22. The silent auction will close Saturday, November 22 at 4:30 p.m. Winning bidders may take home trees and wreaths the end of November. Please sign up by calling Betsy Adams at 330-688-3295.



Munroe Falls Historical Society Exhibit

An exhibit highlighting the history of Munroe Falls will be on display at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library beginning October 1, 2003. The exhibit, ***Munroe Falls, Ohio: 1823-2003***, has been prepared by Munroe Falls Historical Society to commemorate the 165th anniversary of the founding of Munroe Falls. The exhibit will be set up in the periodical section of the library near the Local History Room and can be viewed anytime the library is open. It will run through October 31, 2003. You can read about the history of Munroe Falls on the City of Munroe Falls website at www.munroefalls.com/page20.htm.



This photo of the Munroe Falls Dam was taken by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Reference Associates Bridget Hair and Jim Williams.

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Recent Library Happenings

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library announces the winners of its first Yu-Gi-Oh card game tournament, held Saturday, September 13. First place went to **Ben Robison**, age 12, of Munroe Falls; second place, **Richard Waterhouse**, age 10, of Akron; third place, **Christopher Sedar**, age 12, of Stow. These three won the most card "duels" in the tournament, among 21 players. The winners received Yu-Gi-Oh cards and card protectors for prizes. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library



wishes to thank the tournament judges, Adam Leffler and Daniel Kaib, for their assistance. The next meeting of the library's monthly Yu-Gi-Oh card swap is Saturday, October 11 at 2:00 p.m.

Linda L. Potter Storytime Room

A ceremony was held Monday, September 22 to rededicate the Children's Department story room as the Linda L. Potter Storytime Room. Linda is the "Story Lady" who passed away in November 2003. The room has been redecorated, and a plaque and large sign outside the room indicate its new status. In attendance at the dedication were Linda's mother,



sisters, and brother, as well as friends and other relatives. Michael Walsh, President of the Stow Munroe Falls Board of Trustees commented on Linda's legacy and thanked her family members for their generous donation of Linda's books and puppets. Children's Librarian Chrissy Braun presented a few of the 44 puppets that will be available for patrons to check out. Also on view was the new wooden puppet stage purchased with donations, that will be used by Children's staff for library puppet show performances.



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Department News

Adult Services

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 Prize Winner of Defiance Ohio*** by Terry Ryan - Thursday, October 23
- ***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:

- ***The Ladies of Covington Send Their Love*** by Joan Medicott - Friday, October 10
- ***Secret Life of Bees*** by Sue Monk Kidd - 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
- ***Sometimes a Great Notion*** by Ken Kesey - 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 - Fiction:** ***War Against the Animals*** by Paul Elliott Russell, ***Balzac and the Little Chinese Seamstress*** by Dai Sijie; translated from the French by Ina Rilke, ***On the Run: an***

Angler's Journey Down the Striper Coast by David DiBenedetto, and **A Venetian Affair** by Andrea Di Robilant.

- **Books - Nonfiction:** *The Immortal Cell: One Scientist's Quest to Solve the Mystery of Human Aging* by Michael D. West, *Fired, Laid Off, Out of a Job: a Manual for Understanding, Coping, Surviving* by B. Keith Simerson and Michael D. McCormick, *The Teammates* by David Halberstam, *Transplant: from Myth to Reality* by Nicholas L. Tilney, *Middletown, America: One Town's Passage From Trauma to Hope* by Gail Sheehy, and *Escape from Slavery: the True Story of My Ten Years in Captivity--and My Journey to Freedom in America* by Francis Bok, with Edward Tivnan.
- **Books on Tape:** *Teeth of the Tiger* by Tom Clancy, *Exit Wounds* by Judith A. Jance, *Beachcomber* by Karen Robards, *Imitation in Death* by J.D. Robb, and *The Wedding* by Nicholas Sparks.
- **Books on CD:** *White Death* by Clive Cussler, *Bleachers* by John Grisham, *Fatal Tide* by Iris Johansen, *No Graves As Yet a Novel of World War I* by Anne Perry, and *The Ultimate Weight Solution* (non-fiction) by Dr. Phil McGraw.
- **Videos:** *Chicago*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Frida*, *Basic*, and *Just Married*.
- **DVDs:** *The Good Thief*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Chicago*, *Daddy Day Care*, and *A Mighty Wind*.

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 schedule for November will be released **Monday, October 27 at 9:00 a.m.** The class calendar can be viewed at 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.

Young Adults



Teen Read Week

National Teen Read Week is October 20 through October 25. Watch for more information about programs and contests during this special week for Teens.

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.

Children's

Magic School Bus Science Saturdays begin **Saturday, October 4 from 11:00 a.m to noon** with an adventure in geology! First through third graders register in the Children's Department.

Please call 330-688-3295 for further information or go to the Children's Department webpage at 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: **Ruth Keller** (20,000th window checkout of 2003) and **Melissa Richards** (3,500th new registration of 2003). Congratulations!

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

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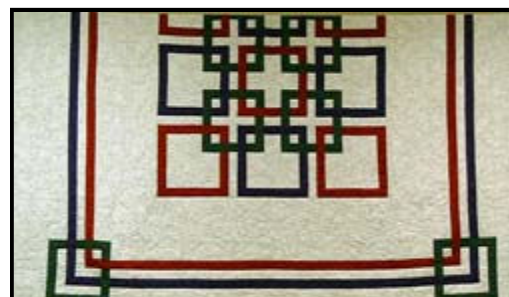
Art on Display

The **Corner Gallery** is now open with a new exhibit by Bath Township artist **Cathy Welner**. Welner, chairwoman of Hudson's Art on the Green, was the first woman to become a member of the Akron Society of Artists in 1980. Her favorite medium is watercolor. Welner is well-known for her landscapes and floral still lifes. She exhibits at six shows a year and teaches painting at the Fairlawn Park and Garden Center.

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Quilt on Display

The quilt on display during the month of October is **Tied Up in Triplicate**, quilted by **Milly Collins**. Milly started quilting about five years ago and has made 20 quilts. This one is her fifteenth. The pattern was designed and taught by **Peg Bingham** of Akron, who has created several pieced variations of the Celtic knot



as a way to avoid making them with hand applique. Milly and Peg are members of the Cascade Quilt Guild in Akron

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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 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.

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.

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Books on Display



Watch for the following October displays:

During the first week of October **Celebrate Flight 1903-2003** will be on display in the Quiet Study area, featuring books, videos, and dvds about aviation and the history of flight. This special display coincides with the October 2nd program on the Wright Brothers, presented by Denny Reiser. ***Amelia Earhart: Legend of Flight*** by Lynda Pflueger, ***Dawn over Kitty Hawk: the Novel of the Wright Brothers*** by Walter J. Boyne, and ***A Century of Triumph: the History of Aviation*** by Christopher Chant; illustrations by John Batchelor are featured books.



During the second part of October materials for **Breast Cancer Awareness Month** will be available in the Quiet Study area. Books and videos are available for check-out and handouts listing breast cancer awareness resources and websites are free for the taking. Videos include ***Breast Cancer and Reconstruction Options a Discussion for any Woman Diagnosed With Breast Cancer*** and ***Partners in Hope a Man's Guide to Women's Breast Cancer***. Books about breast cancer, such as ***The Breast Cancer Book of Strength and Courage: Inspiring Stories to See You Through Your Journey***, edited by Judie Panneton and Ernie Bodai, and ***The Patient's Guide to Outstanding Breast Cancer Care***, edited by Gregory Senofsky with Lauren Hartman, are located in the 616 area. The **National Alliance of Breast Cancer Organizations** website at www.nabco.org is also a good place to look for more information and resources on breast cancer.

Munroe Falls History at the Questions and Directions Desk near the front door features information commemorating the founding of the Village of Munroe Falls, Ohio in 1838.

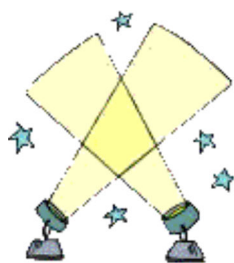
The **Making it Special: Holiday Gift Ideas** display near the Information Desk contains materials

for holiday giving. **One-Hour Christmas Crafts** (Clever Crafter series by Leisure Arts), **Nature Crafts for Christmas: a Step-by-Step Guide to Making Wreaths, Ornaments & Decorations** by Dawn Cusick & Carol Taylor, and **Fabric Lovers' Christmas Scrapcrafts** by Dawn Cusick are located in the Adult Department. More books on Christmas, and other holiday crafts books, such as **Thanksgiving Day Crafts** by Jean Eick and **Hanukkah Crafts** by Judith Hoffman Corwin, are available in the Children's Department. Try **Michael's** (www.michaels.com), **Pat Catan's** (www.patcatans.com), and **Jo-Ann Etc.** (www.joann.com) for craft project ideas.

All materials on display are available for check-out. Please help yourself!

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Spotlight on Needlecrafts



October's Spotlight shines on "**Needlecrafts**". Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has a large collection of materials on needlecrafts. **Reader's Digest Complete Guide to Needlework** gives an overview of the different types of needlework and the basic techniques of each. Embroidery, needlepoint, applique, patchwork, quilting, knitting, crochet, lacework, macrame, and rug-making are all covered in this one book. **The Complete Encyclopedia of Needlework** by Therese de Dillmont and **The Good Housekeeping Illustrated**

Book of Needlecrafts, edited by Cecelia K. Toth are other books about needlework that are located in the 746 section. **Crafts Magazine**, located in the magazine section is a quarterly publication by **McCall's** containing needlework and crafts projects.

If you are looking for materials about specific needlecrafts, such as embroidery or quilting, look in the library catalog under subject or title keyword. Books and videos about embroidery include **Color and Design for Embroidery: a Practical Handbook for the Daring Embroiderer** and **Adventurous Textile Artist** by Richard Box, **Creative Machine Embroidery: a Practical Sourcebook** by Gail Harker, **Embroidery The Legacy of Needlearts**, a videorecording by The Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., and **An Introduction to Silk Ribbon Embroidery**, a videorecording by Bucilla Corporation. Try www.copycatdesigns.com for free cross stitch charts.



Needlepoint from Start to Finish: the Complete Guide for Right and Left Handed Stitchers by Kim Cool, **How to Crochet: the Definitive Crochet Course Complete With Step-by-Step Techniques, Stitch Libraries and Projects for Your Home and Family** by Pauline Turner, **Rag Rugs: Contemporary Projects in a Traditional Craft by Juj Vai**, and **The Art of Classic Quiltmaking** by Harriet Hargrave and Sharyn Craig are written for the beginner interested in learning about the various needlecrafts. The National Needlework Association at www.tnna.org is a good place to help locate needlework supplies, materials, retail stores, and events. You may be interested in learning about The Royal School of Needlework at www.royal-needlework.co.uk. The aim of The Royal School of Needlework, founded in 1872 by Princess Christian (daughter of Queen Victoria), is to teach the art of hand embroidery. The school offers apprenticeships and is commissioned to embroider the monarch's coronation robes.

Quilting books are located near the other needlecrafts books in the 746 section. Topics range from machine quilting (**Guide to Machine Quilting** by Diane Gaudynski), to paper quilting (**Paper Quilting: Creative Designs Using Paper & Thread** by Bridget Hoff), and hand quilting (**Flawless**

Hand Quilting by Rodale Quilt book editors). **The Everything Quilting Book** is a new book currently on order. The National Quilting Association website is www.nqaquilts.org. If you would like to place a hold on this title, please call 330-688-3295 or place a hold online at www.smfpl.org. Click on "catalog".

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Staff Picks

October's staff pick is ***Hide in Plain Sight: the Hollywood Blacklistees in Film and Television, 1950-2002*** by Paul Buhle and Dave Wagner, recommended by Amy Garrett, Assistant Head of Adult Services. This wonderfully comprehensive book examines McCarthyism, a period of time where actors, actresses, writers, directors and others were "blacklisted" because of who they were, who their friends were, what their politics were, etc. Find out what movers and shakers were blacklisted and why. Explore the blacklister's effects on the arts in America and Europe during the last half century. Amy states that this book is a fantastic look at a scary time in our nation's history.



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Website of the Month

Website for the month of October is **The League of Women Voters** at www.lwv.org. The League of Women Voters is a nonpartisan political organization which encourages the participation of citizens in government. Their website provides news and information about federal, state, and local issues.

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