Welcome to the September 2003 edition of LIBRARY E-NEWS. This monthly newsletter includes several features containing information about the library. If you would like to join over 800 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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**Notices**

**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, September 3.

**Library Board**
The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will meet Monday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.

**Online Services**
Have your 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 link, then select the 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!

Christmas Quilt Class
Learn how to create the "Oh Christmas Tree!" quilt on display over the Circulation Desk. Free classes will be held the second and fourth Sundays September through November from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. The instructor is Rosemarie Pierman, creator of "Oh Christmas Tree!" Students must know how to sew. Please stop by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library to pick up a registration form. Registration is limited to 25. For further information, please call Ruthann Benge at 330-688-3295. To see a photo of the quilt, please click the link to "Quilt on Display" on the News page of the library website. This special program is co-sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

Parchment Display
A collection of parchment paper designs will be on display during September in the glass display case near the art gallery. The items in the display, crafted by Marilyn Moore of Cuyahoga Falls, are samples of the art form of creating delicate and beautiful designs on parchment paper using specialized tools. Parchment work is a centuries old art form originating in Europe. It was later introduced in South America by missionaries. In recent years it has found its way into the Netherlands and many other countries, including the United States. According to Ms. Moore, parchment work is a relatively easy and satisfying art form and can be accomplished with a little time and patience.

Parchment Class
Wednesdays, October 15 and 22 from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Learn the basics of parchment work during these introductory classes. Participants must attend both classes. Materials fee is $10.00 (covers both classes). The materials fee will be collected at the beginning of class.

To register, contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295 or e-mail nelsonch@oplin.lib.oh.us. Participants should be 16 years old and up.

Harry Potter
Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone and Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, the first two titles in the Harry Potter series, are available in braille at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Please check the catalog or contact the Children's Department at 330-688-3295 for availability.

Upcoming Special Events
Friends Book Sale
Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be having their book sale Thursday,
**September 25 through Saturday, September 27.** Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday Sept. 25 and Friday Sept. 26, and 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. Saturday Sept. 27. Wednesday, September 24 is Friends Appreciation Day from 10:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Come early for the best selections, including many recent best sellers. Prices are:

- paperbacks, 40 cents (3/$1.00)
- children’s, 40 cents (3/$1.00)
- hardbacks, 50 cents
- books on tape, $1.00
- videos, $1.00

Saturday is Bag Day - $2.00 for a bag of books! Special hours for teachers and non-profit organizations will be Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00, when educators can take any leftover items free.

**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.

**The Wright Brothers Story - The Right Family, The Right Time**
Join Denny Reiser on **Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room for a presentation about the Wright Brothers. Visit Dayton, Ohio and other sites that tell the Wright Brothers story. Learn why the Wright Brothers succeeded in their quest and why Ohio is truly the Birthplace of Aviation. No registration is necessary. Light refreshments will be served.

**Recent Library Happenings**

**Ohio Ghost Stories**
Forty-one people enjoyed the last Adult Summer Reading Program, Ohio Ghost Stores, presented by Bette Lou Higgins.
and produced by Eden Valley Enterprises.

**Pet Show**
The Annual Pet Show held August 13 was a great success, attracting a variety of pets including 13 dogs, 3 cats, a rabbit, frogs, hamsters, guinea pigs, cockroaches, sea monkeys, and a boa named Rex. Volunteers from the Summit County Humane Society were judges for the show, and every pet received a special award. Rex, owned by Justin Nelson, was the winner of the People's Choice Award.

**Department News**

**Adult Services**

**Adult Summer Reading Program**
The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Adult Summer Reading Program 2003, *Celebrate Ohio*, attracted 184 participants who submitted 893 entries. Weekly drawings for prizes, and a Grand Prize drawing were held. Prizes are donated by Akron Aeros, COSI in Columbus, Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library, Hilarities, Life Center Plus, National Inventor's Hall of Fame, Pancho & Lefty's, Porthouse Theatre, Trumpet in the Land, and Six Flags Worlds of Adventure. Grand Prize drawing winner was *Janet Howard* of Stow, winner of a piece of Roseville, Ohio pottery containing Ohio maple syrup, COSI passes, a library t-shirt, a tote bag and a Cat's Meow Ohio Barn.

Summer Reading Program Winners:
- Week Seven: *Mary Beesing*, Ohio Bag and Ohio items;
- *Susan Hall*, Ft. Meigs Bag and Ohio items, *Jenefer Villanueva*, Stow bag and Ohio items
- Week Eight: *Pamela Gardner*, Ohio mug and Pancho and Lefty's gift certificate; *Pam Godshalk*, Ohio mug and Inventure Place passes; *Terri Hildebrand*, Ohio mug and Six Flags passes

Thanks to all those who participated.

**Evening Book Discussions**
The Evening Book Discussion Group with Amy Garrett will begin Thursday, September 25 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.

Selected books and discussion dates are:

- *Florabama's Lady's Auxiliary and Sewing Circle* by Lois Battle - Thursday, September 25
- *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 7
• Sometimes a Great Nation 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: The Gypsy Man by Robert Bausch, Grass For His Pillow by Lian Hearn, Postcards From Berlin by Margaret Leroy, and Orchard by Larry Watson

• Books - Nonfiction: Songs Sung Red, White, and Blue: Stories Behind the Best-Loved Patriotic Songs by Ace Collins, Cancer Sourcebook, and Literary Occasions: Essays by V.S. Naipaul

• Books on Tape: Cyanide Walls by Marcia Muller, To the Nines by Janet Evanovich, and Johnny Angel by Danielle Steel.

• Books on CD: White Death by Clive Cussler, Bad Company by Jack Higgins, Bare Bones by Kathy Reichs, Leap of Faith by Queen Noor, and Benjamin Franklin an American Life by Walter Isaacson.

• Videos: Abandon, Gods and Generals, Head of State, Agent Cody Banks, and National Security.

• DVDs: About Schmidt, Life of David Gale, The Sky is Falling, and Lizzie McGuire Movie.

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 October will be released Monday, September 22 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 Summer Reading Program
Congratulations to the 91 participants who read a total of 433 books in this summer's Teen Reading Program. Each participant had a chance to win a weekly drawing for prizes, such as Chapel Hill Mall gift certificates, posters, books, and more. Recent winners are Alisa O'Neill, Leah Molek, Cristina Conte, Grace Patuno, and Ellie Stumm. Prizewinners for the final week of the Teen Summer Reading Program were Paul Morrow, Lyndsay Sager, Jessica Lahuro, Karen Smearsoll, and Stephen Hudson. Fifty teens were winners of instant prizes, simply for checking out a book from the Young Adult section.

Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament
A Yu-Gi-Oh! Tournament will be held Saturday September 13 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Open to players ages 8 to 17. Bring your deck to duel with other fans. Compete for prizes! Must be familiar with the basic rules of play. Pizza and pop will be available for lunch. Register beginning September 2nd in the Children's Department or call 330-688-3295. Space is limited!

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. For further information on Teen programs please go to the Teen Services web page at www.smfpl.org./TS.htm.

Children's

Imagination Station Science Center has arrived!
This interactive science center proves that science is fun and hands-on! It features monthly themes along with computer activities in a variety of science topics for children in grades 2 through 6. Younger children can enjoy some of the activities with a parent. Special features of Imagination Station include interactive software, (My Amazing Human Body, Science Court Game, Encyclopedia of Space and the Universe, and How Many Bugs?), fun internet resources, take home learning (crossword puzzles, word finds, color, pages, books on the current Imagination Station theme), and hands-on activities using such items as a big screen microscope and a stethoscope.

Science Girl is Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's secret super hero who can answer any of your science questions. Just leave her a note in the Children's Department or email her at ask_science_girl@yahoo.com.

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: Gary DeMoss (500,000 checkout of 2003), John Salley Jr. (17,000th window checkout), Judy Hanson (18,000th window checkout), Melissa Richards (3,000 new registration), and Karen Piersol (20th member of the Bestsellers Club). Congratulations!

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

Art on Display
The Corner Gallery is now open with a new exhibit by David A. Thomas of Stow. Thomas's photographs were taken while bicycle touring through foreign countries. Thomas states that bicycling allows him to experience different cultures and environments in a more personal way. His photos reflect a wide variety of people and places.

Quilt on Display
Oh Christmas Tree, created by Rosemarie Pierman, is the quilt on display over the Circulation Desk during the month of September. Rosemarie will be teaching free classes to learn how to create this quilt, the second and fourth Sundays September through November from 1:30 to 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Students must know how to sew. Please stop by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library to pick up a registration form. Registration is limited to 25. For further information, please call Ruthann Benge at 330-688-3295. This special program is co-sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of the Library.

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.

Books on Display

Watch for the following September displays:

**Celebrate Flight 1903-2003** is a display of books, videos, and dvds about aviation and the history of flight. This special display is in conjunction with the October 2 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.

**Browns Country** at the Questions and Directions Desk near the front door features information about the Cleveland Browns, including books and videos. The Cleveland Browns website at www.clevelandbrowns.com contains current schedules, roster, interviews, ticket information and news about the Browns.

The **Home Decorating** display near the Information Desk contains materials on home decorating, as well as home improvement and repair. Check out titles such as *Wallpaper in Decoration* by Jane Gordon Clark, *New House More House* by Richard Preves, and *Dare to Repair: a Do-it-Herself Guide to Fixing (Almost) Anything in the Home* by Julie Sussman. Videos include *Garages* (a Home Improvement Series video) and *Room Arranging Do's and Don'ts*. Home Decorating tips can be found at www.home-decorating-home-decorating.com.

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

Spotlight on Back to School

September's Spotlight shines on "Back to School".

The Young Adult (Teen Scene) and the Childrens Departments are ready for students returning to school. Both departments offer a variety of materials for students and teachers. The Young Adult Department has added 15 *CliffsComplete* books to the YA Reference section. These books contain the complete original work plus commentary, notes and definitions, a character map and review exercises. Some of the titles are *Mary Shelley's Frankenstein,* *Shakespeare's Hamlet,* and *Twain's Adventures of Huckleberry Finn.* *CliffsComplete* are only for use in the library, but *Cliffs Notes* may be checked out. *Cliffs Notes* contain summaries of classic books, as well as information on the author, character analyses, and questions for review.
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has over 100 *Cliffs Notes*. The Teen Scene homework center, near the videos, now has a computer for word processing. College catalogs are also available, along with notices about library programs and books for special homework assignments.

The Teen Scene reference section contains reference books for students in grades seven through twelve. These resources are very helpful for country reports (*Culture Grams*), biographical information on scientists and inventors (*Biographical Encyclopedia of Scientists*), maps (*Historical Maps on File*), historical information on various time periods (*Daily Life in Elizabethan England*), and government assignments (*Congress A to Z* and *How Government Works*). The YA reference books are right around the corner from Adult reference, so Teens have access to the Adult reference materials also.

Teen Services Librarian Christina Getrost is available to help students and teachers with special assignments. Teachers may contact her at 330-688-3295 if they wish to have a pathfinder on the Teen page of the library website. To view pathfinders, go to the Teen website at [www.smfpl.org/TS.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/TS.htm) and click on "Homework Help". Go to the Teen page also to read about Teen programs, including the upcoming Teen Read Week. The Lakeview Accelerated Reader list and information on special school assignments are at the Information Desk. Just ask a Librarian for assistance.

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**Staff Picks**

September's staff pick is *The Seventeenth Child* by Dorothy Marie Rice and Lucille Mabel Walthall Payne, recommended by Judy Fisk, PC technician. This selection is a realistic account of the seventeenth child of African American sharecroppers during the Depression. Lucille Payne recounts her memories of growing up in rural Virginia during the 1930's and 1940's in this journal, which was recorded and edited by her daughter. Recommended for ages seventh grade and up.

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**Website of the Month**

Website for the month of September is *PCWorld* at [www.pcworld.com](http://www.pcworld.com). The online version of *PCWorld Magazine* contains current articles from the magazine, as well as technology news, reviews of products, how-to advice, and free downloads. Well-written articles are available for new computer users, as well as the more experienced user. *PCWorld* online is a great source for learning about computer security, including information on the latest computer viruses.

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