Welcome to the September 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**

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

**Jazz Band**
The next concert of the community jazz band will be Wednesday, October 1 at 7 p.m. Registration is not required.

**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.

Upcoming Special Events

Feng Shui
Join Gloria O'Neal of ArcAncient in Lakewood as she explains basic principles of Feng Shui and the impact this can have on your home and environment as well as your attitude and productivity level on Wednesday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register. The program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room at the library.

September Book Sale
The Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's September Book Sale will be Wednesday, September 24 from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.; Thursday, September 25 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; Friday, September 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 27 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On September 27, fill a bag for $3. Also on September 27 at 2 p.m., books will be given away free to teachers and non-profit organizations.

The patron's book sale night will be Tuesday, September 23 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. To enter the sale on this evening, a donation of $10 per person or $5 per person for members of the Friends of the Library is required. Friends memberships may be purchased at the door for $5.

The Friends Members presale will be held on Wednesday, September 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Proceeds from this annual event benefit the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

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 October 3. 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.

Jan Kohl and Baby
Baby was locked in a cage at a puppy mill in California, rescued by a passing stranger who was told that she was going to be killed because she was too old to produce litters. Through a pet rescue website, Baby found a forever home with Jana Kohl. Kohl is a writer, artist, psychologist and animal welfare advocate. She and Baby spend their time together advocating for other abused dogs and animals. She is the author of the book, *A Rare Breed of Love*. The program is Thursday, October 2 at 7 p.m. Representatives from the Humane Society of Greater Akron will be at the library from 6 to 8:30 with pets available for adoption. The Learned Owl Book Shop will sell Kohl's book, with 20 percent of the proceeds benefitting the Humane Society.

Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Adult Information Desk to register for this program. Registration is limited. This program is in partnership with the Route 91-Readers'Row, a consortium of the Learned Owl Book Shop, Hudson Library, Twinsburg Library and Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. It will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.
**Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read September 27-October 4, 2008**

Banned Books Week: Celebrating the Freedom to Read is observed during the last week of September each year. Observed since 1982, this annual American Library Association event reminds Americans not to take this precious democratic freedom for granted. This year marks Banned Books Week's 27th anniversary. Drawing slips will be available at the Circulation Desk during **Banned Books Week**, September 27 through October 4. Enter to win a prize.

**Recent Library Happenings**

**SUMMER FUN AT THE LIBRARY!**

The library's own version of the "Amazing Race" took place on library grounds during "Pride in Your Library Day" on July 1. Participants completed tasks which included eating marshmallows and drinking out of baby bottles.

Author Leigh McDonald talked about her new book *Adventures in Circles: Quilt Designs from Start to Finish* on July 22 at the library.
Popular entertainer Zak Morgan performed for children and parents on July 23.

The Chess Tournament for ages 5 to 10 was held at the library on July 26.

The first concert from the local bands who were formed during Soundboard Music's Rock Star School 2008 was held at the library on August 8. Pictured is the band Cheap Cars.
New titles are arriving daily at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Some of the new titles are:

- **Fiction:** *Into the Fire* by Suzanne Brockman, *Acheron* by Sherrilyn Kenyon, *Foreign Body* by Robin Cook
- **Mystery:** *Silk* by Dick Francis, *Devil Bones* by Kathy Reichs, *Laughter of Dead Kings* by Elizabeth Peters.
- **Nonfiction:** *Halloween Celebrations:* everything you need for a fabulous Halloween party shown in over 100 colour photographs - recipes, costumes, decorations and games for the whole family
- **DVDs:** *What Happens in Vegas, Red Belt, Son of Rambow, Never Forget*

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**Department News**

**Adult Services**

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
• September 25 - Blue Highways by William Heat Moon
  • October 23 - Sick Puppy by Carl Hiassen
• November 13 - Snow Flower and the Secret Fan by Lisa See
  • 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 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
• October 6 - The Freedom Writers' Diary by The Freedom Writers
  • November 3 - To Kill a Mockingbird by Harper Lee
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 book will be available the week of September 22. The first meeting will be Friday, October 10.

**Reading List for the 2008-2009 Morning Discussion Groups**

- October 10 - *Winner* by David Baldacci

- November 14 - *Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan

- 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 Mulvaneys* 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](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**

**Brisingr Book Release Party**
Teens can celebrate the release of *Brisingr*, book three of the Inheritance Cycle by Christopher Paolini on **Monday, September 15 at 7 p.m.** Test your skills with a trivia contest, watch scenes and extras from the Eragon movie, discuss all three books. Teens can win 1 of 5 free copies of *Brisingr* in a special giveaway. Books will be available after Sept. 20. Refreshments will be provided. Sign up begins September 2. Stop by the Information Desk or call 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](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**

**Parents’ Pick Award party**

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library was selected as Cleveland’s 2008 Parent’s Pick for Best Library for Big Kids as part of Nickelodeon’s ParentsConnect’s First Annual Parents’ Picks Awards. A celebration party will be held in the Children’s Department on **Thursday, September 18 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.** Patrons are invited to stop by for refreshments and write or draw on the “graffiti” wall and tell what they like most about the library. They may also read a story and enjoy a slideshow of past programs. There will be a Family Story time at 6:30 p.m. No registration is necessary. For more information, contact the Children’s Department at 330-688-3295.

**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.

**Reading Patch Club**

Students in grades kindergarten through five will earn colorful embroidered patches during the school year from the library by participating in the Reading Patch Club. Children may join the club at any time during the school year and they must be able to read on their own. To earn a patch, readers should read 10 books in each category. Books may be chosen from the library’s Reading Club lists, or on your own. Patches will be awarded as they are earned. Bring your reading log into the library when you have completed a category. There are a total of 10 patches possible to earn. If a child earns all 10 patches, they will receive a book bag. Only books read between September 3, 2008 and May 23, 2009 may be counted. The program will continue until the fall of 2009. All books that are read should be on the child’s reading level and books that have not already been read. All members of the club can write a “review” of books read. Each month we will pick a review to put in our monthly “Spike Times” newsletter. All members that earn a patch will be recognized by having their names in “Spike Times”. For more information, contact the Children’s Department at 330-688-3295.

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!

![Cover images of books](image)

**Art on Display**
Watch for a new display coming soon!

**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, September 16 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.

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.

Quilt on Display

This month's quilt is Paisley Garden by Charlotte Hennessey.

Book Picks

September's book pick is Smoke Screen by Sandra Brown

From Publishers Weekly:
At the start of this scorching if somewhat formulaic thriller from bestseller Brown (Play Dirty), Charleston, S.C., TV reporter Britt Shelley wakes up in bed next to the dead body of police detective Jay Burgess. While Jay had been diagnosed with terminal cancer, the authorities suspect foul play. Jay's former best friend, ex-fireman Raley Gannon, suffered a similar shock five years earlier, waking up next to party girl Suzi Monroe's corpse after a party at Jay's home. Raley had been investigating a fire at a local police station that took seven lives, despite the heroic efforts of Jay and several other cops, one of whom is now South Carolina's attorney general. Cleared of Suzi's death, Raley eventually teams with Britt to look into a nasty arson coverup. Brown laces her dependable romantic fireworks with a solid action-filled plot, though readers should be prepared for a few stereotypes, including a macho skinhead and a power-mad female politician.
Place a hold on Smoke Screen by going to the library's online catalog at http://opac.smfpl.org.

What Do I Watch?

It is football time again. Check out these gridiron greats:

- Remember the Titans
- The Replacements
- Invincible
- Rudy
- The Longest Yard
- Jerry Maguire
- Friday Night Lights
- We Are Marshall
- Radio
- Brian's Song (video)
- The Game Plan

Website of the Month

The website for this month is for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Forest Service at http://www.fs.fed.us/news/fallcolors/

Check this website for the latest information pertaining to this year's fall foliage experience. Don't plan your fall excursions without checking here first!

E-Mail Your Comments