Welcome to the April 2006 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

Go directly to the following features by clicking on the name of the feature you want to read, or scroll down this page to read all of LIBRARY E-NEWS.

**Notices**

Archived Newspapers
Archived issues of newspapers, previously located near the front windows, have been relocated to shelving near the Large Print books. If you need assistance, please ask at the Adult Information Desk.

Homebound Delivery Program
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is pleased to announce a new service to homebound patrons. If you are an adult living in Stow or Munroe Falls and are unable to visit the library due to illness or disability you may be eligible to have library materials delivered to your home. Materials include regular and large-print books, books on tape and CD, music cassettes and CDs, magazines, and videos and DVDs. To read more about this program view the Homebound Delivery Program booklet at www.smfpl.org/outreach_book.htm. For further information or to sign up for this service, please call 330-688-3295 and ask for Vickie Evans, Outreach/Homebound Coordinator.

New York Times
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will now be receiving The New York Times seven days a week.
Coffee With the Editor
Coffee with the editor of the *Stow Sentry* will be **Monday, May 1** from **9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** in the Stow Room.

Bridge Club
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and Stow Woman's Club are co-sponsors of Bridge Club. Meetings are held the **second Monday of the month from October through May.** Meetings are from **12:45 to 3:30 p.m.** in the Stow Room. The next meeting is **Monday, May 8.** For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295.

Community Jazz Band
The next Jazz Band concert will be **Wednesday, May 3 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room. This event is free and open to the public.

Library Board
The next meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, April 25 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Stow Room. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to [www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm).

KnowItNow
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is now offering access to KnowItNow, a live online information service provided free of charge for the citizens of Ohio by the State Library of Ohio. Professional librarians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer your reference questions and assist you in finding information. Once logged on with your Ohio zip code, you and a librarian engage in a "chat" session. The librarian "pushes" high quality, authoritative online resources to your screen. You can watch and participate as librarians skillfully navigate the internet to find precise answers to your questions. At the conclusion of each KnowItNow session, you will receive a complete transcript of your session via email including links to all the online resources shared during that session. You will find the KnowItNow button on the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Homepage ([www.smfpl.org](http://www.smfpl.org)).

Wish List
You can help Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library by purchasing an item to add to the collection. Library staff have selected popular books and materials and placed them on the library's Wish List provided by Amazon.com. Simply browse the Wish List and select an item that you would like to purchase for the library. Once you have purchased an item, it will be shipped directly to the library and added to the collection. To access the library's Wish List go to our website at [www.smfpl.org](http://www.smfpl.org). Click on "Make a Donation" on the left under "Resources." Click on "Take me to Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Wish List."

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Upcoming Special Events

Change in Circulation Guidelines
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is instituting some changes in our Circulation guidelines. Patrons will now be able to check out up to 10 music CDs. Patrons may also check out any combination of up to 10 videos and/or DVDs per card. The lending period for entertainment videos and DVDs is extended from three days to seven, and holds are now permitted on new DVDs.

Meet Author David Lubar
**Monday, April 24 at 7:00 p.m.**
David Lubar, award-winning author of *Monster Road, Hidden Talents, Sleeping Freshman Never Lie*
and other books for young people, will be appearing at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. After his presentation, he will sign books. Reservations are appreciated for this special appearance. Please call the Adult or Children's Information Desks at 330-688-3295 to reserve a spot. To read more about David Lubar, go to www.davidlubarsrouch.com.

Friends of the Library Booksale
Patron's Night - Tuesday, April 25 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Entrance donation is $10 per person. Member's entrance donation is $7 per person. Memberships may be purchased at the door.

Membership Preview Day - Wednesday, April 26 from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. only
Memberships may be purchased at the door.

Public Sale Hours:
• Wednesday, April 26 - 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.
• Thursday, April 27 - 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
• Friday, April 28 - 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
• Saturday, April 29 - 10:00 a.m to 2:00 p.m. (Saturday is Bag Day - $3 for a bag of books!)
• Saturday, April 29 - 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. (Unsold books free to non-profit organizations)

New Voting Machines
The Summit County Board of Elections will be demonstrating new voting machines Tuesday, April 25 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 29 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Look for them at the Questions and Directions Desk in the lobby of the library.

Friends Annual Meeting
The Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will hold their annual meeting Tuesday, May 16 at 2:00 p.m. Damaris Peters Pike will be appearing as Dolores Hope, wife of American legend Bob Hope. Dolores, a successful singer in her own right, will sing songs from the first half of the twentieth century and chat informally about Bob’s rise from vaudeville to Hollywood and his amazing contribution to the military.

Damaris Peters Pike has portrayed "Women of Note" in ten states and France, in such venues as Cleveland's Cain Park and New York's Chautauqua Institution. Each of these original, one-person dramas includes music from the life of the character as well as humor and inspiration.

Please call 330-688-3295 before May 12 to register for this special meeting. Refreshments will be served and officers elected and installed. All Friends' members and guests are welcome. Registration is limited.

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New Titles

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


• Large Print Fiction: A Grave Mistake by Stella Cameron, Get a Life by Nadine Gordimer, and The
Lost Painting by Jonathan Harr.


- **Mysteries**: _Death Without Company_ by Craig Johnson.

- **Biographies**: _Modigliani: A Life_ by Jeffrey Meyers.

- **DVDs**: _Yours, Mine, and Ours, Walk the Line, The Ice Harvest, Good Night, and Good Luck, Dreamer, Memoirs of a Geisha_, and _King Kong_.


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**Recent Library Happenings**

**Annual Needlework Show**
The Best of Show and Judges' Choice awards in the 32nd annual Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Needlework Show were awarded to Stow resident Debbie Shives for her quilt (pictured at right).

Judges Choice awards also went to Blythe Keys of Sagamore Hills for her counted cross stitch on linen piece and to Richard Hardesty of Kent for his hand-woven rug. Popular Choice winners (a three-way tie of quilts) were Jeanne Neville (Monster quilt), Janice Kiser (yellow whole-cloth wallhanging), and Carol Archer (white quilt with blue and yellow stars). Winner of the fabric and needlework supplies from Thymbles in Smithville was Ann Brown.

To see more entries from the Needlework Show, click here.

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**Department News**

**Adult Services**

**Forthcoming Books**
Pick up a copy of the "Forthcoming Book Releases" flyer at the Circulation Desk. Listed are books by prominent authors which are scheduled for release in spring and summer of 2006. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will purchase the titles as soon as they are released.

**Evening Book Discussions**
The evening book discussion group with Amy Garrett meets the fourth Thursday of the month at 7:00
p.m. September through April.

- **April 27 - Trace Evidence** by Elizabeth Becka

 Copies of the books will be available approximately four to five weeks before the date of discussion and will be held at the Information Desk. If we do not own enough copies of a book, we will try to Interlibrary Loan the material. Please call Amy Garrett at 330-688-3295 for more information.

**Morning Book Discussions**
The morning book discussion group with Chris Caccamo meets the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. Sign up is not required. Please call Chris at 330-688-3295 if you have any questions.

- **April 14 - Black Dog of Fate** by Peter Balakian
- **May 12 - The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time** by Mark Haddon

**Computer Use**
Computers for use by adult and teen patrons are in very high demand! This is a reminder that you may reserve a computer ahead of time. Just call the Information Desk at 330-688-3295 to reserve a computer for a one-hour time limit. Computers may be reserved up to one week in advance. All adult patron computers are now available by reservation only.

**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). The class schedule for May will be released **Monday, April 24**. 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 from 1:00 - 2:30. He is available at the Adult Information Desk.

**Local History**
The Local History Room is looking for "a few good people." Volunteers are needed to staff the Room on afternoons or evenings once a week. The Local History Room is a unique resource for the community, providing access to Stow's 200-year history via books, maps, news clippings, photo albums and more. Volunteers will welcome visitors and help them find information, as well as perform tasks to further organize the collection. If you are at least 18 and like to sleuth out the occasional mystery, please call Bridget Anthony at 330-688-3295.

**Teens**

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.

**Children's**

Please 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**
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 Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library recently: **Toby Thompson**, the 150,000th checkout of 2006, **Marlene Evans**, the 4,000th window checkout of 2006, **Teresa Good**, the 5,000th window checkout, **Sarah Hazel**, the 6,000th window checkout, **Alexander Simpson**, the 1,000th new registration, and **Cheryl Wallace**, the tenth Bestseller's Club sign-up for 2006. Congratulations!

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

**Art on Display**

**Corner Gallery**
The Corner Gallery features the works of photographer **Chris Jordan** April 6th through 30th. Chris caught the photography bug in high school, when she became the photographer for the local newspaper, the *Oberlin News-Tribune* in Oberlin, Ohio. Her photos have since been featured in commercial offices, newspapers, business publications, and album covers, as well as the homes of many satisfied clients. Her photo "Patriot Couple" has recently been published in the on-line version of *Parade Magazine*. To view the Chris Jordan Studios website go to [www.cljstudios.com](http://www.cljstudios.com).

**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. Friends membership is currently at 450 members.

If you are interested in joining 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](http://www.smfpl.org/friends.htm)) for an online application.

**Quilt on Display**

**Sunset Star**, the quilt recently displayed over the Circulation Desk, was created by **Jean Borda**. Jean pieced and hand quilted
this beautiful quilt using fabric from Greece. When Jean first put the blocks together, she didn't like the design. Another quilter suggested she add some black to the circles and it made all the difference in the world. Jean is a member of Double T Quilt Club.

**Spotlight on Home Decorating**

Spring is a great time of year to spruce up your living space. If you are looking for books on home decorating you will find them in the 747 section of the library. *750 Great Ideas For Decorating on a Budget: Transform Your Home Inside & Out*, from the editors of Country Living Magazine, text by Ray Furse, *Budget Living: Home Cheap Home: A Room-by-Room Guide to Great Decorating: 500 Ideas*, from the editors of Budget Living Magazine, *Mary Gilliatt's Home Comforts With Style: A Decorating Guide For Today's Living*, by Mary Gilliatt, *Cottage Comfort: Country-Cottage Style Decorating, Entertaining, Gardening, and Quilting Inspirations For Creating All the Comforts of Home* by Lynette Jensen are some of the titles in that section.

Books on sewing for the home, such as *Do-It-Yourself Fabric Decor: Pillows, Window Treatments, and Slipcovers For Your Home* and *Home Decor for Beginners*, both from Creative Publishing International, are located in the 646 area. Another section to look in is 698 where you will find books such as *Papering and Painting: The Essential Guide to Home Decorating* by Julian Cassell and Peter Parham, *Debbie Travis' Decorating Solutions: More Than 65 Paint and Plaster Finishes for Every Room in Your Home* by Debbie Travis and Barbara Dingle and *Decorative Painting For the Home: Creating Exciting Effects With Water-Based Paints* by Lee Andre & David Lipe. Videos and DVDs on home decorating are located near the Information Desk.

Magazines and websites also contain ideas for decorating your home. *Better Homes and Gardens, House Beautiful, Metropolitan Home, Martha Stewart Living*, and *Traditional Home*, located in the magazine area near the front windows of the library, are all available for check-out. *About.com* at [http://interiordec.about.com](http://interiordec.about.com) offers lots of tips and advice for home decorators. *Get Decorating* at [www.getdecorating.com](http://www.getdecorating.com) offers free photos of thousands of interior and exterior design ideas. More features are available for a membership fee. *Rental Decorating Digest* at [www.rentaldecorating.com](http://www.rentaldecorating.com) is a site with ideas for those living in smaller spaces, such as apartments and dorm rooms. Many of its articles on topics such as organizing, painting, and window treatments are applicable to homeowners also.

**Staff Picks**

April's staff pick is *Blue Smoke* by Nora Roberts, highly recommended by Head of Circulation Barb Richards. Set aside a block of time to read this one because you're not going to want to put it down! Nora Roberts is an excellent storyteller. Her books are always well-written and grab your attention from the first chapter. This is the story of a female arson investigator who chooses this profession because of an event in her childhood. Romance and suspense combine to keep you turning the pages until the "explosive" climax.

Place a hold on this book by going to the library's online catalog at [http://www.smfpl.org/catalog.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/catalog.htm).
Website of the Month

Website for the month of April is the Red Tape Chronicles at www.redtape.msnbc.com. This website is actually a blog posted by Bob Sullivan, MSNBC technology correspondent. Sullivan covers internet scams and consumer fraud issues and is the winner of several journalism awards for his coverage of online crime. Red Tape Chronicles features the latest information on scams and frauds, as well as links to archived articles. There are also links to MSNBC's technology and security websites. Readers may post their own comments to this blog.