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Welcome to the **December 2004** edition of **LIBRARY E-NEWS**. This monthly newsletter includes several features containing information about the library. If you would like to join over 860 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

Community Jazz Band

The next Jazz Band concert will be at **7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 1** in the upstairs meeting room.

Library Board

The next meeting of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, December 21, 2004 at 7:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to <http://www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm>.

Library Closings

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will open at **10:00 a.m. Thursday, December 2**. The library will be closed **Friday, December 24 through Sunday, December 26** for Christmas. The library will re-open at 9:00 a.m. Monday, December 27. The library will close at **5:00 p.m. Friday, December 31 and remain closed through Sunday, January 2**. The library will re-open Monday, January 3 at 9:00 a.m..

Coffee With the Editor

Monday, December 6 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library presents coffee with *Stow Sentry* editor **Sean Gerski** the first Monday of each month between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sean will be available to answer questions, discuss stories and ideas, or just get acquainted. Coffee and tea supplied by the library.

Forthcoming Book Releases

Stop by the Information Desk to pick up a list of books by prominent authors scheduled for release in early 2005. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will purchase these titles as soon as they are released. However, release dates are subject to change.

Recycle Your Phone Book

Blue recycle bins for phone books are located in the vestibule of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

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. Click on "Make a Donation" on the left under "Resources." Click on "Take me to Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Wish List."

Chapter-A-Day Online Book Clubs

Join Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Online Book Clubs and receive chapters from popular books in your daily e-mail. Each day we'll send you a portion of a chapter. After you've read two or three chapters from a book, we'll start sending you a new one. Sign up by clicking this link www.dearreader.com/library/stow or by going to the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library website at www.smfpl.org. Click "Adult Services," then click "Informational Websites." Scroll down and click "Bestsellers," then click "Chapter-a-Day." Choose which club you wish to join and follow the directions.

Chapter-A-Day is sponsored by the Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

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Upcoming Special Events



Coffee Club

Tuesdays, December 7, 14, 21, and 28 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Take a break from the holiday rush and savor a freshly brewed cup of Arabica coffee at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Mention "Coffee Club" on Tuesdays when you check out and receive an entry slip for the library's drawing. Entry slips must be placed in the drawing box before 9:00 p.m. each Tuesday. Winners will be selected the following day. Prizes will be gift certificates for Arabica Coffee House.

This program is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library, Arabica Coffee House and Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Holiday Ornaments

Learn to make beautiful ornaments **Tuesday, December 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. Librarian Diana Parker and crafter Sarah Jones will teach participants several different techniques to create unique holiday ornaments.



Registration is limited and must be placed before December 3. Participants should be 16 years old and up. Call 330-688-3295 to register. See a display of the marbled and iridescent glitter ornaments in the display case near the Corner Gallery.



Financial Education Workshops

"Avoid Mistakes When Withdrawing Your 401K!"

Saturday, January 15 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Learn how to determine your risk management, financial situation, retirement goals, and examine how to avoid double taxation on withdrawals from retirement plans. Registration deadline for this class is Tuesday, January 11.

Tracy Kirk of Milestone Tax Advisory Group (www.milestonetax.com) will be presenting this workshop. Registration is required. Please call 330-688-3295 and ask for the Adult Information Desk to register.

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Recent Library Happenings

Teen Craft Night

Twenty teens enjoyed making beaded pens to give as gifts at Teen Craft Night, held November 8, 2004.

Baking for the Holidays

Sixty-two people recently came to hear **Linda Lorkowski**, of Linda's Kitchen, give tips and pointers on holiday baking. Linda provided cookie samples for audience members. She and her assistant Nellie also demonstrated cookie decorating techniques.



Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction

The third annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction concluded November 20. The Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library would like to thank all patrons and staff who decorated the trees and wreaths for our silent auction. This year's auction was very successful. Thank you also to Tom Labbe, who judged. Proceeds from the auction benefit the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Congratulations to the following ribbon winners:

Trees:

- Most traditional - **Cheryl Manson**
- Most Elegant - **Newcomers Club of Stow-Munroe Falls**



- Most Humorous - **Maria Grimm**



Wreaths:

- Most Traditional - **Ann Lucco**
- Most Elegant - **Ann Crew**
- Best of Show - **Michele Forsyth**

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Seventy Friends of the Library, volunteers and staff members attended the recent Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast held December 2. The breakfast included a nice assortment of homemade items prepared by the staff to honor and thank both our volunteers and Friends of the Library for all of their hard work and dedication. Many favorite recipes were prepared including Julie Gedeon's coffee cake, Bridget Hair's french toast strips, Christina Getrost's sausage/apple bake, Linda Sutherland's egg strada and many other tasty dishes.

Special recognition went to Library Board of Trustee member, **Ray Hall**, and Friends of the Library Executive Board Member, **Carol Flask**, for their successful production of the Christmas Tree Ornament Presentation.

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New Titles

New titles are arriving daily at 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:** *A Soldier's Christmas*, three short stories by Rachel Lee, Merline Lovelace, and Catherine Mann and *The Buck Stops Here* by Mindy Starns Clark.
- **Books - Nonfiction:** *The Football Game I'll Never Forget: 100 NFL Stars' Stories* by Chris McDonell, *The Caddie Was a Reindeer: and Other Tales of Extreme Recreation*, by Steve Rushin, *Home-Along America: the Hidden Toll of Day Care, Behavioral Drugs, and Other Parent Substitutes* by Mary Eberstadt, and *Threads: My Life Behind the Seams in the High-Stakes World of Fashion* by Joseph Abboud with Ellen Stern.
- **Biographies:** *Adam Copeland on Edge* by Adam Copeland, *Hetty: the Genius and Madness of America's First Female Tycoon* by Charles Slack, and *Gregory Peck: a Charmed Life* by Lynn Haney.
- **Books-on-Tape:** *Echoes* by Daniele Steel, *Hour Game* by David Baldacci, and *To the Last Man* by Jeff Shaara.
- **Books-on-CD:** *Echoes* by Daniele Steel, *Hour Game* by David Baldacci, *To the Last Man* by Jeff Shaara, and *Warren Buffet Way* by Robert G. Hagstrom.
- **Videos:** *Elf*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, *Garfield*, and *Shrek 2*.
- **DVDs:** *Shrek 2*, *Cinderella Story*, *Stepford Wives*, *Chronicles of Riddick*, *Elf*, *Around the World in 80 Days*, and *Day After Tomorrow*.

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Department News

Adult Services

Evening Book Discussions

The evening book discussion group with Amy Garrett will be meeting the fourth Thursday of the month except in December and March. The December discussion will take place during the second Thursday of the month and the March discussion will take place on the third Thursday. All discussions will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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. Books may be checked out for a six-week loan period instead of the standard two-week period.

- December 9: ***Big Russ & Me*** by Tim Russert
- January 27: ***Hornet's Nest*** by Jimmy Carter
- February 24: ***Bury the Lead*** by David Rosenfelt
- March 17: ***Rocket Boys/October Sky*** by Homer Hickam
- April 28: ***The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*** by Alexander McCall Smith

Alternates (in case we cannot get enough copies of some books) are: ***Rainbow's End*** by Bob Adamov, ***Plain Truth*** by Jodi Picoult, ***Hidden Power*** by Kati Marton, ***Leaving Home*** by Art Buckwald, and ***Two Souls Indivisible*** by James Hirsch. If you have any questions, please call Amy Garrett at 330-688-3295.

Morning Book Discussions

The morning book discussion group with Chris Caccamo meets the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. from October to May. As always, sign up is not required. If you have any questions, please call Chris Caccamo at 330-688-3295.

- December 10: ***A Christmas Journey*** by Anne Perry
- January 14: ***Breakfast at Tiffany's: A Short Novel and Three Short Stories*** by Truman Capote
- February 11: ***Einstein's Wife: Work and Marriage in the Lives of Five Great 20th Century Women*** by Andrea Gabor
- March 11: ***Running With Scissors: A Memoir*** by Augusten Burroughs
- April 8: ***Blessings*** by Anna Quindlen
- May 13: ***Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*** by Lorna Landvik

Computer Use

Computers for use by adult and teen patrons are in very high demand! This is a reminder that you can 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.

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. **There are no classes in December.** The computer class schedule for January will be released **Monday, January 3 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 from 1:00 - 2:30.

Local History



Stop by the Local History room during the month of December to see a display of "Christmas in Stow" throughout the years. Christmas and church naturally go together, so December's Local History exhibit features both aspects of Stow's history. What Christmas gifts did Stowites give each other in 1880? Which churches are our oldest? Your appreciation of the role of the churches in our community will be enhanced.

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 Hair at 330-688-3295.

Teens

Online Book Discussion

Students ages 10 to 17 - Join our online book discussion group by going to the Online Book Discussion page at www.smfpl.org/bookdiscuss.htm. Each month a different teen or middle grade fiction book is featured. When you've read the book, stop by this page to post a comment about it, and see what other students have to say about it. You can even comment about another book you're reading. It's like having a book discussion group without having to leave your home. There is no registration necessary.

Yu-Gi-Oh Card Swap

Saturday, December 4 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. Bring your cards and prepare to duel or swap for new cards. No sign up is necessary. The program is for ages 6 to 17.

Chess Club

Tuesday, December 28 at 6:30 p.m.

Monopoly Tournament

Sign up for the popular annual Monopoly Tournament, scheduled for **Wednesday, December 29 from 9:30 to 3:15 p.m.** Ages 10 to 16 may register beginning December 13 at the Teen Information Desk.

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

Children's

Professor E Rides Again: Science is Fun

Science Programs for students in third through sixth grades will be held on the following **Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Sign up for each session individually. Space is limited. Call 330-688-3295 to register.

- **December 18, 2004** Air and Flight
- **January 15, 2005** Density and Air
- **February 19, 2005** Attractions and Reactions
- **March 26, 2005** Polymers and Chemistry

The Children's Department has many fun activities planned for December. To see a complete list of

Children's programming, please go to the Children's Department web page at www.smfpl.org/CS.htm. For further information please call 330-688-3295.

Circulation

Lucky Days

We want to share with you our excitement about celebrating 80 years of service to the Stow and Munroe Falls communities, so we are having "lucky days" at the library. We'll be hiding special symbols in select books on the adult floor. If you're lucky and find one of them in a book you're planning to check out, turn it in at the Circulation Desk for a small prize. December is the last month for "lucky days."

We hope you will join us in celebrating 80 years of service and visit the library to try YOUR luck!

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: **Mark Hughes** (650,000th check-out of 2004), **Tiffanie Johnson** (22,000th window check-out), **Karla Morris** (23,000th window check-out), **Emmett Snellenberger** (6,000th new registration of 2004), and **Monica Dunton** (20th BestSellers Club member).

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

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Art on Display

Corner Gallery

The Corner Gallery features the works of artist **John Rodak** during the month of December. Mr. Rodak, of Texas, displays pen and ink illustrations of Ohio barns.

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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. Friends membership is currently at 495 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) for an online application.

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Special Displays

Holiday Movies and Music

Holiday videos, DVDs, cassette tapes, and CDs are now located on the counter behind the Information Desk. All materials are available for check-out. Titles include traditional movie favorites, *It's a Wonderful Life*, *White Christmas*, *A Christmas Carol*, and *Miracle on 34th Street*. Sound recordings include *The Sinatra Christmas Album*, *Billboard's Rock'n'Roll Christmas*, and *Christmas With the Mormon Tabernacle Choir*. Pick up a "For the Holidays"

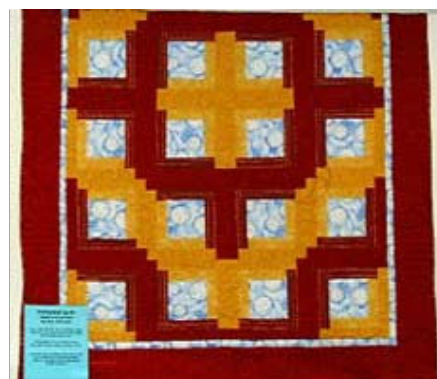
pamphlet containing suggestions for holiday viewing, listening, and reading and a "Baking for the Holidays" flyer containing holiday cookbook titles and recipe websites.



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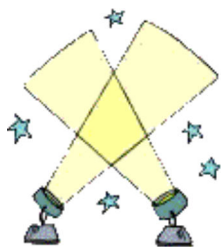
Quilt on Display

Volleyball Quilt is the quilt displayed over the Circulation Desk during December. It was created and quilted by Sue Palumbo. Sue made the quilt for her grandson, Matt, who is on the Stow-Munroe Falls High School volleyball team. The pattern is a variation of the Log Cabin block, using a larger center. Sue has been quilting for many years and is a professional machine quilter. She is a member of Cascade Quilt Guild of Akron.



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Spotlight on Teens



Teens have their own special area at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Located near the videos, the Teen Department is for students in seventh grade through high school. This area has tables for group projects and comfortable bean bag chairs for lounging

and reading. Reference materials for teens, *Cliffs Notes*, and classic paperbacks are available to help with homework assignments. Reference materials include titles such as *How Government Works*, *Encyclopedia of the Renaissance*, *Culture Grams*, and *Daily Life in Medieval Times*. *Cliffs Notes* and *SparkNotes* are study guides designed to help students with comprehension of classic literary titles. They are arranged by title of the book and are located next to the Teen Reference books. *CliffsComplete* books are considered an all-in-one resource because they also



contain the complete original work, along with expert commentary and review exercises. The classic paperbacks rack contains titles assigned by many English teachers, such as ***The Old Man and the Sea*** by Ernest Hemingway, ***The Scarlet Letter*** by Nathaniel Hawthorne, and ***Pride and Prejudice*** by Jane Austen,



Fiction books are shelved by author's last name, but keep in mind that new teen books and series books are shelved separately. The new books are shelved next to the reference materials and the series books are next to the new books. Series include ***Left Behind: the Kids***, ***The Gilmor Girls***, ***Buffy the Vampire Slayer***, and ***Redwall***. Shelved underneath the new books are new teen audio books and the Reading and Writing Festival books. The teen area also includes magazines for teens, comic books, and graphic novels.

Teen librarian Christina Getrost is available to help with suggestions for teen reading and homework assignments. Christina also plans many activities such as the annual monopoly tournament and crafts for teens. Teens can even join her online book discussion club by going to www.smfpl.org/bookdiscuss.htm. To find out more about Teen Scene activities and programs, check out the Teen Services web page at www.smfpl.org/TS.htm.

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Staff Picks

December's staff pick is ***Girl in Hyacinth Blue*** by Susan Vreeland, recommended by Adult Services Associate **Chris Caccamo**. The story begins in present day, when a professor invites a colleague home to see a painting that he has kept secret for years - possibly a rare Vermeer painting. The book traces the history of this painting back through the decades, back to the moment of the work's inspiration. The reader discovers all the lives this painting touched and influenced throughout the years.



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Website of the Month

December's website is **Operation Dear Abby** at <http://anyservicemember.navy.mil>. In 1967, to support military members serving overseas during the holidays, syndicated columnist Abigail Van Buren asked readers to write letters for distribution to service people overseas. The Department of Defense called the effort "Operation Dear Abby." The tradition continues today via this website. Simply click "Send a Message" to fill out the online form - select your state and the branch of the service you wish to send your message to. You may also read messages that have been sent.

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