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Welcome to the **December 2005** 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

Holiday Display

Materials with a holiday theme are now located at the Questions and Directions Desk inside the front door of the library. Included are Christmas cookbooks and decorating books, fiction and nonfiction, videos/DVDs and recorded books. Holiday music CDs are also available. Please help yourself!

Phone Book Recycling

Starting the week of December 5, you may recycle your telephone books in the bin inside the library front doors. The recycle bin will be in place through February.

Book Tree

Stop in and see the beautiful Book Tree in the magazine area of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. This tree, sponsored by the Friends of the Library, will be on view during December.



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, December 12**. For more information or to register, contact Annie LaMonica at 330-688-3295.

**Coffee Club**

Tuesdays, December 13, and 20 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.

Take a break from the holiday rush and savor a freshly brewed cup of Arabica's 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.

Coffee with the Editor

Coffee with the editor of the *Stow Sentry* was held **Monday, December 5, 2005 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** in the Stow Room. Watch for the next meeting date to be announced.

Community Jazz Band

The next Jazz Band concert will be **Wednesday, January 4 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, December 20 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Stow Room. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to <http://www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm>.

**Library Closings**

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed **Saturday, Sunday, and Monday, December 24, 25, and 26** for the Christmas holiday. The library will reopen Tuesday, December 26 at 9:00 a.m. The library will also be closed **Sunday, January 1 and Monday, January 2, 2006**.

Local History Christmas Tree

Stop by the Local History Room during the month of December to see the "Baby Boomer" Christmas Tree. Take a step back in time for a look back at a typical Christmas display from the 1950's and 60's.

Acme Receipts

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is once again collecting Acme receipts. Receipts must be dated between September 4, 2005 and March 25, 2006 to qualify for the cashback program. Receipts are being collected near the downstairs elevator.

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."



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Upcoming Special Events

OooEee Teen Talent Troupe Concert

Saturday, December 17 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Northeast Ohio's own "OooEeee" Teen Talent Troupe is an energetic voluntary teen performing troupe. "OooEee" performs quality variety entertainment such as family-friendly hip-hop, tap, cultural dancing, clogging, piano playing, hammered dulcimer playing, singing, and lots of audience participation. You never know what they'll do next! No signup is necessary for this program for all ages.

Costa Rica Travelogue

Thursday, January 5, 2006 at 7:00 p.m..

Visit Costa Rica with local photographer **Kathie Lentz**. Kathie's travelogue will consist of a slide show of her photographs and discussion of her travels in the tropics. Kathie's photographs were on display in the Corner Gallery during November. Please call 330-688-3295 or email stowref@oplin.org to register. This program will take place in the Stow Room. Snow date is January 12 at 7:00 p.m.

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Recent Library Happenings

Customer Appreciation

Customer Appreciation Day was held Thursday, November 10 to thank the communities for their support of Issue 91.

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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:

- **Fiction:** *Freddy and Fredericka* by Mark Helprin, *Soldier of God* by David Hagberg, *Mrs. Freud* by Nicole Rosen, *Making It Up* by Penelope Lively, *Grievous Angel* by Jane Hill, and *Triad* by Terry McGarry.
- **Large Print Fiction:** *A Christmas Visitor* by Ann Perry and *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* by Anne Rice.
- **Nonfiction:** *The Most Exclusive Club* by Lewis L. Gould, *The United States of America: Polarization, Fracturing, and Our Future* by Juan Enriquez, *Getting Even: Why Women Don't Get Paid Like Men and What to Do About It* by Evelyn F. Murphy, with E.J. Graff, and *The Art and Craft of Entertaining* by Kimberly Kennedy.
- **Mysteries:** *Deadly Corruption* by Jeffrey Ashford.
- **Biographies:** *Voltaire Almighty: A Life In Pursuit of Freedom* by Roger Pearson and *Only With Passion: Figure Skating's Most Winning Champion on Competition and Life* by Katarina Witt with E.M. Swift.

- **DVDs:** *Three Iron*, *Speak*, *Carlito's Way* *Rise to Power*, *Brothers*, *The Interpreter*, and *Kingdom of Heaven*.

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Department News

Adult Services

Test Prep Books

Test preparation books are now located on the shelves next to the Local History Room. Materials are available for tests such as the ACT, SAT, Civil Service, and ASVAB.

Forthcoming Book Releases

Stop by the Circulation Desk or Information Desk to pick up a list of forthcoming adult book releases. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will purchase these 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.

- January 26 - *Crooked River Burning* by Mark Winegardner
- February 23 - *Broken Prey* by John Sandford
- March 23 - *Rainbow's End* by Bob Adamov
- April 27 - *Trace Evidence* by Elizabeth Becka

Alternates:

- *Sick Puppy* by Carl Hiassen
- *Atonement* by Ian McEwan
- *That Camden Summer* by LaVyrle Spencer
- *Midnight Assassin* by Patricia Bryan

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.

- January 13 - *Sara and Eleanor: The Story of Sara Delano Roosevelt and her Daughter-In-Law Eleanor Roosevelt* by Jan Pottker
- February 10 - *Bring Me a Unicorn: Diaries and Letters of Anne Morrow Lindbergh, 1922-1928* by Anne Morrow Lindbergh
- March 10 - *The Song Reader* by Lisa Tucker
- 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 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. 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. **There will be no computer classes in December.** The class schedule for January will be released **Tuesday, January**

3. 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

During the month of December the Local History Room is featuring a "Baby Boomer" Christmas tree and display. Stop by for a nostalgic look at the 1950's and 60's.

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

Teen Services Book Blog

Join other teens who like books by reading their reviews and posting your own. Link to the blog from the Teen Services Book page at www.smfpl.org/tsbooks.htm.

Yu-Gi-Oh

Saturday, December 3 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Chess Club

Tuesday, December 27 at 6:30 p.m.

Life Size Monopoly Games

Thursday, December 29 - 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. OR 2:30 to 4:00 p.m.

For ages 9 to 17. Space is limited.

You've never played Monopoly like THIS before! You become the hat, the car, or token of your choice, as you walk around from Boardwalk to Park Place to Community Chest on our room-size playing "board." Roll giant dice and buy properties, land in Jail, do everything as in the regular game but at LIFE SIZE! Registration begins December 8 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

Storytimes

Storytime registrations for 2006 began December 12. Please call 330-688-3295 for further information.

Programs during December include **The N.E.D. Show** on **December 28** and **Make a Craft** on **December 27**. For further information and to see a complete list of Children's programming, please go to the Children's Department web page at www.smfpl.org/CS.htm.

Please call the Children's Department at 330-688-3295 to register.

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: **Holly Darhower**, the 650,000th checkout of 2005, **Janet Smith**, the 22,000th window checkout of 2005, **Margaret Grasso**, the 23,000th window checkout, **Karen Holderfield**, the 5,000th registration of 2005, and **Larah Orzabal**, the 30th Best Sellers Club registration of 2005. Congratulations!

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

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Art on Display

Corner Gallery

During December the Corner Gallery features the weavings of **Helena Richardson**. Helena began weaving in 1993 in a tapestry class at Notre Dame college. She has a Master of Fine Arts in weaving from Kent State University, where she taught and studied weaving with Janice Lessman-Moss. She is a member of the Cuyahoga Weavers Guild and has shown her work locally, winning several awards. Several of her works are currently on exhibit at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Cleveland Heights. Helena recently completed her librarian intership at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and has accepted a job as a librarian in Virginia.

Display Case

Look for **Janet Howard's** Santa collection in the display case across from the Corner Gallery.

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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 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) for an online application.

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Quilt on Display

Reflections, a quilt recently displayed over the Circulation Desk, was pieced and quilted by **Gloria Strelow** in 1996. Gloria loves to piece together the tops and do her own machine quilting.



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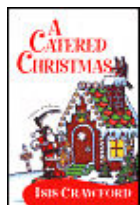
Spotlight on Christmas



December's spotlight shines on **Christmas**. If you are looking for Christmas music, you will find Christmas music CDs shelved in the "Holiday/Special" section of the CDs along the wall near the new books. Titles include **The Christmas Collection** by Il Divo (to read more about this quartet go to www.ildivo.com), **WOW Christmas**, by various top Christian artists, **A Christmas Album** by James Taylor, **Christmas Celebration** by Mannheim Steamroller, and **Merry Christmas With Love** by Clay Aiken.



Books about the Christmas holiday are in both the nonfiction and fiction areas. **A**



Catered Christmas: A Mystery With Recipes by Isis Crawford, **A Christmas Guest** by Anne Perry, **The Christmas Scrapbook: A Harmony Story** by Philip Gulley, **The Christmas Quilt: An Elm Creek Quilts Novel** by Jennifer Chiaverini, and **There's Something About Christmas** by Debbie Macomber are some of the new books acquired by the library. They are located in the New fiction section. Popular authors such as Mary Higgins Clark (**Silent**



Night) and John Grisham (**Skipping Christmas**), also have Christmas books. Nonfiction titles include **Chicken Soup for the Soul: The Book of Christmas Virtues; Inspirational Stories to Warm the Heart**, compiled by Jack Canfield, **The Christmas House: How One Man's Dream Changed the Way We Celebrate Christmas** by Georja Skinner, and **An Idiot Girl's Christmas: True Tales From the Top of the Naughty List** by Laurie Notaro.



To learn more about Christmas history and traditions try **Christmas Unwrapped: The History of Christmas**, a nonfiction DVD produced by History Television Network Productions, which traces the emergence of modern-day Christmas traditions and Santa Claus and **December 25th: The Joys of Christmas Past** by Phillip Snyder, which covers the history of Christmas in the United States. "Party Foods for the Holidays," a display of cookbooks, is located near the elevators during December. To find more holiday cookbooks, such as **Mary Engelbreit's 'tis the Season Holiday**

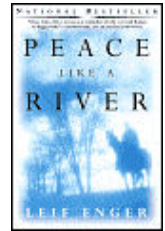
Cookbook and **Cooking Light Holiday Cookbook** by Heather Averett (a New Nonfiction book) look in the 641 section. Websites with recipes for the holidays and tips for entertaining include www.allrecipes.com, www.joyofbaking.com, and www.epicurious.com. Adult and family Christmas DVDs and videos are located near the Adult Information Desk. The Children's Department contains many books, DVDs, videos, and music suitable for children.

During the month of December Christmas materials are located at the Questions and Directions Desk inside the front door. If you cannot find what you are looking for, please ask a librarian at the Information Desk.

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Staff Picks

December's staff pick is ***Peace Like a River*** by first-time author Leif Enger. The novel takes place in the early 1960's in Minnesota and the characters move throughout the mid-west, including the Badlands. Reuban lives with his father, his older brother and his younger sister. An event involving his 17-year-old brother changes the family forever. It is a wonderful story about love, loss, family, faith and miracles. Highly recommended by librarian associate Chris Caccamo.



Place a hold on this book by going to the library's online catalog at <http://www.smfpl.org/catalog.htm>.

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Website of the Month

Website for the month of December is **Pricerunner** at www.pricerunner.com. *PC World Magazine's* pick as the best shopping comparison site on the web, Pricerunner allows users to compare prices and read reviews on various products. It sorts products by base price, bottom-line price, merchant, merchant message, merchant rating, shipping information, and stock availability. Browse categories or enter a search term. Pricerunner finds low prices and is easy to navigate.

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