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Welcome to the **December 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

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Notices



Library Closings

The Stow Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed on **Sunday, December 24** and **Monday, December 25** for Christmas. The library will also be closed on **Sunday, December 31** and **Monday, January 1** for the New Years' holiday.



Coffee With the Editor

The next **Coffee With the Editor** will be **Wednesday, January 3** from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

No Computer Classes in December

Due to the holidays, there will be no adult computer classes taught in December. Classes will resume in January 2007.

Library Board

The next meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, December 19** at 7:00 p.m. in the Stow Room. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm.

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Upcoming Special Events

Community Jazz Band

The next Community Jazz Band concert will be **Wednesday, January 3** at 7:00 p.m. in the Stow-Munroe Falls Meeting Room. Reservations are not required.

Visit the Christmas Tree

Looking for something to get you in the holiday spirit? If so, stop by the library and see our special tree. The beautiful 10-foot tree will be on display in the front magazine area throughout the holiday season. As in past years, the tree features original hand-painted ornaments, each a representation of a classic book, painted by local authors. In addition to these special ornaments, the tree sparkles with hundreds of miniature lights. Thanks to the Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library for bringing this tree to life each holiday season.



Coffee Club returns

If you need a break from the stress of the holiday season, come to the library on **Tuesdays--December 12 and 19**, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. and enjoy a free, freshly brewed cup of Arabica coffee. Mention Coffee Club on these Tuesdays when you check out material and receive an entry slip for a special drawing. Entry slips must be placed in the drawing box before 9:00 p.m. and winners will be contacted the next day. Prizes are courtesy of Arabica.

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

Bridge Club

The Bridge Club will meet on **Mondays through May 2007** from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. in the Stow-Munroe Falls Meeting Room on the second floor of the library. Join us for cards and conversation! There is no fee to join this club, but a small collection will be taken for refreshments which will be served at the last gathering. The next meeting is **Monday, January 8** at 12:45 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295. You may leave a message on voicemail or send an email to: nelsonch@oplin.org. Bridge Club is co-sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Stow Woman's Club.

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Recent Library Happenings

Library Outreach Vehicle Dedication

The new library outreach vehicle was dedicated on November 14. Children's Outreach Librarian Gloria Adams (left) uses the vehicle to deliver materials to area child care centers and Senior Outreach Librarian Vickie Evans uses the vehicle to deliver materials to area senior citizen residences.



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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:** *Brother Odd* by Dean Koontz, *Shape Shifter* by Tony Hillerman, *Next* by Michael Crichton, *Treasure of Khan* by Clive Cussler, and *John's Story: the Last Eyewitness* by Tim LaHaye.
- **Books on CD:** *The Hounds and the Fury* by Rita Mae Brown, *Long Night of Winchell Dear* by Robert Waller, *Wildfire* by Nelson DeMille, and *Capital Crimes* by Jonathan Kellerman and Faye Kellerman.
- **Nonfiction:** *Great American Billboards* by Fred Bastin, *South Beach Heart Program: The Four Step Plan That Can Save Your Life* by Arthur Agatston.

- **Mysteries:** *Capital Crimes* by Jonathan Kellerman and Faye Kellerman.
- **Biographies:** *Dark Lady: Winston Churchill's Mother and Her World* by Charles Higham, *Kofi Annan: A Man of Peace in a World of War* by Stanley Meisler and *George Gershwin: His Life and Work* by Howard Pollack.
- **DVDs:** *The Ant Bully*, *Superman Returns*, *You, Me and Dupree*, *The Breakup*, *Clerks II*, *Cars*.

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Department News

Adult Services

Evening Book Discussions

The evening book discussion group with **Amy Garrett** meets the fourth Thursday of the month September through April at 7:00 p.m. except in November and December. Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, these discussions will be the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Books are available at the Adult Information Desk prior to the discussion date.

Reading List for Evening Book Discussion

- **January 25** - *Manhunt* by James L. Swanson
- **February 22** - *Flags of our Fathers* by James Bradley
- **March 22** - *Two Minute Rule* by Robert Crais
- **April 26** - *Marley and Me* by John Grogan

Daytime Book Discussions

The fall book discussions with **Chris Caccamo** meets the second Friday of the month October through May at either 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Books are available at the Adult Information Desk prior to the discussion date.

Reading List for Daytime Book Discussion

- **January 12** - *The Year the Colored Sisters Came to Town* by Jacqueline Guidry
- **February 9** - *In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor
- **March 9** - *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot
- **April 13** - *Lunch at the Piccadilly* by Clyde Edgerton
- **May 11** - *The Kite Runner* by Khaled Hosseini

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.

New Computer Class Signup Procedure

You no longer have to sign up for computer classes weeks ahead of time! Instead, we will have numbered tickets for each class at the Adult Information Desk. On the day of the class, starting **one hour before class time**, the tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes will start at 10:00 a.m., 2:30 p.m., or 7:00 p.m. Ticket release times will be 9:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. respectively.

Students should have their Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library cards available when they come for their tickets.

The classroom has eleven seats at computers and an additional three seats without a computer. If all eleven "computer" seats are taken, three "non-computer" tickets will go to the next three students. This change is to prevent students from being closed out of classes on the first day of registrations. We hope that this new system will make it easier for our students to get the classes they want.

Teens

Chess Club

Play chess against a variety of opponents and learn new moves on **Tuesday, December 19. Peer Instruction is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., game play is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Chess Club is for students age 5 and older who are familiar with the basic rules of chess. Snacks are provided. Registration is not required.

Life-size Monopoly returns

One of last year's favorite teen programs is back in 2006! Life-size Monopoly will take place **Thursday, December 28** from 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 9 to 11 and from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 12 to 16. Participants do everything as in regular Monopoly, only Life-size! Sign up with a friend to play on a team or two or three players. Register at the Teen Information desk beginning **December 4**. Space is limited.

Anime Club

The next meeting of the Anime Club for ages 12 to 18 will be **Saturday, January 13** from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Join other otaku (anime fans) to talk about your favorite series, characters, villains and anything else anime-related. Snacks provided. Registration is not required.

Please go to the Teen Services web page at www.smfpl.org/TS.htm for information about current Teen activities. To see photos of Teen events go to www.smfpl.org/tsphotos.htm.

Children's

Art Classes

Celebrate the works of the masters. Join us to make fun and fabulous art projects in the footsteps of the great artists. Look and learn about famous works of art and the men and women who created them. Make your own masterpiece to take home and enjoy. Children ages 6 to 8 may attend the session on **Thursday, December 28** at 10:30 a.m. Children ages 9 to 12 may attend the session on **Friday, December 29** at 10:30 a.m. Call to register beginning **Monday, December 11**. Classes will last approximately one hour. Students are welcome to stay for an extra 30 minutes to finish projects.

Holiday Party

The Holiday Party for children ages 3 to 8 with parents or guardians will be on **Saturday, December 16** in the Children's Room. Children will participate in a **live** Candyland game. Sessions are at either 10:30 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Come before 10:30 a.m. and pick up a ticket if you wish to attend this session. Come before 2:00 p.m. and pick up a ticket if you wish to attend this session. For more information, contact the Children's Department.

Holiday Craft

Stop in throughout the day on **Tuesday, December 26** and make a holiday craft. All materials are provided. Reservations are not required.

Please call 330-688-3295 or go to the Children's Department web page at 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!

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Art on Display

Corner Gallery

The underwater photography of David Haas will be on display from **December 1 through 26**. Haas began diving in 1970 and shot his first underwater photos in 1972. He was a SCUBA and PADI instructor and owned a dive store from 1985 to 1989 before retiring from active instruction to concentrate on photography and dive travel. The photo exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours.



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Library Foundation

The **Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation** is a nonprofit organization which encourages voluntary financial support for the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. This support is used to help meet both the present and future needs of the patrons of the library. The purposes of the corporation include focusing public attention on library services, facilities, and needs in the Stow-Munroe Falls area; to stimulate and encourage the gifts of funds, books, desirable collections, endowments, and bequests to the library; and to receive, hold, manage, use, and dispose of funds and properties of all kinds, whether given absolutely or in trust, for the benefit of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Donors may make an online contribution to the Foundation by credit card or PayPal. Click www.smfpl.org/paypal.htm to donate online.

The next meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation is **Tuesday, January 9** at 7 p.m. at the library. The public is invited to attend.

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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library 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 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



The holiday quilt **Mr. and Mrs. Claus** is on display over the circulation desk this month. The quilt was pieced and machine quilted by Sue Palumbo. The scenes on the quilt might remind baby-boomers of the Santas they grew up with, as they look like scenes from the storybooks a few decades ago. The center of the quilt is a pre-printed panel. Sue added borders from a coordinating stripe and quilted it on her Gammil longarm quilting machine. Have a wonderful Christmas!

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Spotlight on Great Courses



The Teaching Company brings engaging professors into your home or car through courses on DVD, audio CD and audiotape. Since 1990, great teachers from the Ivy League, Stanford, Georgetown, and other leading colleges and universities have crafted over 200 courses for lifelong learners like you. It's the adventure of learning

without the homework or exams!

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has many of these courses available. Titles on CD include **Philosophy as a guide to Living, Science and Religion**, and **Great American Music on Broadway**. Courses on audiotape include **History of Ancient Egypt, The Early Middle Ages**, and **The Age of Henry VIII**. Courses on DVD include **Classical Mythology, From Monet to Van Gogh**, and **The Life of Abraham Lincoln**.

Great Courses are located in the non-fiction CD and DVD sections in the Adult Services Department. Check them out and expand your mind in 2007!

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Staff Picks

December's staff pick is **Gilbert and Sullivan Set Me Free** by Kathleen Karr, recommended by Teen Librarian **Christina Getrost**.

This Young Adult novel is based on an actual incident that occurred in 1914 at a women's prison involving a performance of **The Pirates of Penzance**. The tale is told in the first person by prisoner Libby Dodge, whose personal story is slowly revealed in the course of her prison experience. A prison chaplain hears Libby and Ma McCreary, her surrogate mother in prison, singing enthusiastically in the laundry and the entire inmate population becomes drawn into the chaplain's plans for giving the inmates an outlet and a sense of personal pride and accomplishment through music. Along the way, readers learn about the state of prisons, women's rights, impending war and other issues of the early 20th century. Those who listen to this book on CD will get to enjoy the music as well. This is an enjoyable book for both teens and adults.

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

The website for the month of December is for the **Hymns and Carols of Christmas** at www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com

Christmas carols and hymns are one aspect of the holiday season that never fail to lift the spirits--and require no baking, tree stands and extension cords! While there is a body of well-known Christmas songs that are perennial favorites and easy to track down, there are more that have slipped into obscurity. If you are looking for a long-lost hymn or carol, this website is for you! It contains hundreds and hundreds of lyrics and sheet music, free of charge. The site also contains a large collection of holiday poetry and prose. The ultimate goal of this website is to contain the largest collection of Christmas lyrics and music published in the English language. Check it out and get into the holiday mood.

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