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Welcome to the **December 2007** 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.

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Notices

No Computer Classes in January

Due to work in our computer lab, we are unable to offer computer classes in January. We apologize for the inconvenience.

Upcoming Library Closings

The library will be closed all day on **Monday, December 24** and **Tuesday, December 25** for Christmas. The library will close at **5 p.m. on Monday, December 31** and be closed all day on **Tuesday, January 1** for the New Year's holiday.



Coffee With the Editor

The next **Coffee With the Editor** will be **Wednesday, January 2** from **9:00 to 10:00 a.m.**

Back By Popular Demand.....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.

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 and beautiful ornaments. Thanks to the Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library for bringing this tree to life each holiday season.



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Upcoming Special Events

Jazz Band Concert

The next performance of the community jazz band will be **Wednesday, January 2 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room of the library. The concert is free. Reservations are not required.

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.** Players should arrive at **12:45 p.m. and bridge will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.** The next meeting is **January 14.** Bridge Club meets in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room at the library. There is no fee to join the club, but a small collection will be taken for refreshments. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295. Bridge Club is co-sponsored by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Stow Woman's Club.

Author Terry Pluto

Local author Terry Pluto talks about his new book, "The Franchise-Lebron James and the Remaking of the Cleveland Cavaliers" on **Thursday, January 10 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room at the library.



Pluto is a sports columnist for the Plain Dealer. He has twice been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize and twice been honored by the Associated Press Sports Editors as the nation's top sports columnist for medium-sized newspapers. He is an eight-time winner of the Ohio Sports Writer of the Year award and has received more than 50 state and local writing awards. In 2005 he was inducted into the Cleveland Journalism Hall of Fame. He is the author of 23 books, including *The Curse of Rocky Colavito* (selected by the New York Times as one of the five notable sports books of 1989), *False Start: How the New Browns Were Set Up to Fail*, and *Loose Balls*, which was ranked number 13 on Sports Illustrated's list of the top 100 sports books of all time. He was called "Perhaps the best American writer of sports books," by the Chicago Tribune in 1997.

He lives with his wife, Roberta, in Akron, Ohio.

Register for this program by stopping by the Reference Desk or calling 330-688-3295.

Financial Programs for Seniors

Start the New Year off right with these free, informative lectures on investing. Programs are on **Tuesdays from 7 to 8 p.m.** Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Reference Desk to register. These programs will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room at the library.

- **January 22 - IRAs: Avoiding Costly Mistakes** (Registration begins **Monday, December 17**)
- **January 29 - Sound Investing for Retirees** (Registration begins **Wednesday, December 26**)
- **February 5 - Retirement Income Planning** (Registration begins **Monday, January 7**)

Aromatherapy

Just in time for Valentine's Day! Come to the library on **Thursday, February 7 from 7 to 8 p.m.** for a program on aromatherapy. Aromatherapy means "treatment using scents". It is a holistic treatment of caring for the body with pleasant smelling botanical oils such as rose, lemon, lavender and peppermint. Aromatherapy is used for the relief of pain, care of the skin, to alleviate tension and fatigue, reduce anxiety and promote relaxation.

Join Gloria O'Neal of ArcAncient in Lakewood as she explains the mysteries of some of the most popular and fascinating scents. Registration begins **Monday, January 7** and is limited. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Reference Desk to sign up. The program will be held in Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room.



Home Staging-Preparing to Sell Your Home

Come to the library on **Wednesday, February 20 from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** to learn how to prepare your home and avoid costly delays before listing it on the market. Lynn Koerner will present ideas on how to maximize the positives and minimize the negatives. **Registration begins on Monday, January 21** and is limited. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Reference Desk to register. The program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room at the library.

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Recent Library Happenings

Area children had fun traveling the world with Miss Jen of the Children's Department (right) this year during the **Tasty Trekkers** program. Each month they visited a different country without leaving the library and learned about the culture by preparing a delicious dish. They played games and learned about children from around the world. Each participant received a passport that was stamped each month. There is still time to participate! There will be 5 more countries to visit in 2008!



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New Titles

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

- **Fiction:** *Double Cross* by James Patterson, *Between Sundays* by Karen Kingsbury, *The New Year's quilt :an Elm Creek quilts novel* by Jennifer Chiaverini, *Absolution* by Miriam Herin.
- **Large Print:** *Murder on K Street* by Margaret Truman, *The Red Heart of Jade* by Marjorie Liu
- **Nonfiction:** *The Fiber35 diet : nature's weight loss secret* by Kathleen Flinn, *Elvis Presley: The Family Album* by George Klein, *Start Your Own Bed and Breakfast*
- **Books on CD:** *Requiem for an Assassin* by Barry Eisler, *Sizzle and Burn* by Jane Ann Krentz.
- **DVDs:** *Santa Clause 3*, *Hairspray*, *Ocean's 13*, *Shrek 3*.

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Department News

Adult Services

Turning Personal Experience into Art

Scott Lax's **Turning Personal Experience into Art** will be presented at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on **Saturday, January 26 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.** In this presentation, novelist, feature film producer, playwright, journalist, musician and teacher Scott Lax explores the translation of his own experience as a young man coming of age in 1970 into an award-winning novel, feature film and a play. He encourages his audience to tell their stories in their own ways and shows them how to use real-life experience as inspiration. He also helps them understand the complex worlds of literature, journalism, cinema, television, music and theater.

Lax takes the audience on a personal, yet universal journey. He illustrates ways to use story and myth to let people know that they are not alone in the world, and teaches students how to share their stories with others in a positive way. Lax is currently senior writer for Northern Ohio Live Magazine, for which he writes a monthly column; Associate Director for The Fairmount Center for the Creative and Performing Arts, as well as Director of Fairmount's School of Writing. He is currently writing a novel. There will be time for questions after the presentation. The program is free of charge. Light refreshments will be available. Stop by the Reference Desk or call 330-688-3295 to register. Seating is limited. If you are serious about writing as a career, don't miss this!

This program is sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.



Need to Use a Computer? Call ahead and reserve one!

Computers with **Internet Access**, located in the Adult Services Department of 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. Staff at the Adult Information Desk can schedule you for up to two hours of time once per day, Monday through Saturday and up to one hour of time on Sunday. Don't be disappointed! Call ahead! To make an appointment, call the Adult Services Department at 330-688-3295.

Evening Book Discussion

The evening book discussion group with **Amy Garrett** meets the fourth Thursday of the month through

April 2008. Discussions will be on these **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** except in November and December. The November meeting will be the **third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** and the December meeting will be the **second Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** Copies of the book will again be available at the Reference Desk prior to the discussion date.

Reading List for the 2007-2008 Evening Discussion Group

- **December 13 - *The Secret*** by Rhonda Byrne
- **January 24 - *One Last Dance*** by Mardo Williams
- **February 28 - *Measure of a Man*** by Sidney Poitier
 - **March 27 - *Lily's Sister*** by Karen Hasley
 - **April 24 - *Double Bind*** by Chris Bohjalian

Monday Evening Book Discussion

The evening book discussion group with **Barbara Nelson** meets through **June 2008**. Discussions will be on the **first Monday of the month at 7 p.m.** Copies of the book will again be available at the Reference Desk prior to the discussion date.

Reading List for the 2007-2008 Evening Discussion Group

- **January 7 - *The Girl in Hyacinth Blue*** by Tracy Chevalier
 - **February 4 - *Eat, Pray, Love*** by Elizabeth Gilbert
 - **March 3 - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn*** by Betty Smith
- **April 7 - *The Memory Keeper's Daughter*** by Kim Edwards
 - **May 5 - *If Today be Sweet*** by Thrity Umrigar
- **June 2 - *The Glass Castle*** by Jeanette Walls

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.

Reading List for the 2007-2008 Daytime Discussion Group

- **December 14 - *An Idiot Girl's Christmas: True Tales from the Top of the Naughty List*** by Laurie Notaro
- **January 11 - *Woman of Color, Daughter of Privilege: Amanda America Dickson 1849-1893*** by Kent Anderson Leslie
- **February 8 - *Never Shower in a Thunderstorm: Surprising Facts and Misleading Myths About Our Health and the World we Live In*** by Anahad O'Conner
 - **March 14 - *My Sister's Keeper*** by Jodi Picoult
 - **April 11 - *The Captain's Wife*** by Douglas Kelly
 - **May 9 - *Water for Elephants*** by Sara Gruen

Summer titles will be released in May!

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, 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

Lifesize Monopoly games

Spend your holiday break on Boardwalk! Come to the library on **Saturday, December 29**. Buy a "railroad" for under the Christmas tree! Play in teams of two or three, taking turns walking on a lifesize board and rolling giant dice. Registration begins **December 15** by calling the library at 330-688-3295 or stopping by the Reference Desk.

Game times are as follows: **1:00 to 2:30 p.m. for ages 9 to 11 and 3:00 to 4:30 p.m. for ages 12 to 17.**

Congratulations!

Congratulations to James Molek, 16, for winning the library's Madden NFL 08 Playstation2 tournament. Luke Rocco, 12, came in second place. They received \$25.00 and \$15.00 Best Buy gift cards, respectively, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Look for another tournament in January!

Chess Club

The next Chess Club will be **Tuesday, December 18**. Peer instruction is from **6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and game play is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Play chess against a variety of opponents, and learn new moves. Chess club is for students age 5 and older who are familiar with the basic rules of chess. Snacks provided. No registration is necessary.

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:

bulldogbooks@sbcglobal.net

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

Tasty Trekkers

Register now for the **Tasty Trekkers** program in the Children's Department. Travel the world with Miss Jen on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Each month, students in grades 1 to 5 will learn about a different country and their culture by preparing a delicious dish. They will play games and learn about children from around the world. Each participant will receive a passport. Come every month to have your passport stamped. There will be five more countries to visit in 2008. The next program is December 19. For more information or to register, contact the Children's Department at 330-688-3295.

Candyland

Join us for our second annual Giant Candyland game on **Saturday, December 15 at either 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.** Children are invited to come and play on our giant game board. Walk through the peppermint forest, tiptoe around Gumdrop Mountain and don't get caught by Lord Licorice. We will take groups of 15 children at a time to play the game. Morning and afternoon sessions are available. Spike the Turtle admission passes will be given out 30 minutes before each session. The program is for children ages 3 to 6. No registration is required.

High School Musical Karaoke Party

If you love singing along with Troy, Gabriella and all the others from High School Musical, sign up to come to our Karaoke Party on **Thursday, December 27 at 6:30 p.m.** We will be showing clips from both movies as well as having karaoke, games and fun. There is limited space available so sign up early. The program is for children ages seven and up. Registration begins December 17 by stopping by or calling 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 for further information about Children's activities and programs.

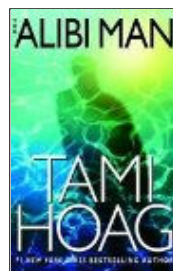
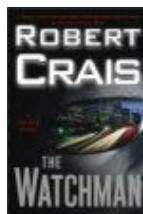
Circulation

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

Don't have a computer or are you too busy to get to your computer? How would you like our staff to automatically place you 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! Here's a few authors whose new books could be waiting for you!



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Art on Display

Watercolors of Denise Hart Daugherty on display

The watercolors of Stow resident Denise Hart Daugherty will be on display from **December 5 through January 7** at the library. This special exhibit may be viewed during regular library hours.

Daugherty began her interest in art in Wheeling, West Virginia where she studied at Oglebay Art Institute. She had a full-page painting published in Seventeen magazine in the 1950's. She continued

studies in fine arts at Kent State and studied watercolor with Ohio artists, Lowell Ellsworth Smith, A.W.S., Fred Leach A.W.S., and participated in workshops with nationally renowned watercolorists the late Edgar Whitney, A.N.A, A.W.S., Zoltan Szabo, Judi Betts, Barbara Nechis and Charles Reid.

Her paintings have been selected for many juried shows including "Watercolor Ohio," Canton Art Institute, "Oglebayfest," Wheeling, West Virginia, "E.J.Thomas Christmas Show," Quaker Square, Stan Hywet Hall, Hudson Art on the Green, Brecksville Fine Art Show, Lakewood Arts Festival and Ursuline College Juried Art Show. Her work has also been shown at the Charles Mayer Gallery, Akron, Kaleidoscope 2005, Summit Artscape, Kent State Downtown Gallery Small Works Competition 2006, the Gallery at Los Patios, San Antonio Texas, The Michael Stone Gallery, Washington, D.C., The Randolph Street Gallery, Chicago and Watercolor West XIV, Riverside, California.

Daugherty is a member of the Crooked River Gang of Artists. Her painting of the "M D Garage in Boston Township" was chosen for Cuyahoga Valley National Park's postcard for 2006. She is past president of Hudson Society of Artists.



Display case exhibits

Janet Howard's trees and Santas will be on display in display case #1 **through December 31.**

Dr. Eugene Jursek's wood carvings will be on display in display case #2 **through December 31**

These exhibits may be viewed during regular library hours.

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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.

There is no Foundation meeting in December.

Click www.smfpl.org/paypal.htm to learn more about the Foundation or to make a donation.

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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 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 Friends Officers for 2007 (from left to right) are: Peg Niemeyer, Corresponding Secretary; Hermine Meyer, Treasurer; Peggy Shaffer, Vice President; Helen Meier, Recording Secretary; Martha Keisler, President.

Also pictured are Jane Mesereau (far right) and Lois Patton (handing out the flowers).



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

December's quilt is by Helena Belden and is called **Christmas is Coming**. It is now on display over the main check-out desk.





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Book Picks

November's book pick is **Double Cross** by James Patterson.



From **Amazon.com...**

Just when Alex thought his life was calming down into a routine of patients and therapy sessions, he finds himself back in the game--this time to catch a criminal mastermind like no other. A spate of elaborate murders in Washington D.C. have the whole East Coast on edge. They are like nothing Alex Cross and his new girlfriend, Detective Brianna Stone, have ever seen. With each murder, the case becomes increasingly complex. There's only one thing Alex knows: the killer adores an audience. As victims are made into gruesome spectacles citywide, inducing a media hysteria, it becomes clear to Alex that the man he's after is a genius of terror--and he's after fame. The killer has the whole city by its strings--and he'll stop at nothing to become the most terrifying star that Washington D.C. has ever seen.

Place a hold on **Double Cross** by going to the library's online catalog at <http://opac.smfpl.org>.

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What Do I Watch?



More Holiday Films on DVD! They may already be checked out, so place them on hold!

- Joyeux Noel
- Love Actually
- Christmas With The Kranks
- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
- National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation 2
 - Santa Clause 2
 - Santa Clause 3

- A Christmas Story
- Miracle on 34th Street
 - Elf
- March of the Wooden Soldiers

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Website of the Month

The website for this month is for the **A Christmas Story House** at <http://www.achristmasstoryhouse.com/>

Are you a fan of the holiday film, **A Christmas Story**? The actual house from the movie is now a museum and is located on W. 11th Street in Cleveland. It is open year-round to tour. This great website gives directions, shows how the house was renovated, gives trivia about the movie, tells about C & Y Chinese restaurant (the actual restaurant in the movie which is still open for business), biographies of the actors and a history of Higbee's department store. You can also order your own major award. There is a link to Red Rider Leg Lamps! This is a great outing for fans of the movie young and old!

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