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Welcome to the **January 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.

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## Notices

### **Tax Program 2006**

Tax counseling for the elderly, free assistance for completing income tax forms will be held **Fridays, February 3 - April 14, 2006 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.** in the Munroe Falls Room (except during Needlework Show) on the second floor.

Each taxpayer must bring:

- a copy of last year's tax forms, Social Security card, and picture ID
- any forms showing income you earned or pensions or Social Security paid to you
- 1099 forms showing interest or dividends that your investments have earned
- receipts or cancelled checks for income or property taxes you have paid, or any contributions you have made to charities

Appointments will be taken at the front Circulation Desk. Appointments are one hour for each taxpayer. This tax program is designed for low-middle income elderly (60+ years), but younger people may also participate. Participants should have an annual income of \$60,000 or less. This program is sponsored

by AARP.

### **Adult Education Materials**

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has purchased new adult education materials through a generous grant from Wal-Mart. Titles include DVDs **ESL 4-pack (Standard Deviants)** and **ESL Easy English series**. Books on CD are **English for Hindi Speakers, English for Mandarin Speakers, English for Arabic Speakers, English for Russian Speakers**, and **American Accent Training. Instant Immersion ESL** is a book-on-tape and **A Tutor's Guide: Helping Writer's One on One** is a book. Adult education materials are located on the wall next to the Quiet Study Room. **Muzzy ESL Level I** and **Sesame English: ESL for Children** are two DVDs purchased for the Children's Department.

### **Phone Book Recycling**

You may recycle your telephone books in the bin inside the library front doors. The recycle bin will be in place through February.

### **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, February 13**. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295.

### **Community Jazz Band**

The next Jazz Band concert will be **Wednesday, February 1 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, January 24 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).

### **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](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**

### **Health and Wellness Screenings**

Stow-Munroe Falls Chamber of Commerce and Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library are co-sponsoring a Health and Wellness Screening **Saturday, January 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. Free air and water purifier demonstrations, free checks for body imbalance, free blood pressure readings, and free ergonomic work station evaluations are among the offerings. This service is

free and open to the public. No registration is necessary.

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## Recent Library Happenings

### OooEee Teen Talent Troupe

The OooEee Teen Talent Troupe performed December 17 for a very enthusiastic audience. Troupe members encouraged audience participation as may be seen in the photos below!



### Break Activities

Children enjoyed several activities during the recent holiday break from school, including Life Size Monopoly and Countdown to New Year's. See photos below.



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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:** *Shapers of Darkness*, *Book Four of Winds of the Forelands* by David B. Coe, *The Silver Lake* by Fiona Patton, and *Bridge of the Spectator* by Harry Turtledove.

- **Large Print Fiction:** *A Covington Christmas* by Joan A. Medlicott, *Black* by Ted Dekker, *Rejoice* by Karen Kingsbury, *Alaska: A Light in the Window: An Inspirational Love Story From America's Final Frontier* by Tracie Peterson, and *Something Old, Something New: Tales From Grace Chapel Inn* by Jane Orcutt.
- **Nonfiction:** *The Postcard Century: 2000 Cards and Their Messages* by Tom Phillips, *Churchill and War* by Geoffrey Best, *The Complete Peanut Allergy Handbook* by Scott H. Sicherer and Terry Malloy, *Warman's Majolica: Identification and Price Guide* by Mark F. Moran, and *Embracing the Infidel: Stories of Muslim Migrants on the Journey West* by Behzad Yaghmaian.
- **Mysteries:** *Already Dead: A Joe Pitt Casebook* by Charlie Huston.
- **Biographies:** *Cheating Death, Stealing Life: The Eddie Guerrero Story* by Eddie Guerrero with Michael Krugman.
- **DVDs:** *Cinderella Man*.
- **Books on CD:** *A Million Little Pieces* by James Frey, *A Wedding in December* by Anita Shreve, *Last Light* by Terri Blackstock, *S is for Silence* by Sue Grafton, and *Son of a Witch* by Gregory Maguire.
- **Books on Tape:** *Forever Odd* by Dean Koontz, *S is for Silence* by Sue Grafton, and *Our Endangered Values America's Moral Crisis* by Jimmy Carter.

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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 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 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 February will be released **Monday, January 30**. 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 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](http://www.smfpl.org/tsbooks.htm).

### **Yu-Gi-Oh**

**Saturday, January 14 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.**

### **Chess Club**

**Tuesday, January 17 at 6:30 p.m.**

For further information on Teen programs please go to the Teen Services web page at [www.smfpl.org/TS.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/TS.htm).

## **Children's**

### **Storytimes**



Storytime registration for 2006 has begun. Please call 330-688-3295 for further information.

### **Keyboarding I and II**

The Children's Department will be holding keyboarding classes **Monday, January 16** and **Friday, January 20** from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.

### **Library Catalog Searching**

**Monday, January 16** and **Friday, January 20** from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.

### **Saturday Science**

Join Professor E for Saturday Science on **January 21 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Do you enjoy playing with the magnet board in the Children's Department? Professor E will be showing you how to attract and repel other objects, pick up an object with a balloon, make a water molecule out of a gumdrop, and make a lava lamp.

### **Chinese New Year**

**Saturday, January 28, all day.** Stop by the Children's Department and make a craft for Chinese New Year. No registration necessary.

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](http://www.smfpl.org/CS.htm).

## **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: **Debbie Luchka**, the 700,000th checkout of 2005, **Etta Brooks**, the 25,000th window checkout of 2005, **Connie Stowers**, the 26,000th window checkout, and **Lindsey Hunt**, the 5,500th registration of 2005. Congratulations!

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

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## **Art on Display**

### **Corner Gallery**

During January the Corner Gallery features the quilts of fiber artist **Leigh McDonald**. Leigh has been quilting since 1990 and began teaching quilting in 1995. Her classes are based on traditional techniques, and emphasize color, inventiveness and imagination. She is a member of Ohio Designer Craftsmen, Studio Art Quilt Associates, American Quilt Society, Contemporary Fiber Artists,

International Quilt Association, and is a founding member of The Artists Network of Kent. To learn more about Leigh McDonald, please go to her website at [www.adventuresinquilting.com](http://www.adventuresinquilting.com).

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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](http://www.smfpl.org/friends.htm)) for an online application.

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### Quilt on Display

This quilt, recently displayed over the Circulation Desk, was created by **Leigh McDonald**, fiber artist, pattern designer, and quilting instructor. Leigh teaches workshops around the country. Her quilts are colorful and innovative.



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### Spotlight on Teen Health



Many books on teen health topics are located with other books on health in the 613 to 616 section of the library. Books which cover the social aspects of certain issues are in the 300s. Topics cover a wide range of issues such as asthma, eating disorders, learning disabilities, diabetes, depression, cancer, and smoking. Teens will also find books on teen health concerns in the Teen Department non-fiction section. Books written especially for Teens are marked with a yellow sticker. To find books on a particular topic, use title keyword on the library catalog.

Some new titles purchased during the past year include ***Eating Disorders Information for Teens*** and ***Learning Disabilities Information for Teens***, both edited by Sandra August Lawton; ***Suicide Information For Teens: Health Tips About Suicide Causes and Prevention; Including Facts About Depression, Risk Factors, Getting Help, Survivor Support, and More*** edited by Joyce Brennfleck Shannon. Titles written for parents include ***Healthy Teens, Body and Soul: A Parent's Complete Guide to Adolescent Health*** by Andrea Marks and Betty Rothbart; ***Beyond the Big Talk: Every Parent's Guide to Raising Sexually Healthy Teens - From Middle School to High School and Beyond*** by Debra W. Haffner; and ***The Teen Health Book: A Parents' Guide to Adolescent Health and Well-Being*** by Ralph I. Lopez.

Parents and Teens can also find health and medical information online, including the website of Akron Childrens Hospital at [www.akronchildrens.org](http://www.akronchildrens.org). Go to "For Patients and Visitors" and click on "For Teens." Topics covered range from food and fitness to diseases and conditions to school and jobs.

Q&A helps answer some of the questions teens may have, but are not comfortable asking. Family Doctor at <http://familydoctor.org>, sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians, has a section for teens under the "Parents and Kids" link. Don't forget to check the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Teen Page for links to sites on teen health topics at [www.smfpl.org/teenhealth.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/teenhealth.htm).

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### Staff Picks

January's staff pick is ***Son of a Witch*** by Gregory Maguire, recommended by Public Service Assistant **Elizabeth Frisina**. This book is a companion piece to the very popular novel, ***Wicked***. The story follows Liir, who may or may not be the son of Elphaba, the Wicked Witch of the West, as he sets out to find a missing girl who may be his half-sister. Fans of the first book will not be disappointed. Even after a gap of ten years between the books' publications, the writing is just as vibrant the second time around.



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 January is **GovBenefits** at [www.govbenefits.gov](http://www.govbenefits.gov). Are you eligible for government benefits? Find out by going to this website. Fill out a confidential, online questionnaire or search by benefit program categories. This site consolidates hundreds of benefit and assistance programs and matches the user with benefit programs that meet their needs. Benefits programs include child care/child support, disability assistance, disaster relief, healthcare/living assistance, and more. Locate benefits by state also.

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