Welcome to the July 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**

**Friends Thank You**
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library recognizes the hard work and dedication of the Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. This hard working group has recently donated $6,444 for the purchase of a flag pole and a mediacheck machine. The mediacheck will be used by the Circulation Department to enhance check-out of audiovisual materials. The funds for these purchases come from the Friends book sales.

**In Between Available**
Please stop by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library to pick up a free copy of our summer newsletter "In Between." This publication describes all of the exciting programs and events the Library is offering during the summer.

**Community Jazz Band**
The next Jazz Band concert will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 4 in the upstairs meeting room.
Library Board
The next meeting of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, August 24 at 7:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. There will be no meeting in July. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to [www.smfpl.org/trustees](http://www.smfpl.org/trustees).

Library Closing
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed **Sunday, July 4** and **Monday, July 5** for Independence Day.

Thank You Shoppers
Thank you to all who donated Acme receipts to benefit Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. $138,937 in Acme receipts were collected! The library receives a rebate check from Acme Fresh Market equal to one percent of the total receipts.

"Aid to Mobility" Cart
A special cart is now available to assist those who have difficulty carrying books and other materials in the library. This sturdy cart has baskets in which to place items. Please ask at the Circulation Desk if you wish to use the cart.

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](http://www.dearreader.com/library/stow) or by going to the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library website at [www.smfpl.org](http://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.

Library Card Reminder
This is a reminder to stop by the library to check out an item at least once a year. This will keep your library card current, as well as let you see what new materials and services Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has to offer.

Recycling
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is now participating in a recycling program with Abitibi Recycling Corporation called the Abitibi Paper Retriever Program. The Paper Retriever bin is located in the rear of the building and is available 24 hours. Anyone in the community can drop off the following items suitable for recycling (all items must be clean and dry): newspapers, magazines, shopping catalogs, office and school papers, and mail. Stow-Munroe Falls elementary schools and middle school also participate in this program.

Upcoming Special Events

Red Cross Community Water Safety Course
**Saturday, July 10, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**
Water safety is a year-round concern and summer is right around the corner. This class is for anyone who needs to prevent and be prepared for water emergencies. Learn how to keep your family and
friends safer and healthier in, on, and around the water. This fact-filled course is excellent for home pool owners, boat owners, parents, young adults and anyone who participates in activities involving bodies of water.

Community Water Safety teaches easy-to-remember safety tips for pools, spas, water parks, lakes, rivers, oceans, and many other popular aquatic environments. Foster parents may earn in-service training credit. This class is appropriate for adults and individuals age 12 and up. It is a four-hour class of water safety on dry land (in a classroom).

You will learn

- How to identify and avoid aquatic hazards.
- How to prevent water-related accidents.
- Simple emergency response skills you can do without entering the water.
- Basic rescue and first aid skills to provide care until help arrives.
- And much more.

This program is offered as part of the Dive into Reading Program events at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Registration fee is $25 and includes a take home text/handbook. To register please call the Summit County Red Cross at 330-535-2447. For more information, visit http://summitcounty.redcross.org.

**Wonders of the Reptile World**
**Tuesday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.**
The Cleveland Zoo will be visiting Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library for this family program. This special program was developed by the Cleveland Zoo in an effort to help others become environmentally aware and gain an understanding of the need for preservation and conservation of wildlife. No registration necessary.

**Recent Library Happenings**

**Pride in Your Library Day and Flagpole Dedication**
Approximately 80 patrons, guests, and library staff members watched the flagpole dedication ceremony held Thursday, July 1. Library Director Doug Dotterer, Library Board of Trustees President, Mike Walsh, and Munroe Falls Mayor Frank Larson spoke, and Jaclyn Surson sang the national anthem. A color guard presented the flag, which has flown over the nation’s capital. Honored guests included local servicemen David Jatich and Adam Ritterback, both of whom have seen duty in Iraq. The Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library generously provided the funds to purchase the flagpole.

After the flagpole dedication, patrons were invited to have cake and punch and listen to the Community Jazz Band in the library garden. Other events during the day included a Local History presentation on Stow History, a booksale sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and special activities for children.

To see more pictures from Pride in Your Library Day [click here](http://a1.smfpl.org/prevsite/july-04.htm).

**Pirate Night**
Over 300 people recently attended "Pirate Night," hosted by the Children’s Department for children and their families. Participants played games such as Island Hopping and Pirate Says, made paper pirate hats, and won raffle prizes and balloon swords.

Teen volunteers assist participants in a contest to name the Children’s Room pirate ship. Winning name is the "Bulldog Buccaneer"

Teen Librarian Christina "Cannonball" Getrost makes balloon swords for participants

Supermillionaire
The first of this summer’s Teen Monday programs was held June 14 at 7:00 p.m. with participants playing "Supermillionaire." Contestants had to win a "Fastest Finger" round to get into the Hot Seat, where they tried to get through five questions to win the highest level of prizes. Prizes were awarded at each level.

Pet Show
The third annual pet show, held June 23, was enjoyed by 190 people. Thirty pets, including dogs, cats, guinea pigs, hamsters, bunnies, birds, and a turtle were admired by all attending. The People's Choice Awards was given to "Little Bit," a turtle owned by Alexis McDonald.
Teen volunteers at annual pet show  Sara Dean and Dad Michael with pet bunny "Ginger"

To see more pictures from the third annual Pet Show click here

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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:


- **Large Print**: *Winter's Secret* by Lyn Cote, *Wild Rain* by Christine Feehan, and *Shadow Men* by Jonathon King.

- **Books on Tape**: *The Things We Do for Love* by Kristin Hannah, *The Glorious Appearing* by Tim LaHaye, and *Monday Mourning* by Kathy Reichs.


- **Videos**: *Mona Lisa Smile*, *Miracle*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Return of the King*, *Mystic River*, *Master and Commander*, *Along Came Polly*, and *Gothika*.

- **DVDs**: *You Got Served*, *Miracle*, *Lord of the Rings*, *Return of the King*, *Mystic River*, *Monster*, *Along Came Polly*, and *Torque*. 
**Department News**

**Adult Services**

**Dive into Reading at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library**
Take a book to the beach, listen to a book on tape or CD during a long road trip, or sit back and unwind with the latest bestseller.

The more books you read or listen to this summer, the more chances you will have to win a weekly prize or a grand prize. From June 14 through August 14, 2004, patrons 18 and older can fill out a slip for each book that they read or listen to and drop it in the drawing box at the Questions & Directions Desk near the library's front entrance.

There will be weekly drawings for prizes including gift certificates, tickets, t-shirts and more! A grand prize drawing will be held at the end of the program.

Adult Summer Reading winners for the week of June 21 were Mike Gazella (African Wildlife Safari passes), Janet Howard, Pat Riegler, and Rene Rockwell (Porthouse Theatre tickets). Winners for the week of June 28 were Paul Morrow (Waterworks passes), Patti Nawrocky (Lock 3 Live tickets), Jana Paulson, and Judy Rank (African Wildlife Safari passes).

Check out the Stow Sentry in the coming weeks for more details on this program, as well as for information on our Children's and Teen Summer Reading Programs!

**Summer Book Discussions**
Stop in, beat the heat, meet new friends, have lively conversation and discuss some great books! All discussions are on Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Sign up is not required.

- July 9 - Cagney by John McCabe
- August 13 - Queenmaker: A Novel of King David's Queen by India Edghill

Books will be available at the library prior to discussion date. For more information, please contact Chris Caccamo at 330-688-3295.

**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. The computer class schedule for August will be released Monday, July 26 at 9:00 a.m. The class calendar can be viewed at [www.smfpl.org/calendar.htm](http://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.
Young Adults

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](http://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
Twenty-eight players competed for Yu-Gi-Oh card prizes in duels of two players in the Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament held June 19. Winners of the tournament are (left to right) Brent Shoop (second place), TJ Taylor (first place), and Varun Narayan (third place). Congratulations!

The next Yu-Gi-Oh swap will be Saturday, July 24 2:00 p.m. for ages 6 and up.

Chess Club
Tuesday, July 27 at 6:30 p.m.

"Dive Into Reading" Teen Summer Reading Program
For ages 11 to 17 (or students who have completed sixth grade). No sign up is necessary for this program. Just read a book, comic book, or magazine and fill out one entry per book. Weekly prize drawings are held, and every entry is automatically entered in the Grand Prize drawing for an MP3 player.

Teens can also win an Instant Prize by checking out a book from the Teen Scene area. One hundred books are secretly marked as winners!

Wacky Golf Ice Cream Social (invitation only!)
August 13 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.
For teen summer reading participants who have read at least five books by August 9. Play goofy putt-putt in the Library after hours, and finish off the evening with your own homemade ice cream sundae.

Teen Mondays
Summer programs for ages 11 and up. All programs are 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments provided! Sign up two weeks prior to each program.

- July 12: Karaoke Night
  Ever wanted to be on American Idol? Come to this fun evening of music and laughter as we sing along to our favorite tunes using the library's karaoke machine. You can bring your own karaoke discs, too, if you want.

- July 26: Super Soaker Trivia Wars
  Held outside, weather permitting. The best way to beat the heat this summer. Wear a swimsuit or old t-shirt and shorts, bring a towel, and come prepared to get wet! Two teams will compete at trivia and try to stay dry; answer wrong and get a soaking!

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

Crafts for Kids - Mondays through August 2 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
Drop in and make simple crafts. Ages two and up. No registration is necessary.

Stranger Than Fiction Book Club - Saturdays, July 10, 24, and August 7 from Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Bring a lunch, drinks will be provided. For children finishing grades three through five.

Upcoming Children's Programs

- Mystery Night - Friday, July 9 at 7:00 p.m.
  For school age children and their families.
  "My Grandma's Gonna Kill Me!" is an interactive mystery. Interrogate the seven suspects to see if you can solve this mystery. Registration required for this "after hours" program. Call 330-688-3295 to register.

- Wet and Wild Water Games - Wednesday, July 14 at 7:00 p.m.
  For children of all ages and their families.

- Water, Water, Everywhere: We All Need It to Drink - Saturday, July 17 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
  For children finishing grades three through five.

- Captain Max the Magician - Wednesday, July 21 at 7:00 p.m.
  For school age children and their families. Registration is appreciated, but not required.

- OOO-eee Teen Talent Troupe - Wednesday, July 28 at 7:00 p.m.
  For children of all ages and their families. No registration is required.

- Whale Tales - Mondays, August 2, 9, and 16 from 9:00 a.m. to Noon.
  Water safety and fun presented by the American Red Cross.

Please call 330-688-3295 for further information or go to the Children's Department webpage at www.smfpl.org/CS.htm for a complete list of children's programming.

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.

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

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 the Stow-Munroe Falls
Public Library recently: **Marilyn Kessel** (350,000th check-out of 2004), **Sarah Lapham** (12,000th window check-out), **Sandra Gionfriddo** (13,000th window check-out), **Mark Teets** (3,000th new registration of 2004), and **Amy Schneider** (10th Bestsellers Club sign-up). Congratulations!

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

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**Art on Display**

Starting July 9, the watercolors of Hudson resident **Sue Lewis-Kissack** will be displayed in the Corner Gallery near the Biographies. Lewis-Kissack is a member of the Hudson Society of Artists. She specializes in still life.

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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 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. Friends membership is currently at 420 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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**Books on Display**

"**Dive Into Reading,"** Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Summer Reading Program theme, is featured at the Questions and Directions Desk. Look for information on activities, contests, and special events taking place this summer at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

Items on display are available for check-out. Please help yourself.

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**Spotlight on American Presidents**

July's Spotlight shines on "**American Presidents.**" With the passing of former President Ronald Reagan, the release of former President Bill Clinton's biography, and the upcoming presidential election, you may wish to take a look at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's collection of materials on American Presidents. The biography section in both the Children's and Adult Departments contains books about the presidents under the last name of the president.
Popular presidential biographies include John Adams by David G. McCullough and Theodore Rex by Edmund Morris. Many books about the presidents are also located in the 973 (American History) section. Buckeye Presidents: Ohioans in the White House, published by the Kent State University press and edited by Philip Weeks, Touched with Fire: Five Presidents and the Civil War Battles that Made Them by James M. Perry, and Shadow: Five Presidents and the Legacy of Watergate by Bob Woodward are all located in 973.

The Complete American Presidents Sourcebook by Roger Matuz in the Reference section is a five-volume work containing biographies of each president from George Washington to George W. Bush. Also found in the Reference section is Facts About the Presidents: a Compilation of Biographical and Historical Information by Joseph Nathan Kane. If you are interested in reading about the people who surround and influence the presidents, try First Mothers: the Women Who Shaped the Presidents by Bonnie Angelo, All the Presidents' Children: Triumph and Tragedy in the Lives of America's First Families by Doug Wead, and First Ladies by Margaret Truman. You can read about the Presidents' homes and libraries (Homes and Libraries of the Presidents: An Interpretive Guide by William G. Clotworthy), travel (Air Force One: A History of the Presidents and Their Planes by Kenneth T. Walsh, and speeches (My Fellow Americans: The Most Important Speeches of America’s Presidents, from George Washington to George W. Bush, compiled by Michael Waldman; CDs narrated by George Stephanopoulos.)

New books about presidential politics, policies, and personalities include Misunderestimated: The President Battles Terrorism, John Kerry, and the Bush Haters by Bill Sammon, Plan of Attack by Bob Woodward, Why Lincoln Matters: Today More Than Ever by Mario M. Cuomo, and My Life by William Jefferson Clinton. Videos about the presidents include feature films and documentaries. Some titles are American President, with Michael Douglas, Air Force One with Harrison Ford, All the Presidents Men with Dustin Hoffman, and documentaries Hail to the Chief: Portraits of American Presidents by NBC News Productions and JFK, a Presidency Revealed (DVD) by A&E Television Networks.

To learn more about the American presidents go to www.americanpresidents.org. This website was created for the C-Span television series "American Presidents: Life Portraits." Internet Public Library also has a site about the presidents at www.ipl.org/div/potus. For a list of and links to Presidential libraries go to www.whitehouse.gov/history/liblinks.html.

Staff Picks

July's staff pick is Warrior Soul: Memoir of a Navy SEAL, by Chuck Pfarrer, recommended by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Director Doug Dotterer. Warrior Soul is an action packed real-life story of a United States Navy SEAL. The reader is given a behind-the-scenes account of the grueling boot camp training that transforms a person into a world class elite soldier. From dangerous missions in Beirut to fighting drug smugglers in Latin America, the author presents a riveting account of one man's personal sacrifice and heroism. Not to be missed! Warrior Soul is located in the Biographies.

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July's Website of the Month is the National World War II Memorial at www.wwiimemorial.com. The World War II Memorial, officially dedicated May 29, 2004, is the first national memorial dedicated to all who served during the Second World War. Established by the American Battle Monuments Commission, the Memorial honors all military veterans of the war, the citizens on the home front, the nation at large, and the high moral purpose and idealism that motivated the nation’s call to arms. Read about the construction and design of the memorial, view pictures of the dedication ceremony, and search for a service member. You can even register a World War II veteran or submit your name to the WWII Dedication Reunion electronic message board.

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