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Welcome to the **March 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

AED Dedication Ceremony

Meet [Congressman Steven LaTourette](#) at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's AED (Automated External Defibrillator) dedication ceremony **Thursday, March 31, 2005 at 6:00 p.m.** Join us for the library's dedication of this emergency lifesaving heart defibrillator equipment. The ceremony will be held in the library's atrium. No reservations necessary. Light refreshments will be served courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Special guests include: Congressman Steven LaTourette, Stow Mayor Karen Fritschel, Munroe Falls Mayor Frank Larson, Stow Fire Department Division Chief Martin, and American Heart Association's Northern Ohio Regional Manager, Joseph Laskowski.

This donation was made possible by Congressman LaTourette and the [American Heart Association](#). Training for library staff members was provided by the Stow Fire Department.

Community Jazz Band

The next Jazz Band concert will be at **7:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 6** in the upstairs meeting room.

Library Board

The next meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at Akron Summit County Public Library. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to <http://www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm>.

Coffee With the Editor

Monday, April 4 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library presents coffee with *Stow Sentry* editor **Sean Gerski** the first Monday of each month between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sean will be available to answer questions, discuss stories and ideas, or just get acquainted. Coffee and tea supplied by the library.



Library Closing

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed Easter Sunday, **March 27, 2005**.

Tax Forms

Federal, state, and city tax forms are now available at the Questions and Directions Desk inside the front door of the library. If you do not see what you need ask at the Information Desk, or try online. Go to www.irs.gov, www.ohio.gov, www.stow.oh.us, and www.munroefalls.com.

By library policy, employees of the library are not permitted to give tax advice or help fill out tax returns.

Phone Book Recycling

Phone book recycling has ended. Blue recycle bins for phone books are no longer located in the vestibule of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Please do not place your phone books in the Abitibe recycle bin.

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

Annual Needlework Show

Attention stitchers - the Friends of the Stow Munroe Falls Public Library will hold their annual Spring Needlework Show **Wednesday, March 16 through Sunday, March 20, 2005**. Registration of entries will be Saturday, March 12 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Sunday, March 13 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Judging will be Monday, March 14.

All types of needlework will be accepted, including counted cross stitch, counted thread, surface stitcher, canvas, quilting, hand knitting, crochet, miscellaneous and student (ages 4-16).

Needlework Show Hours:

- Wednesday, March 16, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.



- Thursday, March 17, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 18, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 19, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 20, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.



For further information, please call the Information Desk at 330-688-3295.

Financial Education Workshops

The Milestone Center for Retirement and Estate Planning presents three workshops:

- **Tax Strategies for IRA Owners: Thursday, March 24 from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.** Learn how to apply new tax laws, protect your heirs from losing your IRA assets, and tax savings strategies.
- **Asset Protection: Avoid Catastrophic Losses Due to Nursing Home Expenses: Monday, March 28 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Learn how to protect your assets, the rules concerning medicaid spend down requirements, medicare's role in nursing home care, and what long-term care asset protections plan is right for you.
- **The Ins and Outs of Reverse Mortgages: Wednesday, March 30th, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m.** For homeowners 62 and older. Topics covered include: What is a reverse mortgage? Who backs this program? Why are so many seniors taking advantage of this program?

Registration is required in advance for each program. Registration deadline is one day before the program. Please call 330-688-3295 to register. All programs take place in the upstairs meeting room.

Tax Program 2005

Tax Counseling for the Elderly, free assistance for completing income tax forms, will be held **Fridays, February 4 through April 15, 2005**. One-hour appointments will be scheduled between noon and 4:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. Appointments may be made at the Circulation Desk

This tax program is designed for the low to middle income elderly (60 and over), but younger people may participate if income is \$60,000 or less. The Tax Assistance Program is sponsored by AARP and the IRS. Volunteers are trained "in cooperation" with the IRS.

Each taxpayer must bring:

- a copy of last year's tax forms and social security card
- any forms showing income you earned or pensions or social security paid
- 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
- social security card and picture ID

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Recent Library Happenings

Classical Guitarist

The talented classical guitarist **Jonathan Gangi** performed music by Bach and several Latin American composers on Thursday, January 13. Over forty people listened with rapt attention as Mr. Gangi played the music that he performed for his senior recital at the University of Akron's Guzetta Hall on January 23. It was especially good to see that the audience consisted of young children, teenagers, college students, and older folks. Mr. Gangi plans to return to Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library with a friend to perform a program of guitar duets. Mr. Gangi's program was so well received that the library is making plans for future concert programs featuring talented young performers.

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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:

- **Books - Fiction:** *Til Morning Light* by Ann Moore, *Crux* by Albert E. Cowdrey, *The Year of Our War* by Steph Swainston, *Love Enough for Two* by Cynthia Rutledge (large print), and *The Center of Winter* by Marya Hornbacher (large print).
- **Books - Nonfiction:** *Al-Jazeera: The Inside Story of the Arab News Channel That is Challenging the West* by Hugh Miles, *Why Boys Don't Talk and Why It Matters: A Parent's Survival Guide to Connecting With Your Teen* by Susan Morris Shaffer and Linda Perlman Gordon, and *The Joy of Chemistry* by Cathy Cobb.
- **Biographies:** *Kate Moss, Model of Imperfection* by Katherine Kendall, *Stephen Spender: A Literary Life* by John Sutherland, and *Full Throttle: The Life and Fast Times of NASCAR Legend Curtis Turner* by Robert Edelstein.
- **Videos:** *Shall We Dance*, *Mr. 3000*, *I, Robot*, *Saved*, *Wicker Park*, and *Intimate Strangers*.
- **DVDs:** *Friday Night Lights*, *Cellular*, *Shall We Dance*, *Mr. 3000*, *Saved*, *The Notebook*, *Taxi*, and *Seinfeld Seasons I and II*.

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Department News

Adult Services

Evening Book Discussions

The evening book discussion group with Amy Garrett will be meeting the fourth Thursday of the month except in March. The March discussion will take place on the third Thursday. All discussions will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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. Books may be checked out for a six-week loan period instead of the standard two-week period.

- March 17: *Rocket Boys/October Sky* by Homer Hickam
- April 28: *The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith

Alternates (in case we cannot get enough copies of some books) are: *Rainbow's End* by Bob Adamov, *Plain Truth* by Jodi Picoult, *Hidden Power* by Kati Marton, *Leaving Home* by Art Buckwald, and *Two Souls Indivisible* by James Hirsch. If you have any questions, please call Amy Garrett at 330-688-3295.

Morning Book Discussions

The morning book discussion group with Chris Caccamo meets the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. from October to May. As always, sign up is not required. If you have any questions, please

call Chris Caccamo at 330-688-3295.

- March 11: ***Running With Scissors: A Memoir*** by Augusten Burroughs
- April 8: ***Blessings*** by Anna Quindlen
- May 13: ***Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*** by Lorna Landvik

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 April will be released **Monday, March 28 at 9:00 a.m.** The class calendar can be viewed at 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.

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

Chess Club

Tuesday, March 29 at 6:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Saturday, March 26 from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Bring your best deck to duel with other fans. Compete for prizes! Must be familiar with the basic rules of play. Swiss Style Tournament: everyone gets to play the entire time. This tournament is for ages 9 to 17. Register beginning March 9 at the Teen Information Desk on the first floor, or by phone at 330-688-3295. Space is limited to the first 30 players.

For further information on Teen programs please go to the Teen Services web page at www.smfpl.org./TS.htm.

Children's

Traveling Bears

Beginning in March, you can vote for your favorite names for our five traveling bears. The bears will be on display until Spring break when patrons may begin to check them out to travel with them. Each bear will have his/her backpack with a journal in it. We hope you will write in the bear's journal about your activities with the bear. We are going to keep track on a map of all the bears' travels. If the bears are popular, we will add more for summer.

Professor E Rides Again: Science is Fun

Science Program for students in third through sixth grades will be held **Saturday, March 26 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Topic will be Polymers and Chemistry. Space is limited. Please call 330-688-3295 to register.

Homework Lab

Students in grades one through six may use the Children's computer lab **Monday through Thursday between 3:00 and 4:30 p.m.** for homework assignments only. A librarian or volunteer will be on duty during this time to offer basic assistance. Due to limited availability of computers during other time periods, students are encouraged to use this service to complete their assignments. Service may occasionally be limited due to classes or other library activities.

Spring Break Activities

The library will present a whole week of events and activities. Stay tuned for more information.

To see a complete list of Children's programming, please go to the Children's Department web page at www.smfpl.org/CS.htm. For further information please call 330-688-3295.

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: **Marilou Maxwell**, the 100,000th checkout of 2005, **John Gosky**, the 2,000th window check-out of 2005, **Donna Long**, the 3,000th window checkout, and **Stephen Schafer**, the 4,000th window checkout. **Tierra Jennings** was the 1,000th registration of 2005.

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

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Art on Display

During March the Corner Gallery features the watercolor paintings of **Eileen Greene** of Akron. Greene started painting in the mid-1970s and continues to study art today. She hopes to gain the knowledge to create a pleasing style that can be enjoyed by others.

Also in the Corner Gallery during March is **Janet Howard's** Cherished Teddies collection, located in the display case near the



Large Print books.

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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 495 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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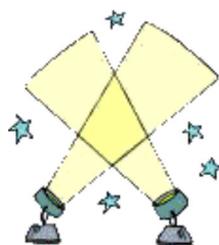
Quilt on Display

Spider Web is a quilt recently displayed over the Circulation Desk. The quilt was pieced and quilted by **Janice Kiser**. Janice has always loved this pattern and made it with reproduction prints of the 1930s. She learned to sew as a child from her mother, but didn't start quilting until 1997 after her mother died. Janice now has her own quilting business, The Ewe Tree, in Peninsula.



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Spotlight on Romance



March's spotlight shines on Romance. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has many romance books, movies, and music available. Books are located in both the paperback racks and the Fiction bookstacks. According to the [Romance Writers of America](#), two basic elements comprise every romance novel: a central love story and an emotionally satisfying and optimistic ending. There is a category for nearly every type of romance reader.

Do you like gothic romances that deal with desolate and mysterious events? Charlotte Bronte, Daphne DuMaurier, Victoria Holt and Phyllis Whitney are authors to try. Do you like American or European historical romances that take place at least 100 years ago? Try [Julie Garwood](#), Madeline Baker, Katherine Sutcliffe, Mary Balogh, [Catherine Coulter](#), Iris Johansen, and [Amanda Quick](#). Regency romance writers are Marion Chesney, Allison Lane, and Amanda McCabe. Contemporary romance books take place in the present day. Authors include Susan Andersen, [Sandra Brown](#), Linda Howard, [Debbie Macomber](#), Fern Michaels, [Diana Palmer](#), and Nora Roberts. If you like mystery and romance, try Romantic Suspense with authors such as Cherry Adair, Suzanne Brockman, Iris Johansen, and Karen Robards. Keep in mind that some of these authors (Iris Johansen, Julie Garwood, and Nora Roberts, for example) write in more than one category. Romantic Times online at www.romantictimes.com offers readers a look at titles, authors, and reviews.

Romantic movies are available in both video and DVD. Some popular titles are **The Notebook**, **The**

Prince and Me, Raising Helen, You've Got Mail, It Could Happen to You, Murphy's Romance, and An Affair to Remember. For romantic music, try **Romantic Moments**, violin music by Andre Rieu, **Romantic Adagios, Love Theme of Romeo and Juliet** by Tchaikovsky, and **Bolero All Stars: 18 Romantic Classics**. Wedding music titles include **The Ultimate Wedding Album Your Complete Vocal and Instrumental Music Guide, Classical Wedding. Vol. 2, Baroque for Brides to Be, and 25 Wedding Favorites**. All CDs are located along the wall near the New Books.

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Staff Picks

March's staff pick is ***The Glass Castle: A Memoir*** by **Janette Walls**, recommended by Adult Services Librarian Vickie Evans. ***The Glass Castle*** is a poignant attempt by the writer to put to rest the ghosts of her childhood. Her father with the "little bit of a drinking situation" and her mother, a self-proclaimed artist, are right up there with some of the worst parents ever heard of. From the author's early memory of catching fire while cooking hot dogs to seeing her mother rooting in a dumpster in New York City as she drives by, this book is riveting and hard to put down.



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Website of the Month

March's website is **Annual Credit Report** at www.annualcreditreport.com. Beginning March 1, Ohioans can request one free credit report per year from each of the three credit bureaus, Equifax, Experian and TransUnion. Read the Frequently Asked Questions page to learn more about this service.

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