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Welcome to the **March 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

Archived Newspapers

Archived issues of newspapers, previously located near the front windows, have been relocated to shelving near the Large Print books. If you need assistance, please ask at the Adult Information Desk.

Homebound Delivery Program

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is pleased to announce a new service to homebound patrons. If you are an adult living in Stow or Munroe Falls and are unable to visit the library due to illness or disability you may be eligible to have library materials delivered to your home. Materials include regular and large-print books, books-on-tape and CD, music cassettes and CDs, magazines, and videos and DVDs. To read more about this program view the Homebound Delivery Program booklet at www.smfpl.org/outreach_book.htm. For further information or to sign up for this service, please call 330-688-3295 and ask for Vickie Evans, Outreach/Homebound Coordinator.

Tax Program 2006

Tax counseling for the elderly, free assistance for completing income tax forms will be held **Fridays through 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.

Community Information Guide

Pick up a free copy of the ***Community Information Guide*** at the Information Desk. This guide contains essential information for Stow and Munroe Falls residents, such as local government phone numbers, addresses, and web addresses. Summit County and federal government agencies, area service organizations, and volunteer opportunities are also included.



Coffee With the Editor

Coffee with the editor of the Stow Sentry will be **Monday, April 3** from **9:00 to 10:00 a.m.** in the Stow Room.

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, April 10**. For more information or to register, contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295.

Community Jazz Band

The next Jazz Band concert will be **Wednesday, April 5 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, March 21 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Stow Room. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm.

KnowItNow

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is now offering access to KnowItNow, a live online information service provided free of charge for the citizens of Ohio by the State Library of Ohio. Professional librarians are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week to answer your reference questions and assist you in finding information. Once logged on with your Ohio zip code, you and a librarian engage in a "chat" session. The librarian "pushes" high quality, authoritative online resources to your screen. You can watch and participate as librarians skillfully navigate the internet to find precise answers to your questions. At the conclusion of each KnowItNow session, you will receive a complete transcript of your session via email including links to all the online resources shared during that session. You will find the KnowItNow button on the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Homepage (www.smfpl.org).

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. 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

Spring Needlework Show

Attention stitchers - the annual Spring Needlework Show is being held **Wednesday, March 22 through Sunday, March 26** in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room. Judging was Monday, March 20.

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

Pictured at right is **Hetty Smith** of Cuyahoga Falls, who received a second place ribbon for her crocheted afghan.



Needlework Show Hours:

- Wednesday, March 22, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Thursday, March 23, 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.
- Friday, March 24, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Saturday, March 25, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- Sunday, March 26, 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Raffle tickets for gift baskets will be available at the Needlework Show this year. Raffle prizes include gift certificates from **Allen's Card and Gift Shop, Acme, Giant Eagle, Dave's Tip Top Restaurant, Osman's Pies, The Cafe in Stow, and Thai Gourmet**. Prizes from **Roses Run Country Club** and **Oak Knolls Golf Club, Inc.** consist of two sets - 18 holes plus cart rental for two people. **Life Center Plus** prize is a three month membership valued at \$532.15. A needlecraft basket from **Thymbles Fabrics and Needlework Supplies** in Smithville, Ohio is a prize worth \$100. Raffle tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

For further information, please call the Information Desk at 330-688-3295 or pick up a flyer at the Front Circulation Desk.

Mini Book Sale

The Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be holding a mini book sale outside the doors to the Needlework Show. Hours are 10:00 a.m to 6:00 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, March 22-24 and 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Saturday March 25. This sale features needlework books and cookbooks.

Silly Saturday

Saturday, April 1 - all day

Join us for our annual April Fool's Day contest. See if you can find all the things that are out of place, missing, or upside down in the library. This is great fun for the entire family! Search both the Adult and Children's floors for clues. Find all the items and you could win a prize! Game forms available at the

"Questions and Directions" Desk by the front entrance. Turn in your completed entry form at either the Adult or Children's Information Desk.

National Park Service Volunteering

Monday, April 3 at 7:00 p.m. OR Wednesday, April 5 at 2:00 p.m. (attend either session)

What would it be like to volunteer for the National Park Service? Do you have a few hours a week or maybe even an entire summer? Perhaps you would like to help with special events. Whether you have an interest in volunteering at Cuyahoga Valley National Park or Yellowstone, the National Park Service could use your help. Come and listen to Park Ranger Travis White, Volunteer Program Manager for Cuyahoga Valley National Park, as he tells about the interesting jobs available in the park service and how you can be an important part of it. Register by calling the Information Desk at 330-688-3295. The Cuyahoga Valley National Park website is at www.nps.gov/cuva.

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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:** *The Pirate Queen* by Alan Gold, *Send Me* by Patrick Ryan, *The Ruins of California* by Martha Sherrill, and *The Well of Tears* by Cecilia Dart-Thornton.
- **Large Print Fiction:** *Saving Fish From Drowning* by Amy Tan, *This Time Around* by Debra White Smith, and *Reunion* by Karen Kingsbury.
- **Nonfiction:** *The Ultimate Collector's Encyclopedia of Cookie Jars: Identification & Values* by Fred & Joyce Roerig, *In the Shadow of Wounded Knee: The Untold Final Chapter of the Indian Wars* by Roger L. Di Silvestro, and *Buying a Computer for Dummies* by Dan Gookin.
- **Mysteries:** *The Empress of India: A Professor Moriarty Novel* by Michael Kurland.
- **Biographies:** *The Man on Whom Nothing Was Lost: The Grand Strategy of Charles Hill* by Molly Worthen and *A Hungry Heart: A Memoir* by Gordon Parks.
- **DVDs:** *Wedding Crashers*, *Broken Flowers*, *Red Eye*, and *Flightplan*.
- **Books on CD:** *The Betrayal*, *The Covenant*, and *The Sacrifice* by Beverly Lewis, and *Night* by Elie Wiesel.

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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.

- 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.

- 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. The class schedule for April will be released **Monday, March 27**. 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

Please go to the Teen Services web page at www.smfpl.org/TS.htm for information about current Teen activities.

Children's

Children recently had fun at the **Kids in the Kitchen** program held at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.



Traveling Bears

Attention travelers: Our nine traveling bears are eager to go on spring break with you! Bears may be checked out in the Children's Department. Remember, we also have trip kits. Fill out a form in the Children's Room and we will put together a kit of books, tapes, and coloring sheets for your family's trip. Give us at least a full day's notice before you need your kit. Please call 330-688-3295 for further information.



Please 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!

Honorees

Arabica gift certificates have been awarded to the following patrons visiting Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library recently: **Lynda Giet**, the 50,000th checkout of 2006, **Lisa Tussel**, the 100,000th checkout, **Patricia Ruschak**, the 2,000th window checkout of 2006, **Julie Yeager**, the 3,000th window checkout, **Joanne Ryan**, the 500th new registration, and **Daphne Wallace**, the first Bestseller's Club sign-up for 2006. Congratulations!

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

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Art on Display

Corner Gallery

During March the Corner Gallery and display cases feature the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Schools Faculty Art Show.

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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) for an online application.

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Quilt on Display

Tumbling Blocks, the quilt recently displayed over the Circulation Desk, was created by **Mae Hicks** of Manchester. Mae, who is 80 years old, started quilting when she was in her late 60's. Tumbling Blocks is made the old fashioned way - each piece individually cut out with a cardboard template, each piece stitched together by hand, and hand quilted. The fabric for this quilt was purchased at the Stow Needlecraft Shop.



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Spotlight on Business Resources



Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has a computer dedicated to the needs of the business community and job seekers located along the wall near the Corner Gallery. This computer contains links to business and job hunting websites, as well as software such as Microsoft Office 2003, Microsoft Front Page 2003, Macromedia Dreamweaver, and Quicken Legal Business Pro 2005. Lists of library print materials, such as books on resumes, interviewing, and investing are available next to the business computer. Please call the Information Desk at 330-688-3295 to make a reservation for this one-hour computer.

Most books on business topics can be found in the 658 section. Titles include ***Hiring Smart: How to Hire a Team That Wants to Work*** by Thomas J. Winninger, ***The Power of We: Succeeding Through Partnerships*** by Jonathan M. Tisch, ***Meaningful Marketing: Selling More With Less Effort*** by Doug Hall, and ***How to Write a Business Plan*** by Mike McKeever. Books on how to write resumes and cover letters are in the 650 section. Books about investing, such as ***Start Late, Finish Rich: A No-Fail Plan for Achieving Financial Freedom at Any Age*** by David Bach and ***The Standard and Poor's Guide for the New Investor*** by Nilus Mattive are in the 332 area.

Reference USA is a database which allows the user to search for companies by name, location, title, product line, and more. It is accessible through the library's website. Go to www.smfpl.org, click on databases, Reference USA. Webliographies containing lists of websites on investing, business and trade organizations, and small business start up are available near the business computer. Sites listed include **Business Ohio** at www.business.ohio.gov, **Motley Fool** at www.motleyfool.com, and **Small Business Administration** at www.sba.gov.

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Staff Picks

March's staff pick is ***Zorro: a Novel*** by Isabel Allende, recommended by Adult Services Associate **Bridget Hair**. If you want a rollicking read, with daring horsemanship, sword-play, sea battles with pirates and prison escapes - read Zorro! New in 2005, this is



an imaginative and romantic prequel to the legend of Zorro. The origins of this 19th century Spanish "Robin Hood" are explained: How did he learn to be an expert swordsman? Why does he wear all black? Where did he get his horse? Why does he take risks to help the underdog? It is all divulged by a "secret author" whose identity is revealed at the end. Truly fun!



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 March is the **National Archives Document-A-Day** site at www.archives.gov/historical-docs/todays-doc. An American historical document is featured every day on this page, which is part of the National Archives website. Classroom resources and research links are included, as well as access to previous documents.

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