Welcome to the May 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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Coffee With the Editor
There will be no Coffee With the Editor in June or July.

Community Jazz Band
The next Jazz Band concert will be 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on JUNE 30, Pride in Your Library Day. The band will be playing on the lawn (weather permitting - otherwise inside the library.) This concert is free and open to the public. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided by the Friends of the Library.

Library Board
The next meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to http://www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm.

Library Closings
Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed **Sunday, May 29 and Monday, May 30** for Memorial Day.

**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."

**Upcoming Special Events**

**Folk Concert**
Local folk musicians Lisa and Heather Malyuk will give a free concert at the library on **Saturday, May 7 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.** The Malyuks are newcomers to the folk music scene, but have already gained recognition and a large following of fans throughout Northeast Ohio. Lisa Malyuk plays the hammered dulcimer and Heather Malyuk plays guitar. Their concert will feature old-time songs and Celtic music. Their music ranges from energetic jigs and reels to bittersweet waltzes and old-fashioned hymns. The concert is free and open to the public. Reservations are not required. Light refreshments will be available.

**Chamber Music Concert**
The [La Catrina String Quartet](http://www.lacatinamusic.com) will play music by Haydn, Beethoven, and S. Revueltas, a popular Mexican composer, on **Monday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. The Quartet consists of four musicians who are in Kent State University's Master of Music program in conducting and chamber music. They are currently with KSU's resident Miami String Quartet, one of the world's foremost string quartets. La Catrina has performed in Ohio, Michigan, Mexico, Japan, and Great Britain. The group has recently recorded a CD of the Mexican composer German Romero. No registration is necessary. Light refreshments will be available.

**Bird Expert**
Local author and former Stow teacher Larry Rosche will discuss his new book and experiences as a nationally known expert on birds **Wednesday, May 11 at 7:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. Mr. Rosche has done range maps for such well-known bird books as the Peterson Guides and the Bobolink range maps. He also coauthored with Jon Dunn the copy of the *Advanced Birding* Video Series, *The Large Gulls of North America*, and *The Small Gulls of North America*. Mr. Rosche will talk about birds in our area, how to attract birds, and answer questions from the audience. Mr. Rosche also published *Dragonflies and Damselflies of Northeast Ohio*, a book available at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. No registration is necessary for this program. Light refreshments will be available.

**Financial Workshops**
Milestone Tax Advisory Group will present the following financial workshops:
• **Tax Strategies for IRA Owners - Wednesday, May 11 at 10:00 a.m.**
  Information to help IRA owners who are facing Requirement Minimum Distributions at age 70 1/2 now or will be in the future understand and apply new tax laws. Learn the steps you can take with the new tax rules to protect your heirs from losing your IRA assets to taxes by looking at tax savings strategies.

• **Create Your Own Success Plan for Retirement - Thursday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m.**
  Learn how to have your money outlast your retirement years. Apply simple, practical strategies to build the perfect retirement. Anyone can achieve financial security, independence, and freedom while protecting what you have earned.

• **Avoid Catastrophic Losses Due to Nursing Home Expense - Wednesday, May 18 at 10:00 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 protection plan is right for you.

Registration is required for all programs. Registration deadline is the day before each program. Programs take place in the upstairs meeting room. Please call the Information Desk at 330-688-3295 to register.

**Friends Annual Meeting**
*Tuesday, May 17 at 2:00 p.m.*
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**Pride in Your Library**
*Thursday, June 30 - All Day*
The following events will be taking place at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on Pride in Your Library Day. Stop by and take part in the festivities! [Click here](http://a1.smfpl.org/prevsite/may-05.htm) to see photos from last year's Pride in Your Library Day.

- **Quest for the Library Dragon** - stop in anytime between 10:00 a.m and 4:00 p.m. This scavenger hunt is for families and children of all ages (younger ones will need the help of a parent.) Prizes will be awarded. No registration necessary.
- **Friends' Mini Book Sale** - 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the upstairs meeting room.
- **Jazz Band Concert** - 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Community Jazz Band will be playing on the lawn (weather permitting - otherwise inside the library.) This concert is free and open to the public. Bring a brown bag lunch. Beverages will be provided by the Friends of the Library.
- **Win 9** - In honor of the 9th in the Nation ([www.haplr-index.com/HAPLR100.htm](http://www.haplr-index.com/HAPLR100.htm)) status, a special drawing will be held at the Circulation Desk. Check out at least nine items anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. on June 30 and receive an entry slip for our "Win Nine" drawing. Nine winners will be selected and presented with Arabica Coffee House gift certificates courtesy of the Friends of the Library.
- **America the Beautiful Exhibit** - 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. Stop by the Local History Room and see Denny Reiser's collection of historic landmark photos. An interesting display correlating Stow events with various national landmarks. Exhibit will continue in the Local History Room throughout July.
- **Shadow Boxes** - in the Corner Gallery June 1 through July 2. Beautifully crafted three-
dimensional illustrations created by Sandy Lin, Kumiko Takata, and other local artists.

Recent Library Happenings

Cake Decorating
Linda Lorkowski and Nellie Spindler (pictured at right) of Linda's Kitchen (www.lindaskitcheninc.com) presented a program on cake decorating April 12. Audience members learned how to level and ice cakes, as well as create decorations using the proper tools.

Friends Booksale
The Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library booksale, held April 20 through 23, raised funds for programming and special purchases for the library. The next mini booksale will be on Pride in Your Library Day, June 30, 2005 from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The Friends continue to take donations for booksales throughout the year. Just bring your used books (no textbooks or magazines, please) to the Circulation Desk.

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:** *Bitter Fruit* by Archmat Dangor, *Everything Changes* by Jonathan Tropper, *Shooting Script* by Laurence Klaven, and *A Killing Night* by Jonathan King

- **Large Print Fiction:** *Death Along the Cimarron* by Ralph Cotton and *Until You* by Bertrice Small

- **Books - Nonfiction:** *Don't Kiss Them Goodbye* by Allison DuBois and *To Fly Again* by Gracia Burnham

- **Biographies:** *Braddock: The Rise of the Cinderella Man* by Jim Hague

- **Books on CD:** *Ice Queen* by Alice Hoffman

- **Videos:** *The Notebook, Cookout*, and *Grudge*

- **DVDs:** *After the Sunset, Clos*, and *Fat Albert*

Department News
**Adult Services**

**Forthcoming Book Releases**  
Pick up a list of books by prominent authors scheduled for release in May, June, July, or August 2005. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will purchase the titles as soon as they are released. Lists are available at the Circulation and Information Desks.

**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. The discussion group will resume in September. Titles for the season will be announced later.

**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. *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons* by Lorna Landvik will be discussed May 13.

Dates and titles for Summer Morning Book Discussions are as follows:

- June 10 - *Confessions of a Shopaholic* by Sophie Kinsella  
- July 8 - *The Killer Angels* by Michael Shaara  
- August 12 - *The Bean Trees* by Barbara Kingsolver

The morning group will not meet in September and will start the 2005-2006 season in October 2005. As always, sign up is not required. If you have any questions, please call 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 June will be released **Monday, May 23 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.

**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**

**Jeans Decorating**
Teens enjoyed decorating their jeans in unique designs during National Library Week. This program was held April 11.

Chess Club
Tuesday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m.

Yu-Gi-Oh Swap
Monday, May 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Bring your cards to trade or duel. For ages 6-17. Please note that this is a change from the usual day.

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

Children's

Doggie Storytime
Walk into Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on Saturday mornings and you might see something you didn't expect, children reading to dogs. In February, the Children's Department, in conjunction with the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Schools, began a program called Doggie Storytime. Each week, reluctant readers in grades one through three arrive at the library to read to Chelsea, Hudson, Haley, Benny, or Malley, our special therapy dogs and their trainers.

It is the goal of the program to encourage children to read in an environment that is positive and non-judgmental. The children can bring their own books or pick one from the Children's Room collection. From the tiny Yorkshire Terriers to the large Bernese Mountain dog, the dogs seem to enjoy whatever the children are reading. [Click here](#) to see photos of children enjoying doggie storytime!

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.

Traveling Bears
Our traveling bears have visited some interesting places lately, such as The American Girl Place and Wrigley Field in Chicago, and the Natural History Museum in Cleveland. They have been to birthday parties, egg hunts, and visits with grandparents too. If you are planning a trip anytime soon, be sure to invite one of them along. They are presently resting in the window near the puppets, waiting to be outfitted for summer. By summer there will be 10 traveling bears available. Be sure to look at our "Bears On the Go" board behind the video spinners, to see any correspondence and where all our bears have traveled.

Booktalks
Librarians will be giving booktalks at the local elementary schools before the end of the school year. The Teen librarian will be speaking to students at Kimpton Middle School.
Summer Library Programs
Children’s Summer Library programs begin **Monday, June 13**.

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). 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: **Larry Carlson**, the 200,000th checkout of 2005, **Sara Lumley**, the 7,000th window check-out of 2005, **Jan Carlton**, the 8,000th window checkout, and **Michael Rini** the 1,500th registration of 2005.

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

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**Art on Display**

**Corner Gallery**
During May the Corner Gallery features the collages of **Nikia Vogel** of Austintown, Ohio. Vogel has exhibited her works at Blue Ruin, Deadhorse, and Charles Mayer Galleries, as well as at coffee shops and art fairs.

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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 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

_**Sunrise, Sunset**, created by Judy Walker,* is a quilt recently displayed over the Circulation Desk. Judy enjoys hand applique and made the four Hawaiian applique blocks. Curved piecing is in the center and each of the four corners. The sunrise block (on the East side - bright and sunny) and sunset (on the West side - darker blocks) are original designs. Judy lives in Tallmadge with her husband Jan._

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Spotlight on Mothers

May’s spotlight shines on **Mothers**. Mother's Day in the United States has traditionally been celebrated on the second Sunday of May ever since Woodrow Wilson proclaimed it a national holiday in 1914. You may go to The National Women's History Project website at www.nwhp.org/events/moms-day/history-of-moms-day.html to read more about the history of the holiday. This year Mother's Day falls on May 8. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has books for, by, and about mothers to help you celebrate this special holiday. Some titles include **Between Mother and Daughter: A Teenager and Her Mom Share the Secrets of a Strong Relationship** by Judy and Amanda Ford, **I'm Not Mad, I Just Hate You: A New understanding of Mother-Daughter Conflict** by Roni Cohen-Sandler and Michelle Silver, and **The Daughter-in Law's Survival Guide: Everything You Need to Know About Relating to Your Mother-in-Law** by Eden Unger Bowditch and Aviva Samet and **The 7 Stages of Motherhood: Making the Most of Your Life as a Mom** by Ann Pleshette Murphy.

Books are available in the Biography section about famous women who are also mothers, and about women who are famous because they are mothers. Mothers who are known for other accomplishments include Audrey Hepburn (*Audrey Hepburn: An Elegant Spirit* by Sean Hepburn Ferrer), Sojourner Truth (*Sojourner Truth: American Abolitionist by W. Terry Whalin*), Eleanor Roosevelt (*Eleanor Roosevelt* by Blanche Wiesen Cook), and Sandra Day O'Conner (*Lazy B* by Sandra Day O'Connor and H. Alan Day.) There are also titles about women who are known for being mothers, such as **Rose: A Biography of Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy** by Gail Cameron.

The New Book section, located to the left of the elevator, contains several new titles for and about mothers. They are **Life Interrupted: The Scoop on Being a Young Mom** by Tricia Goyer, **The Mommy Brain: How Motherhood Makes Us Smarter** by Katherine Ellison, **Mother-Daughter Wisdom: Creating a Legacy of Physical and Emotional Health** by Christiane Northrup, **Mary: A Flesh-and-Blood Biography of the Virgin Mother** by Lesley Hazleton, and **Our Mother's War: American...**
Women at Home and at the Front During World War II by Emily Yellin (large print version).

Adult Videos and DVDs with themes about mother/child relationships range from old classics like *I Remember Mama* with Irene Dunn to more recent releases such as *Divine Secrets of the Ya-Ya Sisterhood* with Sandra Bullock and Ellen Burstyn. The children’s Department carries many videos and books for children about mothers, as well as crafts and activities for Mother's Day.

Staff Picks

May’s staff pick is *Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking* by Malcolm Gladwell, recommended by Assistant Head of Adult Services Barbara Nelson. *Blink* promotes the value of first impressions in which we use our natural instinct and personal knowledge to recognize the most important information about a situation in the first two seconds. Gladwell believes that people are often misled and confused by extraneous details and he shows how easy it is to influence the subconscious with extra facts. *Blink* is a quick and entertaining read.

Website of the Month

May’s website is the Ohio Hospice and Palliative Care Organization at www.ohpco.org. This website explains what advance directives are and includes Ohio’s advance directive forms to print out. Forms are for Living Will, Health Care Power of Attorney, and Organ and Tissue Donation. Instructions are also provided regarding Ohio’s Do-Not-Resuscitate law. If you do not wish to print out the forms you may order a copy of the Advance Directives packet from OHPCO for $3.00. Mail check for $3.00 per packet to: OHPCO, 1646 West Lane Ave., Suite 2 Columbus, Ohio, 43221.

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