Welcome to the May 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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**Computer Classes**

Advanced computer classes will not be held in June. Sign up for introductory computer classes will begin at 9:00 a.m. Tuesday, May 30.

**Library Closing**

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed Sunday, May 28 and Monday, May 29 for the Memorial Day weekend.

**Coffee With the Editor**

Coffee with the editor of the Stow Sentry will be Monday, June 5 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. in the Stow Room.

**Community Jazz Band**

The next Community Jazz Band concert will be Thursday, June 29 during Pride in Your Library Day. The Jazz Band will be playing on the lawn (weather permitting - otherwise inside the library) from 11:30
a.m to 12:30 p.m. The 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 23 at 7:00 p.m. in the Stow Room. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm.

Upcoming Special Events

Summer Author Series

Bob Adamov - Local Mystery Writer - Wednesday, June 14 at 7:00 p.m.
Adamov is a Cuyahoga Falls resident whose bestselling books include Rainbows End and Pierce the Veil. His writing has been compared to Tom Clancy and Clive Cussler. He has also been invited as one of the featured authors to Earnest Hemingway Days in Key West in July. To read more about Bob Adamov please go to his website at www.bobadamov.com.

Terry Pluto - Sports and Faith Writer for the Akron Beacon Journal - Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.
Here's your chance to meet Terry Pluto, sports and faith columnist for the Akron Beacon Journal. He has twice been honored by the Associated Sports Editors as the nation's top sports columnist for medium-sized newspapers and has twice been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize. Terry Pluto has written over twenty books including Loose Balls which was ranked at Number 13 on Sports Illustrated's list of the top 100 sports books of all time. Hear him talk about his new book Dealing: The Cleveland Indians' New Ballgame: Inside the Front Office and the Process of Rebuilding a Contender. His new book will also be available for signing. Call the Information Desk at 330-688-3295 beginning June 13 to reserve a spot.

Dick Goddard - Fox 8 WJW TV Meterologist and Author - Saturday, August 5 at 1:00 p.m.
A popular fixture on Cleveland TV since 1961, Dick Goddard is the weather for many thousands of Northeast Ohioans who rely on him for the forecast every night. Among the first certified meteorologists, Goddard is serious about the weather. A 1987-88 national survey of newscaster popularity by Herb B. Altman Communications Research ranked Goddard as the most popular weathercaster in America. Always entertaining, we're sure you will have a delightful afternoon with one of the most trusted and recognized celebrities from our area. His book Dick Goddard's Weather Guide and Almanac will also be available for signing. Call the Information Desk at 330-688-3295 beginning July 5 to reserve a spot.

Dr. Susan Albers - Psychologist and Cleveland Clinic Women's Health Center Specializing in Relationship and Weight Issues - Wednesday, August 16 at 7:00 p.m.
Dr. Albers is the author of Eating Mindfully: How to End Mindless Eating & Enjoy a Balanced Relationship With Food. "My goal in writing Eating Mindfully was to present simple, straightforward techniques for anyone who has struggled with chronic dieting, weight control, and psychological stress due to mindless eating. My hope is that it will help these readers avoid more serious problematic eating. Essentially, Eating Mindfully is about learning to develop a nonjudgmental awareness and acceptance of your self, weight and eating habits. Through this unique awareness change naturally happens. The foundation of this book rests on the wisdom of Buddhist techniques for controlling your mind combined with cognitive behavioral skills and exercises created to foster mindfulness. The approach, among many things, urges you to be aware, less critical, and compassionate, all skills essential for healing problematic eating. The book provides a menu of general principles and skill builders to tailor to your unique eating concerns." – Dr. Albers. Go to Dr. Albers’ website at www.eatingmindfully.com to learn more. Come and listen to Dr. Albers as she speaks to her hometown library. Bring your daughters!
reservations contact the Adult Information Desk at 330-688-3295.

New Titles

New titles are arriving daily at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Some of the new titles this month are:

- **Fiction:** *Unburnable* by Elena John, *Catbird* by Stephen March, and *Night of Sorrows* by Frances Sherwood.

- **Large Print Fiction:** *Boo Who* by Rene Gutteridge, *Jubilee* by B.J. Hoff, and *Unleash the Night* by Sherilyn Kenyon.


- **Mysteries:** *Blue Shoes and Happiness* by Alexander McCall-Smith and *Fit to Die* by Karen Hanson Stuyck.

- **Biographies:** *Bob Marley His Musical Legacy* by Jeremy Collingwood and *Man in the Shadows* by Halevy Efrawim.

- **DVDs:** *Yours, Mine and Ours; Just Friends; Ladies in Lavender*, and *Good Night, and Good Luck*.

- **Books on CD:** *Laura Bush* by Ronald Kessler, *Beginners Guide to Meditation* by Joan Borysenko, and *A Year in the World: Journeys of a Passionate Traveler* by Frances Mayes.

Recent Library Happenings

**Silly Saturday**
Megan, pictured at left, receives her prize of a Borders gift certificate from Head of Adult Services Amy Garrett. Megan was the winner of the library's Silly Saturday contest held April 1, 2006. Megan and her mother came in first among fifty entries.

**National Library Week Winners**
Winners of National Library drawings were Eleanore M. Smith, Elaine Dillworth, Karen Kirk, Debbie Olson, and Cameron Uhall. Winners received gift certificates for Arabica Coffeehouse.

**Hello Kitty Tea Party**
Over 50 children and their parents enjoyed refreshments and crafts at the recent Hello Kitty tea party held April 8. Enjoying the festivities (pictured left to right) are Vanessa Hamilton, Morgan Hamilton, Kristina Hamilton, Leslie Richards, and Jillian Richards.
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. Evening book discussions will resume in September.

Summer Book Discussions
The summer book discussions with Chris will meet on the following Fridays at 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. (choose one time to attend.)

- June 9 - *The Passion of Artemesia* by Susan Vreeland
- July 14 - *Nickel and Dimed* by Barbara Ehrenreich
- August 11 - *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler

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 June will be released **Tuesday, May 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 Volunteers 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 are interested in volunteering, please contact Beth Daugherty at 330-688-3295.

Teens
Please go to the Teen Services web page at [www.smfpl.org/TS.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/TS.htm) for information about current Teen activities.

Children's

Fitness Fun
May 22 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. (ages 2-5) and 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. (ages 5-11)
Come get fit and have fun at the same time! Please call 330-688-3295 to register, beginning May 8.

Please go to the Children's Department web page at [www.smfpl.org/CS.htm](http://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: **Brian Prong**, the 200,000th checkout of 2006, **Cheryl Manson**, the 7,000th window checkout, **Lenore Kirgesner**, the 8,000th window checkout, **Juliann Draper**, the 1,500th new registration, and **Cheryl White**, the tenth 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**
**Rebecca Borrelli** is the featured artist for the month of May.

During May the pottery of **Thom Scala** will be featured in the display cases near the Biographies. Thom's education in art is from the University of Akron. His original hand-thrown sculptured pieces are inspired by nature and his surroundings. Scala pottery can be found locally at Standing Rock Gallery, Imagine That Studio, and A Flower A Day. To view these unique pieces go to the Scala Pottery of Stow website at [www.scalapottery.com](http://www.scalapottery.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.

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

Sunset Star, the quilt recently displayed over the Circulation Desk, was created by Jean Borda. Jean pieced and hand quilted this beautiful quilt using fabric from Greece. When Jean first put the blocks together, she didn't like the design. Another quilter suggested she add some black to the circles and it made all the difference in the world. Jean is a member of Double T Quilt Club.

Spotlight on Party Planning

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has a variety of materials to help you with party planning ideas for both children and adults. Party planning books are located in the 793.2 section in the Children's and Adult Departments. The Room Parent's Party Planner: How to Host Great Parties in Your Child's Classroom by Lynn Basow, and The Penny Whistle Party Planner by Meredith Brokaw & Annie Gilbar can be found in the Children's parent/teacher section. Some titles in the Adult section include The Best Wedding Shower Book: A Complete Guide for Party Planners by Courtney Cooke, Diane Warner's Big Book of Parties: Creative Party Planning for Every Occasion by Diane Warner, The Ultimate Baby Shower Guide by Shayna Andrews, Wedding Showers for Couples by Pamela Thomas, and Do it for Le$$! Parties: The How-to Cookbook and Guide to Catering Your Own Party for 12 to 75 Guests Without Breaking the Bank: Tricks of the Trade From a Professional Caterer's Kitchen by Denise Vivaldo.

If you are looking for games for your gathering try Great Games for Great Parties: How to Throw a Perfect Party and Perfect Party Games both by Andrea Campbell. DVDs, such as Martha's Wedding Ideas and Martha's Complete Weddings (in the New DVD section) are also available. Don't forget music for your party. You will find CDs and cassette tapes located near the New Books. Look in the "Specials" bin for wedding, dance party, luau, and patriotic music.

The cookbook section of the library is another place to look for party planning ideas. Titles such as Every Day's a Party: Louisiana Recipes for Celebrating With Family and Friends by Emeril Lagasse, Mom's Big Book of Baking: 200 Simple, Foolproof Recipes for Delicious Family Treats to Get You Through Every Class Picnic, Potluck Bake Sale, Holiday, and No-School Day by Lauren Chattman, and Party Fare: Irresistible Nibbles For Every Occasion by Joanna White include recipes for special occasions. Cookbooks are located in the 641 and 642 areas. For more party planning ideas go to www.partydirectory.com, www.familyfun.com (click on "parties"), or http://usabride.com/showers.

Staff Picks

May's staff pick is Coast Road by Barbara Delinsky, recommended by Public Relations Coordinator Ann Malthaner. If you are not already a Barbara Delinsky fan, this book will make you sign up for her fan club. This is a love story, but not in a normal sense. It is the love story of Jack and Rachel and the regeneration of their love as Rachel is in a horrible car crash and Jack waits by her side. Their two daughters have to adjust to having their dad be the "active" parent again. This is a love story from the man's perspective. Set in
San Francisco, this book is a great read.

Place a hold on this book by going to the library's online catalog at http://www.smfpl.org/catalog.htm.

Website of the Month

Website for the month of May is FlyLady at www.flylady.net. Are you looking for a way to get yourself organized? Try the Flylady system. FlyLady uses the Sidetracked Home Executive (SHE) system as a basis for organizing her home and her life. She adds humor, spunk, and a dose of common sense to her advice.