Welcome to the May 2007 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

Coffee With the Editor
The next Coffee With the Editor will be Wednesday, June 6 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

Class cancelled
The How to Use E-Mail class scheduled for 10 a.m. on May 29 at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has been cancelled.

Summer Reading Coming Soon!
Summer reading programs for adults, teens and children will begin Monday, June 11 at the library. The theme is Get a Clue at your Library.
As in past years, adults can read books or listen to books on CD, tape or Playaway and fill out entry forms. There will be weekly drawings for great prizes and a grand prize drawing at the end of the summer.

Teens entering the 7th grade through high school are eligible for prizes for reading or listening to books, magazines and graphic novels. Several mystery-themed programs will be held throughout the summer. Adults and teens will have chance to play **Clue**, everyone’s favorite mystery game. The library’s Clue game features some very interesting suspects!

Children can stop by the library on or after June 11th and sign up for the summer reading program. They will receive a reading record that can be used to record all the time spent reading this summer. Prizes will be awarded each time a reading goal is met. Children who can't yet read can record time spent being read to by a parent or other adult. The Book Bingo game will give children more opportunities to win. Pick up a game sheet at the library, read the appropriate books, turn in your sheet and start all over again. Keep checking for updates on summer reading programs and summer activities.

**Telephone book recycling**
The library is accepting telephone books for recycling. The service will be available through the end of May. You may deposit telephone books in large blue bins, directly inside the front door.

**Library Board**
The next meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, June 26 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Local History Room. To read minutes from previous board meetings go to [www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/trustees.htm).

**Library Closings**
The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library will be closed on **Sunday, May 27 and Monday, May 28** for the Memorial Day holiday.

**Upcoming Special Events**

**Community Jazz Band**
There will be no Jazz Band concert on **Wednesday, June 6**. Instead, the band will play on the lawn for **Pride in Your Library Day** on **Thursday, June 28 at 11:30 a.m.**

**Unclaimed Funds**
Staff from the Summit County Fiscal Office will be at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on **Wednesday, May 23 from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.** to check unclaimed funds records for residents upon request. What are county unclaimed funds? They are funds held in the Summit County Fiscal Office Unclaimed Fund Account, including vendor payments, real estate and personal property tax overpayments, court fees and costs and Sheriff sale proceeds. Registration is not required.
Les Roberts comes to Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library

Award-winning novelist and Northeast Ohio native Les Roberts will speak at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on **Wednesday, May 30 at 7 p.m.** in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room. Roberts will discuss his new memoir *We'll Always Have Cleveland: A Memoir of a Novelist and a City.* A book signing will follow the program. You must pre-register and have a ticket to attend. You must have a Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card to get a ticket. If you do not have a card, register for one at the Circulation Desk prior to program registration. There is a limit of two tickets per family. There is no phone registration. Register and pick up your tickets at the Adult Information Desk beginning **Monday, April 30.** Extra parking will be available at businesses neighboring the library.

**Introduction to Yoga**
Yoga is easy to learn, requires little equipment and soothes your soul while toning your body. Come to the library for a one time, basic *Introduction to Yoga* class for beginners. The free class will be **Tuesday, June 5 from 11 a.m. until noon.** Space is limited. Reserve a spot by calling the Adult Information Desk at 330-689-3295. Bring a sticky mat if you have one and wear comfortable clothes.

**Recent Library Happenings**
Jennifer Chiaverini, author of the popular Elm Creek Quilters books, spoke at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on April 11.

Popular adult, teen and children's authors appear at the library throughout the year.

**Teen fun!**
As part of the National Library Week celebration, teens had fun making magnetic poetry kits.
National Library Week Winners

Winners of the National Library Week drawings were Heather Loughney, Ann L. Burger and Patrick O'Neill. They won an umbrella, a tote bag and a mug.

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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:


- **Westerns**: *Ranger's Law: A Lone Star Sage* by Elmer Kelton.

- **DVDs**: *Half Nelson*, *Charlotte's Web*, *The Good Shepherd*, *Bobby*, *Flushed Away*.

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Department News

**Adult Services**

Celebrate Douglas Adams--bring a towel!

Towel Day is celebrated every May 25 as a tribute by fans of the late author Douglas Adams. The commemoration was first held in 2001, two weeks after his death on May 11, and since then has been extended to an annual event. On this day, fans carry a towel with them throughout the day. The towel is a reference to Adams's popular science fiction comedy series *The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.*
Stop by the Adult Services department at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on **Friday, May 25** with your towel and pick up a small prize for your effort! Be sure to check out a book from the Douglas Adams display.

![Image of Douglas Adams books](image)

**New Book Discussion Group**
The Adult Services Department is interested in adding another book discussion group to its schedule of programs. Adult book discussion groups are for adults 18 years and older. There is no fee to attend, advanced registration is not required and all books to be discussed will be provided by the library. If you would be interested in attending a new book discussion group, contact Barbara Nelson at 330-688-3295 and let her know what types of books you would like to discuss, what day of the week would be best for you and whether you would prefer a morning, afternoon or evening session.

**Evening Book Discussions**
The evening book discussion group with **Amy Garrett** will meet again beginning in September 2007. Watch for a listing of books to be discussed, coming in August.

**Daytime Book Discussions**
The daytime book discussion groups with **Chris Caccamo** will meet the second Friday of the month from October through May at either 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Books will be available at the Adult Information Desk prior to the discussion date. Watch for a listing of books to be discussed, coming in September.

**Summer Book Discussions**
Summer book discussion groups will meet in June, July and August on the second Friday of the month at either 10 a.m. or 2 p.m. Chris Caccamo will be group leader. Stop in, beat the heat, meet new friends, have lively conversation and discuss some great books! Registration is not required. Books to be discussed will be available at the Adult Information Desk prior to the discussion date. If you have questions, contact Chris at 330-688-3295.

**Reading List for Summer Book Discussion**

- **June 8** - *Snow flower and the Secret Fan: A Novel* by Lisa See
- **July 13** - *The Glass Castle: A Memoir* by Jeanette Walls
- **August 10** - *An Accidental Woman* by Barbara Delinsky

**Need to Use a Computer? Call ahead and reserve one!**
Computers with Internet Access, located in the Adult Services Department of the library are always in great demand. If you are planning a trip to the library to use the computer, please call ahead and make a reservation. There may NOT be one available if you don't make a reservation! Computer time can be reserved up to one week in advance. Staff at the Adult Information Desk can schedule you for up to two hours of time once per day, Monday through Saturday and up to one hour of time on Sunday.
Don't be disappointed! Call ahead! To make an appointment, call the Adult Services Department at 330-688-3295.

**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).

**Publisher and PowerPoint Classes offered in May**

The library will be offering classes in Publisher and PowerPoint in May. The schedule is as follows:

- **May 21 - PowerPoint 2 - 10:00 a.m.**

**New Computer Class Signup Procedure**

You no longer have to sign up for computer classes weeks ahead of time! Instead, we will have numbered tickets for each class at the Adult Information Desk. On the day of the class, starting **one half-hour before class time**, the tickets will be given out on a first-come, first-served basis.

Classes will start at 10:00 a.m. or 7:00 p.m. Ticket release times will be 9:30 a.m., and 6:30 p.m. respectively.

**Students should have their Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library cards available when they come for their tickets.**

The classroom has eleven seats at computers and an additional three seats without a computer. If all eleven "computer" seats are taken, three "non-computer" tickets will go to the next three students. This change is to prevent students from being closed out of classes on the first day of registrations. We hope that this new system will make it easier for out students to get the classes they want.

**Teens**

**Anime Club**

The next meeting of the Anime Club for ages 12 to 18 will be **Saturday, June 2 from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.** Join other otaku (anime fans) to talk about your favorite series, characters, villains and anything else anime-related. Snacks provided. Registration is not required.

**Madden NFL 07 XBOX360 Tournament**

**Saturday June 16 at 10:00 a.m. to approx. 4:00 p.m.**

The tournament is for ages 10 to 18 only. Compete for the grand prize: $50.00 Best Buy gift card! Second place prize: $25.00 Best Buy gift card! Free pizza will be provided for players. This will be a single elimination tournament with opponents randomly chosen. Players may play any regular season team of their choice. Game rules available at the Teen Information Desk. Sign up begins **May 31** at the Teen Information Desk—space is limited!

The tournament is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and Family Video of Stow.

**Chess Club**

Play chess against a variety of opponents and learn new moves on **Tuesday, June 19**. Peer Instruction is from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m., game play is from **7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Chess Club is for elementary and high
school students age 5 and older who are familiar with the basic rules of chess. Snacks are provided. Registration is not required.

Please go to the Teen Services web page at www.smfpl.org/TS.htm for information about current Teen activities. To see photos of Teen events go to www.smfpl.org/tsphotos.htm.

**Children's**

**Touch-A-Truck**
The trucks are coming! Come to our annual Touch-A-Truck event on **Saturday, May 19 from 10 a.m. until noon**! Experience the fun of big machines. Climb in the cab, honk the horn and bring your camera for a great photo. See a military humvee, school bus, cement truck, street sweeper and many more. Visit with drivers and learn what they do. In the event of rain, the program will be held the following day, **Sunday, May 20 from 2:00-4:00 p.m.** If both days are rainy, the program will be cancelled. The program is for children of all ages and their families. No registration is required.

**Teen Volunteer Orientation**
The Children's Department at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library needs teen volunteers to help with summer programming. The volunteer program is for students who have finished sixth grade and older. Duties will include supervising games and activities, serving refreshments, setting up and taking down tables and chairs, craft material preparation and cleaning and straightening the children's areas. At the end of the summer, volunteers will receive a certificate for any service hour credits. References may also be given for future job applications. To become a summer volunteer, attend an orientation on **Thursday, June 7 at 4 p.m. or Saturday, June 9 at 10:30 a.m.** Registration is not required. If you cannot attend either meeting, contact Betsy Adams at 330-688-3295.

Please call 330-688-3295 or 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**
Don't have a computer or are you too busy to get to your computer? How would you like our staff to automatically place you 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! Here's a few authors whose new books could be waiting for you!
Art on Display

The photo exhibit of Stow resident Ken Gessford will be on display in the Corner Gallery throughout May.

> Janet Howard's bird houses and Ellie Justice's dolls will be on display in the display cases throughout May.

The exhibits may be viewed during regular library hours.

Library Foundation

The Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation is a nonprofit organization which encourages voluntary financial support for the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. This support is used to help meet both the present and future needs of the patrons of the library. The purposes of the corporation include focusing public attention on library services, facilities, and needs in the Stow-Munroe Falls area; to stimulate and encourage the gifts of funds, books, desirable collections, endowments, and bequests to the library; and to receive, hold, manage, use, and dispose of funds and properties of all kinds, whether given absolutely or in trust, for the benefit of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. Donors may make an online contribution to the Foundation by credit card or PayPal. Click [www.smfpl.org/paypal.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/paypal.htm) to donate online.

The next meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation is Tuesday, May 22 at 5 p.m. at the library. The public is invited to attend.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library 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.

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.

Quilt on Display

This month's featured quilt is Pineapple Smoothie by Ruthann Benge. The "pineapple" is a variation of the log cabin block. This pattern is from the book *Paper Piecing* by Alex Anderson. The
Circle quilting was done by Sue Palumbo. Ruthann worked on this eight blocks at a time for over four years. Each square has 45 pieces of fabric with a total of 5,940 pieces in this queen size quilt. Pineapple smoothie won Best of Show Quilt and tied for popular choice at this year’s Spring Needlework Show.

Spotlight on New Gardening Books

Spring is here and it is time to get the lawn and garden in shape. To help with your outdoor projects, check out these new books available at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library: The Way We Garden Now: 41 pick and choose projects for planting your paradise large or small by Katherine Whiteside, Outside the not so big house: Creating the landscape of home by Julie Moir Messervy, P. Allen Smith’s colors for the garden: creating compelling color schemes by P. Allen Smith, Best Garden Plans for Ohio by Debra Knapke, Gardening with Heirloom Seeds: tried-and-true flowers, fruits and vegetables for a new generation by Lynn Coulter and The all-in-one garden: Grow vegetables, fruit, herbs and flowers in the same plot by Graham Rice.

You might also watch the DVD Martha's Spring Gardening by Martha Stewart. If you need help placing these items on hold, ask at the Adult Information Desk.

Staff Picks

May's staff pick is The Gospel of Food: Everything You Think You Know About Food is Wrong by Barry Glassner recommended by Adult Services Associate Jim Williams.

From Publishers Weekly… Sociologist Glassner argues that "everything you think you know about food is wrong." He takes on almost everything, from Atkins to vegans, with particularly hard jabs at those who, in the name of nutrition, take the fun out of food. This includes some well-known food writers, the manufacturers of "fat-free" foods, as well as "natural" and "organic" offerings—but surprisingly, he stands up for irradiated "Frankenfoods" and for some processed fast food. He also tackles the American obesity "epidemic." Place a hold on this book by going to the library's online catalog at http://opac.smfpl.org.

Film Recommendations

By Chris Caccamo, Adult Services Associate.

The library now owns many of the 2006 Academy Award winning films on DVD. Included in the collection are The Departed (picture, director, adapted screenplay, film editing), Little Miss Sunshine (supporting actor, original screenplay), Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man’s Chest (visual effects), Happy Feet (animated feature), Marie Antoinette (costume design), An Inconvenient Truth (documentary feature, best song) and Babel (best score). More winning films are arriving every day. If you need help placing holds on any of these popular titles, ask at the Adult Information Desk.
Website of the Month

The website for the month of May is for The Trip Advisor at www.tripadvisor.com

If you are planning a trip this summer, make this the first website you check. Their motto is get the truth, then go. The Trip Advisor boasts over 5,000,000 traveler reviews and opinions of hotels, vacations and more. Read the collection of unbiased reviews and articles about vacations and hotels worldwide. The site features videos and pictures from travelers, information on the best hotels in the most popular destinations, recommended family, beach and golf vacations, European travel, top 10 enchanted islands, hot topics, helpful links and much more. With one click, you can find available flights using Orbitz, Expedia, Travelocity, Priceline, Hotwire, Cheap Tickets, Delta Airlines and Midwest Airlines.