The Fourth Annual Dessert Extravaganza was held on September 19 and it was a sweet success! Over 19 area restaurants or bakeries participated to help raise **$12,300** for the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation. If you missed it, you missed great desserts from Aladdin's Eatery, Downtown 140, Devitis Italian Market, Handel's Homemade Ice Cream, Kirbie's Family Meats and Catering, Linda's Kitchen, Main Street Cupcakes, Moe's Restaurant, Pallotta's Pastries, Pancho & Lefty's, Silver Lake Country Club, Sweet Tooth, Piatto Novo, Susie Biscotti, VegiTerranean and West Point Market. Appetizers were provided by Acme Fresh Market and Giant Eagle. Even the beverages were provided by TTR Shipping, Starbucks and Rico Latte.

Over 225 people paid $25 a ticket to sample the desserts from the restaurants. There was plenty of Chocolate Diva Cake from West Point Market, Bread Pudding from Moe’s, Caramel Apple Volcano Cakes from Linda’s Kitchen and Tiramisu from Piatto Novo. No one went home hungry from lack of a wonderful selection of great desserts from all of the restaurants.

We had over 138 silent auction gifts to raffle, thanks to our very generous community. Abshire & Haylan donated a beautiful pink tourmaline and diamond necklace that was raffled off and won by Nadine Chapman of Stow. It was one of the highlights of our evening.

Thank you to all of our generous patrons, volunteers, restaurants, bakeries, vendors and employees who helped make this year’s event a success.

Nadine Chapman, winner of the beautiful pink tourmaline and diamond necklace—donated by Abshire & Haylan.
The Shaolin (Sh-ow-lyn) temple is reputed to be the birthplace of martial arts. Shaolin kung fu was developed and taught as a means of personal protection while traveling the dangerous roads throughout China. The training also stresses knowing the Self, restraining the ego, and developing physical domain over one’s body. The primary concern was to make the monks physically strong enough to withstand both the isolated lifestyle and the deceptively demanding training that devotion to their order requires.

Wu Shangwei is a 34th generation Shaolin Monk and has been training in martial arts from an early age. At 11, he was selected from thousands of hopefuls and entered the Shaolin temple to begin his training as a Shaolin “fighting monk”, an ancient order of monks that train in martial arts and mental discipline. Shangwei is truly special being 1 of approximately 200 of these fighting monks in the world. Shangwei has achieved the highest level of training possible for a fighting monk.

Wu Shangwei, a 34th Generation Shaolin *Fighting* Monk, will give a martial arts demonstration at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on Wednesday, October 21 at 7:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

**READER’S ROW**

Have you heard about “Reader’s Row”? It’s the name of the group that was formed between the Hudson Library, the Twinsburg Library, the Learned Owl Bookstore and the Stow-Munroe Falls Library. By joining forces, we can promise publishers such as Random House and Penguin larger audiences. We are able to attract many best-selling authors to speak at our libraries. And most of the time, these authors come for free. So far, authors in this series have included, Jana Kohl, Tamora Pierce, Rita Dove and Lisa Black.

Who’s coming in November? ....Anthony Horowitz!
New “Readers Row” event! Meet fantasy author Cinda Williams Chima at the Hudson Library on October 11 at 2:00 p.m! Author of the acclaimed Warrior Heir trilogy, Cinda will answer questions and talk about her new book, The Demon King. Copies of The Demon King will be available for purchase and autographing, courtesy of The Learned Owl Bookshop.

Anthony Horowitz comes to Hudson Middle School!

Anthony Horowitz from the acclaimed Alex Rider series for young adults is coming all the way from England! We are expecting over 400 people so we are having the event at the Hudson Middle School on Saturday, November 21, 3-5 PM. Anthony Horowitz will be at Hudson Middle School to sign his newest Alex Rider book, Crocodile Tears, the latest in the hugely popular teen espionage series.

Here’s how this will work:
1) Call The Learned Owl to register for this event: 330-653-2252/800-968-2685.
2) You do NOT have to buy a book to register.
3) Anthony will autograph all books purchased at the event, but will autograph only ONE book brought from home.
4) The Learned Owl encourages you to prepay for any book(s) you want, to make sure you get it/them.
5) They will only take PREPAID orders for these books.

For more information call the Hudson Library teen room at 330-653-6658, extension 1032.

Author: Anthony Horowitz

Make quick and easy resumes, cover letters...

...and More with the Free OptimalResume Online Career Tools.

The Stow-Munroe Falls Library has a new database to help jobseekers with their resumes, cover letters and interview skills. This easy-to-use online software allows you to quickly and effortlessly create essential professional documents such as resumes and cover letters. It also lets you investigate crucial job-related skills such as practice interview or skills assessments. Best of all, it’s free! You must have a valid Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card to access this database. Try it today at https://smfpl.optimalresume.com/
LEARN MORE ABOUT LINKEDIN

Need to learn more about LinkedIn? Learn about branding and networking during this informational LinkedIn seminar on Saturday, October 17 at 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Vail Brown will discuss building a profile, joining groups, and establishing online brands. Networking topics include implementing strategies to target companies, and developing personal marketing plans and focused networking strategies. A question and answer session will follow the presentation. Registration is required.

Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

ORIGAMI

Interactive strolling origami and visual artist, Michael Roy Baldridge and his nimble fingers will be appearing at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library on Tuesday, October 6 at 7:00 p.m. He brings origami into the new millennium, combining classic Japanese style origami with the latest in high tech folding; transforming single, flat squares of paper into 3D forms of animals, flowers, sea life, birds, and decorative objects. Michael Roy’s repertoire of intricate and elegant sculptures includes some of the best origami from the imaginative minds of contemporary engineers, scientists, and artists. One sheet of paper. No cuts. No tears. No glue. With dexterity, quick wit, and knowledge of origami history and technique, he will share the technology and art that is origami. And you could go home with a cherished keepsake. For participants 6th grade and up.

Registration is required. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

PIZZA TASTE-OFF WINNER ANNOUNCED!

And the GOLDEN PIE CRUST award :-) goes to...PIZZINO’S PIZZERIA! In a hard-fought battle, Pizzino’s of Stow won the blind taste test on September 22, over second-place finisher ROMEO’S PIZZA of Cuyahoga Falls. MARCO’S PIZZA of Stow and GIONINO’S of Munroe Falls were the other top four finishers.

Many, many thanks to those four restaurants, as well as to: ALTIERI’S, PAPA JOHN’S, and BELLACINO’S for participating in our first-ever pizza taste-off for teens. Their generous donations made the evening a huge success for our 18 hungry tasters. Be sure to stop by these restaurants and try their pizza yourself, as it was all delicious and very hard to choose a winner!

Erica Hannan & Stacy Ortmann
**SPOOK YOUR SILLIES OUT!**

Miss Amy will be guaranteed to "spook your sillies out" with stories and songs about Halloween told in the Children's Room. Any age child and their family are welcome to wear costumes to this fun family event. After the stories there will be a simple craft and snacks in the meeting room. Program attendance is limited so come early and get a Spike Pass. October 24 at 2:00 pm.

**TALES FROM BEYOND**

This program, presented by Jim Kleefeld on October 13 at 7:00 pm, will give your mind (and your goosebumps) an exciting trip into experiencing the unknown, the strange and the unusual. See strange artifacts, learn about mentalist powers and hear stories of unbelievable events. From a collection of old photographs, you will determine who lived and died on the Titanic. By sharing an old letter, you will discover evidence from the Lizzie Borden murder. Seek the truth about a voodoo doll and its victim. Part "Pseudo-Psychometry", part "Mystic Mentalism," part bizarre storytelling and just plain all-out creepy fun! Sign up at the Teen Information Desk. For ages 11-17

**PARANORMAL INVESTIGATORS**

Join Paranormal Investigators Greg and Kathy Feketik on October 15 at 7:00 pm, during this spine-tingling presentation on paranormal activities. Their primary goal is to document, and hopefully, someday scientifically prove the existence of ghosts. Join Greg and Kathy as they share their stories of traveling across the country to investigate ghosts and haunted sites. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Information Desk to register.

This program is cosponsored by the library and the Friends of the Library.

**BOOK DISCUSSION GROUPS**

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A program to get you in the Halloween spirit.
Thanks Doug O’Bryan at O’Bryan Grounds Maintenance!

We love how our new electronic message board gets our messages out to the community, and attendance has certainly jumped because of it. But, when the new electronic message board was installed last fall, some of the old landscaping around the sign had to be removed. Then, when the new sign was completed, the old landscaping was obstructing the view.

We already had spent three years fundraising because we didn’t want to spend any public tax dollars on the sign. We didn’t want to spend any tax dollars on landscaping, either. What to do? Doug O’Bryan of O’Bryan Grounds Maintenance, the Lawn Care and Snow Removal Company who already does our lawn care, came to the rescue. He offered to landscape the new electronic sign for free. It looks great!

Thanks Doug O’Bryan!

Library Closing

Due to recent reductions in library funding, the library will be closed all day on the following Fridays:
October 30; November 27 and December 18

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.

Friends officers for 2009 are (left to right):
Peg Niemeyer, Vice President; Hermine Meyer, Treasurer; Diane Brown, Corresponding Secretary; Nicole Welsh, President; Peggy Shaffer, Secretary.

Library Foundation

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation was incorporated in 1994 as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation is dedicated to ensuring a great library system by raising, managing and allocating funds to expand and improve the library. Why a Foundation? Maintaining Stow and Munroe Falls' top-notch library isn't possible with public funding alone. The Foundation’s mission is to stabilize the library in times of reduced public funding and secure the ongoing excellence of the library.