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Welcome to the **November 2004** edition of **LIBRARY E-NEWS**. This monthly newsletter includes several features containing information about the library. If you would like to join over 860 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.

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## Notices

### Community Jazz Band

The next Jazz Band concert will be at **7:00 p.m. Wednesday, December 1** in the upstairs meeting room. Please bring a plate of cookies to share.

### Library Board

The next meeting of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be **Tuesday, November 23, 2004** 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 at 5:00 p.m. **Wednesday, November 24** and all day **Thursday, November 25** for Thanksgiving. The library will re-open at 9:00 a.m. Friday, November 26. The library will open at 10:00 a.m. December 2, 2004.

### **In Between**

Stop by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library to pick up a copy of our print newsletter, ***In Between***. Copies of this special holiday edition are available at the Questions and Directions Desk.

### **Ninth in the Nation**

The sixth annual Hennen's American Public Library Ratings designates Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library ninth out of 920 libraries in its population category. To see what criteria the rankings are based on, please go to [www.haplr-index.com](http://www.haplr-index.com).

### **Coffee With the Editor**

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library presents coffee with *Stow Sentry* editor **Sean Gerski** the first Monday of each month between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. Sean will be available to answer questions, discuss stories and ideas, or just get acquainted. Coffee and tea supplied by the library.

### **Recycle Your Phone Book**

Blue recycle bins for phone books are located in the vestibule of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

### **Literacy Grant**

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has received a Target Community Giving Grant for early literacy. The library will receive \$2,000 to purchase new beginning readers for children.

Target Stores, along with parent company Target Corporation, has a strong tradition of giving back to the communities where it does business. Target's grant program supports projects that promote education, the arts and family violence prevention.

### **E-Mail Newsletter**

If you receive the Library E-News in your e-mail, please be sure to put **stownews@oplin.org** in your address book. This should help our messages avoid being identified as spam or junk e-mail. By signing up to receive the monthly Library E-News, you will also receive timely E-News "Flashes" regarding library closings, programs, and special events. To sign up to receive the Library E-News in your e-mail, fill out a [form online](#) or complete a paper registration form at the Circulation desk.

### **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."

### **Chapter-A-Day Online Book Clubs**

Join Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Online Book Clubs and receive chapters from popular books in your daily e-mail. Each day we'll send you a portion of a chapter. After you've read two or three chapters from a book, we'll start sending you a new one. Sign up by clicking this link [www.dearreader.com/library/stow](http://www.dearreader.com/library/stow) or by going to the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library website at [www.smfpl.org](http://www.smfpl.org). Click "Adult Services," then click "Informational Websites." Scroll down and click "Bestsellers," then click "Chapter-a-Day." Choose which club you wish to join and follow the directions.

Chapter-A-Day is sponsored by the Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

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## Upcoming Special Events

### Whose Idea Was That?

**Tuesday, November 16 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** A program on Ohio inventors for grades four and up, adults welcome. **Whose Idea Was That?** is presented by Bette Lou Higgins, produced by Eden Valley Enterprises. Eden Valley Enterprises is a theater company specializing in living history presentations. They are dedicated to providing unique educational and entertainment performances for all ages. View their website at [www.edenvalleyenterprises.org](http://www.edenvalleyenterprises.org). No reservations necessary. For further information please call Amy Garrett at 330-688-3295.

### Financial Education Workshops

#### **"Avoid Mistakes When Withdrawing Your 401K!"**

**Saturday, November 20 from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. Learn how to determine your risk management, financial situation, retirement goals, and examine how to avoid double taxation on withdrawals from retirement plans. Registration deadline for this class is Wednesday, November 17.

#### **"Avoid Paying Too Much in Taxes During Retirement"**

**Monday, November 29 from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.** Discover how to pay less taxes in retirement, manage finances to accommodate loss of purchasing power and inflation, determine your risk tolerance and investment preferences, and more. Registration deadline for this class is Tuesday, November 23.

Tracy Kirk of Milestone Tax Advisory Group ([www.milestonetax.com](http://www.milestonetax.com)) will be presenting these two workshops. Registration is required for both programs. Please call 330-688-3295 to register.



### Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction

The third annual Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction continues through November 20. Stop in and place a bid on these uniquely decorated items. Proceeds benefit the Friends of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

### Holiday Ornaments

Learn to make beautiful ornaments **Tuesday, December 7 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** in the upstairs meeting room. Librarian **Diana Parker** and crafter **Sarah Jones** will teach participants several different techniques to create unique holiday ornaments. Registration is limited and must be placed before December 3. Participants should be 16 years old and up. Call 330-688-3295 to register. See a display of the marbled and iridescent glitter ornaments in the display case near the Corner Gallery.



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## Recent Library Happenings

### Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament

Twenty-eight players participated in the Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament held Saturday, October 9. Winners were: (pictured left to right) **T.J. Taylor** (1st place), **Will Davis** (2nd place), and **David Suh** (3rd place). Winners received packs of Yu-Gi-Oh cards. Special thanks to Will for helping judge games in which he was not participating. The next Yu-Gi-Oh Tournament will be held in the spring. A date has not been set yet.



### Bombers Over Europe



"Bombers Over Europe," a local group of World War II airmen, presented a program at Stow-Munroe Falls Public library on October 13. Over 75 audience members heard them reflect on missions flown over Europe more than 60 years ago. This was one of the Reflections on Courage programs held this fall at the library.



### **Teen Fear Factor**

Participants in the recent Teen Fear Factor program showed a brave face as they tasted various "scary" foods such as head cheese, herring, oysters, and squid. The winner was **Kaleigh Yusco** (pictured at right in white shirt), age 14, who won a copy of Gary Paulsen's book *Guts*, about wilderness survival (and eating strange things!)



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### **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:** *Shade* by Neil Jordan, *Lake of Sorrows* by Erin Hart, *Honored Guest* by Joy Williams, *Snowleg* by Nicholas Shakespeare, and *Heaven's Witness* by Joseph Telushkin and Allen Estrin.
- **Books - Nonfiction:** *Courting Justice: From NY Yankees v. Major League Baseball to Bush v. Gore* by David Boies, *The Power of We: Succeeding Through Partnerships* by Jonathan M. Tisch with Karl Weber, and *Joan Nathan's Jewish Holiday Cookbook* by Joan Nathan.
- **Large Print:** *Love is Murder* by Linda Palmer, *The Tarnished Eye* by Judith Guest, and *Father Joe* by Tony Hendra.
- **Books-on-Tape:** *Nights of Rain and Stars* by Maeve Binchy, *Any Place I Hang My Hat* by Susan Isaacs, *Blind Alley* by Iris Johansen, *Sacred Stone* by Clive Cussler, and *Green River, Running Red* by Ann Rule.
- **Books-on-CD:** *Double Homicide* by Jonathan Kellerman, *Light on Snow* by Anita Shreve, *Little Scarlett* by Walter Mosley, and *Plot Against America* by Philip Roth.
- **Videos:** *Godsend*, *Alamo*, *The Girl Next Door*, and *Van Helsing*.
- **DVDs:** *Alamo*, *Van Helsing*, *Smoking Room*, and *Envy*.

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## Department News

### Adult Services

#### Evening Book Discussions

The evening book discussion group with Amy Garrett will be meeting the fourth Thursday of the month except in November, December, and March. November and December discussions will take place during the second Thursday of the month, and the March discussion will take place on the third Thursday. All discussions will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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. Books may be checked out for a six-week loan period instead of the standard two-week period.

- November 11: ***Five People You Meet in Heaven*** by Mitch Albom
- December 9: ***Big Russ & Me*** by Tim Russert
- January 27: ***Hornet's Nest*** by Jimmy Carter
- February 24: ***Bury the Lead*** by David Rosenfelt
- March 17: ***Rocket Boys/October Sky*** by Homer Hickam
- April 28: ***The No. 1 Ladies Detective Agency*** by Alexander McCall Smith

Alternates (in case we cannot get enough copies of some books) are: ***Rainbow's End*** by Bob Adamov, ***Plain Truth*** by Jodi Picoult, ***Hidden Power*** by Kati Marton, ***Leaving Home*** by Art Buckwald, and ***Two Souls Indivisible*** by James Hirsch. If you have any questions, please call Amy Garrett at 330-688-3295.

#### Morning Book Discussions

The morning book discussion group with Chris Caccamo will be meeting the second Friday of the month at 10:00 a.m. from October to May. Books for the October meeting will be available at the Adult Information Desk the week of September 20. As always, sign up is not required. If you have any questions, please call Chris Caccamo at 330-688-3295.

- November 12: ***The Girl in Hyacinth Blue*** by Susan Vreeland
- December 10: ***A Christmas Journey*** by Anne Perry
- January 14: ***Breakfast at Tiffany's: A Short Novel and Three Short Stories*** by Truman Capote
- February 11: ***Einstein's Wife: Work and Marriage in the Lives of Five Great 20th Century Women*** by Andrea Gabor
- March 11: ***Running With Scissors: A Memoir*** by Augusten Burroughs
- April 8: ***Blessings*** by Anna Quindlen
- May 13: ***Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*** by Lorna Landvik

#### 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. **There are no classes in December.** The computer class schedule for January will be released **Monday, January 3 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.

## **Young Adults**

### **Online Book Discussion**

**Students ages 10 to 17** - Join our online book discussion group by going to the Online Book Discussion page at [www.smfpl.org/bookdiscuss.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/bookdiscuss.htm). Each month a different teen or middle grade fiction book is featured. When you've read the book, stop by this page to post a comment about it, and see what other students have to say about it. You can even comment about another book you're reading. It's like having a book discussion group without having to leave your home. There is no registration necessary.

### **Teen Craft Night - "Make a Beaded Pen"**

**Monday November 8-7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**

Come make a cool beaded pen to keep or give as a gift! All materials provided. No registration necessary. Ages 11 to 17.

### **'Magic: The Gathering' Card Game Meeting**

**Monday November 15 - 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**

Bring your Magic TG deck to battle other players. This is an informal gathering of Magic fans, NOT a tournament. No sign up necessary; for ages 11 to 17.

### **Chess Club**

**Tuesday, November 30 at 6:30 p.m.**

For further information on Teen programs please go to the Teen Services web page at [www.smfpl.org./TS.htm](http://www.smfpl.org./TS.htm).

## **Children's**

### **Fall Storytime**

Fall Storytime runs to November 19.

- Lapsits - for children 24 months and younger and a caregiver
- Two-year olds - for children who have turned two by September 13 and a caregiver
- Three-year olds - for children who have turned three by September 13
- Four/Five-year olds - for children who have turned four by September 13
- Storytime for School Age - for kindergarten through second graders
- Family Story Hour - for children ages two to five and their families (no registration required for Family Story Hour )

To see Storytime days and times, please go to the Children's Department web page at [www.smfpl.org/CS.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/CS.htm).

### **Professor E Rides Again: Science is Fun**

Science Programs for students in third through sixth grades will be held on the following **Saturdays from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m.** Sign up for each session individually. Space is limited. Call 330-688-3295 to register.

- **November 20, 2004** Air, Air Pressure, Gravity
- **December 18, 2004** Air and Flight
- **January 15, 2005** Density and Air
- **February 19, 2005** Attractions and Reactions
- **March 26, 2005** Polymers and Chemistry

For further information please call 330-688-3295 or go to the Children's Department webpage at [www.smfpl.org/CS.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/CS.htm) for a complete list of children's programming.

### **Circulation**

#### **Lucky Days**

We want to share with you our excitement about celebrating 80 years of service to the Stow and Munroe Falls communities, so we are having "lucky days" at the library. We'll be hiding special symbols in select books on the adult floor. If you're lucky and find one of them in a book you're planning to check out, turn it in at the Circulation Desk for a small prize.

We hope you will join us in celebrating 80 years of service and visit the library to try YOUR luck each month!

#### **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: **Michele McAfee** (600,000th check-out of 2004), **Sherry Moore** (20,000th window check-out), **Sharon DeBlois** (21,000th window check-out), **Deborah James** (5,500th new registration of 2004), and **Monica Dunton** (20th BestSellers Club member).

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

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### **Art on Display**

#### **Corner Gallery**

The Corner Gallery features the works of artist **Henry A. Walker** during the month of November. Mr. Walker, a resident of Kent, is retired from the Kent State University English Department. He is a self-taught artist who has been painting for eleven years. He prefers the medium of transparent

watercolors because of the clarity of the result. His artwork can be viewed online at [www.henrywalkerwatercolors.com](http://www.henrywalkerwatercolors.com).

### Display Case

The pottery of mixed media artist **Beth Baucum** will be on display November 3 through November 29 in the display case near the Corner Gallery. Ms. Baucum, originally from Texas, currently resides in Kent with her family. She received her Bachelor of Arts in Art History from Kent State University and is currently pursuing her Masters degree in Library and Information Science at Kent State. While in Texas, Ms. Baucum earned her Bachelor of Arts in both Art and English, and was a founding member of an artist's cooperative studio, Studio 7007. Her artwork has been shown in several exhibitions in the West Texas area, with two solo exhibitions in Odessa. Several of her artworks have been placed into private collections in Texas and around the country. She works in various media, including collage, handmade paper, painting, pottery, and sculpture.

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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 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](http://www.smfpl.org/friends.htm)) for an online application.

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## Books on Display

Christmas Tree and Wreath Silent Auction entries take the place of the usual book display at the Questions and Directions Desk. They will be on display until November 20. Look for other displays, including Money Management books and selections from the Large Print collection near the Information Desk.

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## Quilt on Display

**New York Beauty** is a quilt recently displayed over the Circulation Desk. This quilt was machine pieced by **Michelle Communale**, and machine quilted by **Janice Kiser**. Michelle used the foundation paper-piecing method to complete this quilt. Each block is a different version of New York Beauty, and Janice quilted each one differently. **New York Beauty** won Best of Show at the 2004 Basket of Quilts Show in Akron. Michelle is a member of Cascade Quilt Guild.



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## Spotlight on Holiday Crafts



November's Spotlight shines on "**Holiday Crafts.**" It's not too soon to be thinking about creating holiday crafts for the home and special gifts for holiday giving. Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has many books and magazines available for ideas and instructions. General craft books are located in the **745** section in both the Adult and Children's Departments. ***The Complete Idiot's Guide to Holiday Crafts*** by Marilee LeBon and ***Celebrate: Holiday Crafts Throughout the Year*** by Creative Publishing are two titles with crafts for holidays around the year. Many books are available in this area also on Christmas crafts. Some titles include ***Simply Christmas: Renew the Spirit: 201 Easy Crafts, Food and Decorating Ideas*** by Carol Field Dahlstrom, ***Nature Crafts for Christmas: A Step-by-Step Guide to Making Wreaths, Ornaments and Decorations*** by Dawn Cusick and Carol Taylor, and ***Country Living Handmade Christmas: Decorating Your Tree and Home*** by Mary Seehafer Sears.

Another section in which to look for holiday decorating and craft ideas is **394**. This section contains books such as ***Christmas Crafts and Customs Around the World*** by Virginie Fowler, ***Parties and Projects for the Holidays***, published by Martha Stewart Living, ***A Yankee Christmas: Feasts, Treats, Crafts, and Traditions of Wintertime New England: Featuring Nantucket Noel*** by Sally Ryder Brady, and ***The Thanksgiving Ceremony: New Traditions for America's Family Feast*** by Edward Bleier.



Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library's magazine collection contains several titles that offer seasonal crafts, such as ***Better Homes and Gardens***, ***Family Circle***, ***Martha Stewart Living***, ***Woman's Day***, and ***Crafts-n-Things***. Three of these magazines ([www.bhg.com](http://www.bhg.com), [www.familycircle.com](http://www.familycircle.com), and [www.womansday.com](http://www.womansday.com)) have online versions with links to free craft projects. Keep in mind that these are commercial websites with lots of advertisements. Don't forget to use the "print version" option when printing from the websites. The **Pagewise** website at <http://www.essortment.com/in/Crafts.Holiday> has many free ideas and instructions for holiday crafts also.



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## Staff Picks

November's staff pick is ***Child of the Dark Prophecy***, book one of ***The Great Tree of Avalon*** trilogy, by T.A. Barron, recommended by Teen Librarian **Christina Getrost**. This is an excellent fantasy novel set in a re-imagined Avalon, a universe created from a tree whose seed was planted by the magician Merlin. Technically this is a sequel to Barron's ***The Lost Years of Merlin*** series for teen readers, but it can be read on its own, as it has new characters and an exciting plot. The story takes place in the year the stars stop shining, and both Avalon's enemy and Merlin's heir will be revealed. The book is well-written, original, and complex enough to be enjoyed by adults as well as teens.



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## Website of the Month

November's website is the **United States Postal Service** at [www.usps.gov](http://www.usps.gov). Use this convenient site for locating a zip code or post office, tracking a package, and calculating postage. You can even order stamps online. The Postal Service also offers information for business owners, and offers the option of printing postage and labels online.

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