Welcome to the November 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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**Upcoming Library Closings**
The library will also close at 5 p.m. on Wednesday, November 21 and be closed all day on Thursday, November 22 for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

**Coffee With the Editor**
The next Coffee With the Editor will be Wednesday, December 5 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m. There will be no Coffee with the Editor in November.

**Back By Popular Demand.....Book Bags!!**
You can again purchase **Zippered Top Pocket Book Bags** at the front Circulation Desk at Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library. These are roomy bags with a gusseted bottom and made of 600 denier polyester nylon material. They have 24-inch long handles. The bags are $10, including tax. All proceeds benefit the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation.

**Library Board**
The Nov meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be **Monday, November 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).

**Silent Auction/Miniature Trees**
Thanks to all the staff and patrons who decorated the trees! We would like to thank the judges, Ellen Coughlin and Cindy Lewis. Winning trees were were: Most Humorous by Amy Garrett, Most Elegant by Sandy Grove and most traditional by the library's technical processing department. Best of show winner was Nicole Welsh. Patrons may continue to bid on the trees until November 29 at 2 p.m. when the bidding will end. People with the highest bids will be notified and may pick up the trees **November 29, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. or November 30, 10:00 a.m. until noon** in the upstairs Children’s Department.

**Visit the Christmas Tree**
Looking for something to get you in the holiday spirit? If so, stop by the library and see our special tree. The beautiful 10-foot tree will be on display in the front magazine area throughout the holiday season. As in past years, the tree features original hand-painted ornaments, each a representation of a classic book, painted by local authors. In addition to these special ornaments, the tree sparkles with hundreds of miniature lights and beautiful ornaments. Thanks to the Friends of Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library for bringing this tree to life each holiday season.

**Upcoming Special Events**

**Bridge Club**
Come to the library for cards and conversation. The Bridge Club will meet on the **second Monday of the month from 12:45 until 3:30 p.m.** Players should arrive at **12:45 p.m. and bridge will begin promptly at 1:00 p.m.** Bridge Club meets in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room at the library. There is no fee to join the club, but a small collection will be taken for refreshments. For more information or
to register, contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295. Bridge Club is co-sponsored by Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library and the Stow Woman's Club.

**Treating Anxiety and Depression Naturally**
Just in time for the holidays! Learn how to relieve anxiety and depression during this fascinating program on Thursday, December 6 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Dr. Kelly Gallagher will discuss helpful natural remedies and therapies. Call 330-688-3295 or stop by the Reference Desk to register. This program will be held in the Stow-Munroe Falls Room at the library.

**Recent Library Happenings**
A Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library tradition is in-house trick-or-treating by children in story times. Here are some recent participants!

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


- **Nonfiction:** *Soul to Soul: Communication from the Heart* by Gary Zukav, *The Sharper Your Knife, The Less You Cry: Love Laughter and Tears at the World's Most Famous Cooking School* by Kathleen Flinn, *Williams-Sonoma Holiday Entertaining*

- **Mysteries:** *Candy Cane Murder* by Joanne Fluke, *Now and Then* by Robert B. Parker.

- **Biographies:** *Mosaic: pieces of my life so far* by Amy Grant, *The Education of an Accidental CEO: my journey from the trailer park to the corner office* by David Novak.

- **DVDs:** *Sicko, Ratatouille, Premonition, We Are Marshall.*
**Department News**

**Adult Services**

**Book Bites**
Read a book and cook up a masterpiece. Stop by the library and pickup a booklet of rules and categories and a brochure with book/recipe suggestions to get ready for the Book Bites program on **Saturday, December 8**. Amateur chefs of all ages are invited to cook, bake or make a dish and submit it in one of our literary categories. All recipes must be made at home. Entries will be accepted between **10:30 and 11:30 a.m.**. Closed judging will be from **11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m.**. Public tasting will be from **12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. or until all portions are gone**. Recipes must be submitted at least one week in advance to be included in a special recipe book that will be available at the program. Contact Chrissy Braun or Chris Caccamo at 330-688-3295 for more information. All ages are welcome to participate. Registration is not required.

**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.

**Evening Book Discussion**
The evening book discussion group with **Amy Garrett** meets through **April 2008**. Discussions will be on **Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m.** except in November and December. The November meeting will be the **third Thursday at 7:00 p.m.** and the December meeting will be the **second Thursday at 7:00 p.m.**. Copies of the book will again be available at the Reference Desk prior to the discussion date.

**Reading List for the 2007-2008 Evening Discussion Group**

- **December 13** - *The Secret* by Rhonda Byrne
- **January 24** - *One Last Dance* by Mardo Williams
- **February 28** - *Measure of a Man* by Sidney Poitier
- **March 27** - *Lily's Sister* by Karen Hasley
- **April 24** - *Double Bind* by Chris Bohjalian

**Monday Evening Book Discussion**
The evening book discussion group with Barbara Nelson meets through June 2008. Discussions will be on the first Monday of the month at 7 p.m. Copies of the book will again be available at the Reference Desk prior to the discussion date.

**Reading List for the 2007-2008 Evening Discussion Group**

- December 3 - *The Christmas Train* by David Baldacci
- January 7 - *The Girl in Hyacinth Blue* by Tracy Chevalier
- February 4 - *Eat, Pray, Love* by Elizabeth Gilbert
- March 3 - *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith
- April 7 - *The Memory Keeper's Daughter* by Kim Edwards
- May 5 - *If Today be Sweet* by Thrity Umriger
- June 2 - *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls

**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 Reference Desk prior to the discussion date.

**Reading List for the 2007-2008 Daytime Discussion Group**

- December 14 - *An Idiot Girl's Christmas: True Tales from the Top of the Naughty List* by Laurie Notaro
- February 8 - *Never Shower in a Thunderstorm: Surprising Facts and Misleading Myths About Our Health and the World we Live In* by Anahad O'Conner
  - March 14 - *My Sister's Keeper* by Jodi Picoult
- April 11 - *The Captain's Wife* by Douglas Kelly
- May 9 - *Water for Elephants* by Sara Gruen

Summer titles will be released in May!

**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).

**New Computer Class Signup Procedure**
You no longer have to sign up for computer classes weeks ahead of time! Instead, stop by the Reference Desk one half hour before class time and sign up. Be sure to have your Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library card with you! It is that easy!

**Teens**
Congratulations to James Molek, 16, for winning the library's Madden NFL 08 Playstation2 tournament. Luke Rocco, 12, came in second place. They received $25.00 and $15.00 Best Buy gift cards,
respectively, courtesy of the Friends of the Library. Look for another tournament in January!

**Fantasy Book Discussion Group for Teens**
Ages 12 to 18 can join this group to talk about fantasy books! Each meeting, we'll pick a different book to read and discuss, as well as hear about upcoming new teen fantasy books. This month's book: Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows, by J. K. Rowling on **Monday, November 17 from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** How does it compare to the earlier books? What else can you read now that the series is over? Come and find out! Multiple copies of the book are available for checkout at the Reference Desk.

**Chess Club**
The next Chess Club will be **Tuesday, November 20.** Peer instruction is from **6:30 to 7:00 p.m.** and **game play is from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m.** Play chess against a variety of opponents, and learn new moves. Chess club is for students age 5 and older who are familiar with the basic rules of chess. Snacks provided. No registration is necessary.

**Teen Read Week Prize winners**
Congratulations to Megan Hapanowicz, Cody Anderson and Krista Stumm, winners of the **Teen Read Week** prize drawing. They each won their choice of a book prize.

**Teen Newsletter**
The Teen Services Department is seeking submissions by teen patrons for the next issue of the Teen Newsletter. Submit stories, artwork or reviews. To view a sample issue, follow the link on the Teen Services page. Items can be turned in at the Reference Desk or E-Mailed to the Teen Librarian at the following address:

bulldogbooks@sbcglobal.net

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**

**Tasty Trekkers**
Register now for the **Tasty Trekkers** program in the Children’s Department. Travel the world with Miss Jen on **Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.** Each month, students in grades 1 to 5 will learn about a different country and their culture by preparing a delicious dish. They will play games and learn about children from around the world. Each participant will receive a passport. Come every month to have your passport stamped. There will be five more countries to visit in 2008. Upcoming program dates are **November 28 and December 19.** For more information or to register, contact the Children’s Department at 330-688-3295.

**Family Movie**
On **Tuesday, November 6,** there is no school so it is a perfect time to come enjoy a free movie at the library. School age children can watch an animated new release feature film on our large screen at **2:00 p.m.** Bring a pillow or a blanket so children can relax on the floor. There is no registration for this program. Space may be limited, so come early and pick up a Spike the Turtle pass to hold your seat. Spike passes will be distributed one hour before the program.

**Candyland**
Join us for our second annual Giant Candyland game on **Saturday, December 15 at either 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. or 2:00 to 2:30 p.m.** Children are invited to come and play on our giant game board. Walk through the peppermint forest, tiptoe around Gumdrop Mountain and don’t get caught by Lord Licorice. We will take groups of 15 children at a time to play the game. Morning and afternoon sessions are
available. Spike the Turtle admission passes will be given out 30 minutes before each session. The program is for children ages 3 to 6. No registration is required.

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!

![Book Covers]

**Art on Display**

On display through December 3 in the Corner Gallery are miniature quilts by Judith Hindall.

Sylvia Trundle's miniature watercolors: figure studies are on display in display case #1 through December 3.

Sue Archer's turkey collection is display in display case #2 through December 3.
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.

If you have questions about the Foundation, contact Library Executive Director Doug Dotterer at (330)688-3295.

The next Foundation meeting is Tuesday, November 20 at 5:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Click www.smfpl.org/paypal.htm to learn more about the Foundation or to make a donation.

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.

New Friends Officers for 2007 (from left to right) are: Peg Niemeyer, Corresponding Secretary; Hermine Meyer, Treasurer; Peggy Shaffer, Vice President; Helen Meier, Recording Secretary; Martha Keisler, President.

Also pictured are Jane Mesereau (far right) and Lois Patton (handing out the flowers).
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.

Quilt on Display

November's quilt is by Janice Kiser and is called Orange Isn't For Everyone. It is on display over the main check-out desk!

Book Picks

November's book pick is Playing for Pizza by John Grisham.

From Publisher's Weekly...
Third-string Cleveland Browns quarterback Rick Dockery becomes the greatest goat ever by throwing three interceptions in the closing minutes of the AFC championship game. Fleeing vengeful fans, he...
finds refuge in the grungiest corner of professional football, the Italian National Football League as quarterback of the inept but full-of-heart Parma Panthers. What ensues is a winsome football fable, replete with team bonding and character-building as the underdog Panthers challenge the powerhouse Bergamo Lions for a shot at the Italian Superbowl. The book is also the author's love letter to Italy. Rick is first baffled and then enchanted by all things Italian-tiny cars! opera! benign corruption!-and through him Grisham (The Firm) instructs his readership in the art of gracious living, featuring sumptuous four-hour, umpteen-course meals. The writing sometimes lapses into travel-guide ("most Italian cities are sort of configured around a central square, called a piazza") and food porn ("[the veal cutlets are beaten with a small bat, then dipped in eggs, fried in a skillet, and then baked in the oven with a mix of parmigiano cheese and stock until the cheese melts"), but it's invigorated by appealing characters and lively play-by-play. The result is a charming fish-out-of-water story.

Place a hold on Playing for Pizza by going to the library's online catalog at http://opac.smfpl.org.

What Do I Watch?

Check out these Holiday Favorites on DVD!

- A Christmas Carol (1938 version with Reginald Owen)
- A Christmas Carol (2000 version with Patrick Stewart)
- A Christmas Carol (2005 version with Kelsey Grammar)
  - Home Alone
  - Holiday Inn
  - It's a Wonderful Life
  - Miracle on 34th Street
  - The Bishop's Wife
- How the Grinch Stole Christmas
  - Jack Frost
- March of the Wooden Soldiers

Website of the Month

The website for this month is for the Hymns and Carols of Christmas at http://www.hymnsandcarolsofchristmas.com

Christmas carols and hymns are one aspect of the holiday season that never fail to lift the spirits--and require no baking, tree stands and extension cords! While there is a body of well-known Christmas songs that are perennial favorites and easy to track down, there are more that have slipped into obscurity. If you are looking for a long-lost hymn or carol, this website is for you! It contains hundreds
and hundreds of lyrics and sheet music, free of charge. The site also contains a large collection of holiday poetry and prose. The ultimate goal of this website is to contain the largest collection of Christmas lyrics and music published in the English language. Check it out and get into the holiday mood.