Welcome to the October 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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Coffee With the Editor
There will be no Coffee With the Editor in October or November.

Library Board
The next meeting of the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Board of Trustees will be Tuesday, October 24 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

Flu shots at the Library
Flu shots will be given in the upstairs meeting rooms at the library on Tuesday, November 7 from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Cost is $25 for adults and $8 for children up to age 18. If you are a senior citizen and currently have Medicare Part B and Medicare is your primary health provider, the flu shot is free of charge. You must bring your Medicare card with you.

**Bridge Club**
The Bridge Club will meet on Mondays from October 2006 to May 2007 from 12:45 to 3:30 p.m. in the Stow-Munroe Falls meeting room on the second floor of the library. Want to learn more? Contact Cheryl Nelson at 330-688-3295.

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**Recent Library Happenings**

**Library Foundation Dessert Extravaganza**

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation's Dessert Extravaganza held September 9 was a huge success with over 200 people attending. Over 20 area restaurants participated, donating fabulous desserts that were sampled by the appreciative crowd. A silent auction was held for a variety of unique items. All proceeds of this event benefitted the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation.

(from left) Kate Murray, Children's Librarian Lydia Gamble and Adult Services Associate Susan Manus.

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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:
# Department News

## Adult Services

**Evening Book Discussions**
The evening book discussion group with Amy Garrett meets the fourth Thursday of the month September through April at 7:00 p.m. except in November and December. Due to the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays, these discussions will be the second Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. Books are available at the Adult Information Desk prior to the discussion date.

**Reading List for Evening Book Discussion**

- **November 9** - *The Jane Austen Book Club* by Karen Joy Fowler
- **December 14** - *Space Between Us* by Thrity Umriger
- **January 25** - *Manhunt* by James L. Swanson
- **February 22** - *Flags of our Fathers* by James Bradley
- **March 22** - *Two Minute Rule* by Robert Crais
- **April 26** - *Marley and Me* by John Grogan

**Daytime Book Discussions**
The fall book discussions with Chris Caccamo meets the second Friday of the month October through May at either 10:00 a.m. or 2:00 p.m. Books are available at the Adult Information Desk prior to the discussion date.

**Reading List for Daytime Book Discussion**

- **November 10** - *What are Old People For? How Elders will Save the World* by William H. Thomas
- **December 8** - *The Christmas Quilt* by Jennifer Chiaverini
- **January 12** - *The Year the Colored Sisters Came to Town* by Jacqueline Guidry
- **February 9** - *In Sunlight in a Beautiful Garden* by Kathleen Cambor
- **March 9** - *All Creatures Great and Small* by James Herriot
- **April 13** - *Lunch at the Piccadilly* by Clyde Edgerton
**May 11 - The Kite Runner** by Khaled Hosseini

**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**

The class calendar for the November computer classes will be available at the Adult Information Desk on **Tuesday, October 31 at 9:00 a.m.** However, you no longer have to sign up for the 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 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., 2:30 p.m., or 7:00 p.m. Ticket release times will be 9:00 a.m., 1:30 p.m. and 6:00 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**

**Chess Club**

Play chess against a variety of opponents and learn new moves on **Tuesday, October 17. 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 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](http://www.smfpl.org/TS.htm) for information about current Teen activities. To see photos of Teen events go to [www.smfpl.org/tsphotos.htm](http://www.smfpl.org/tsphotos.htm).

**Children's**

**Meet Joan Arbogast**

School-age children can come to the library on **Monday, October 23 at 7:00 p.m.** and build a 3-D model of a "mimetic structure" with local Children's book author Joan Arbogast. If you are wondering what a mimetic structure is, check out her award-winning children's book, *Buildings in Disguise*. Come chat with the author about this fun form of architecture while building interesting models of your own. Registration is appreciated.

**Storybook Theater**

Children of all ages can come to the library for Storybook Theater. The library staff will be showing several short films on alternating Fridays at 10:00 a.m. Stop by and watch a classic movie based on a classic storybook. Registration is not required. Storybook Theater will be offered on **October 20, November 3, November 17, December 1 and December 15.**

Please call 330-688-3295 or 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!

**Art on Display**

**Corner Gallery**
*Karen Miller's* quilts will be on exhibit in the Corner Gallery throughout October.

The pitcher collection of *Janet Howard* and an Ohio Flint collection belonging to *Dave Macseoinin* will be featured in the display cases in the Corner Gallery throughout October.

All 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.

**Friends of the Library**

The Friends of the Library 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) for an online application.

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Quilt on Display

Be Still My Soul, the quilt on display over the Circulation Desk, was made by Ruthann Benge and quilted by Sue Palumbo. According to the artists, looking at this quilt gives you a peaceful feeling, so it was named after the hymn, It Is Well With My Soul. It was made in a workshop with Shirley Stutz, an Ohio teacher and author. Inspiration for the design is from the book Stripes and Curves by Louisa Smith.

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Spotlight on PriceIt!

While cleaning out your attic, you come across a unique glass bowl. It looks valuable but you are uncertain if it is.

To find out the bowl's value, you could check out books and price guides on glassware and spend hours trying to compare pictures, or you can try PriceIt!, a new database from Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library.

PriceIt! allows you to check prices of antiques and collectibles by searching live auction results from eBay.com and Go Antiques Live Auction. You can also access information from GoAntiques.com and TIAS, online retail stores selling fine antiques and collectibles. Simply type in a description of your item and bring up results. Then decide whether or not to sell it or give it a place of honor on your coffee table!

PriceIt! can be accessed at the library or from your home computer through the library's website, www.smfpl.org.

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Staff Picks

October's staff pick is Remember Me: A Lively Tour of the New American Way of Death by Lisa Takeuchi Cullen, recommended by Head of Adult Services Amy Garrett. Journalist Cullen explores the innumerable ways in which funerals are being personalized, publicized, economized, commercialized, trivialized and, perhaps, humanized. Among the many offbeat memorials she "unearths" are funerals with Hawaiian tango or Harley-Davidson themes, as well as beer-themed caskets, eco-friendly funerals, "human diamonds" manufactured from a loved one's ashes, and a Colorado town that celebrates a do-it-yourself cryonics pioneer with its "Frozen Dead Guy Days" festival, now a major tourist attraction. Enjoy this hilarious book on Halloween!

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

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Website of the Month
The website for the month of October is Character Counts! at www.charactercounts.org. Take a look at this website to find out about Character Counts!, a coalition to fortify the lives of America's young people with consensus ethical values called Six Pillars of Character. These values, which transcend divisions of race, creed, politics, gender and wealth are: trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship. October 16-21 is Character Counts week at the library. Join the Children's Department staff in celebrating the week by wearing these colors each day: Monday is blue for Trustworthiness, Tuesday is yellow for respect, Wednesday is green for responsibility, Thursday is orange for fairness, Friday is red for caring and Saturday is purple for citizenship. Come to the library in the right color and enter a prize drawing!