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Welcome Back...We are OPEN



—by Lisa Maruna, Marketing & PR Coordinator

Seeing our longtime patrons back inside the library is like a breath of fresh air. We've missed you and we love being able to serve you in person. Of course, we're still offering our **virtual programs**, **Drive-Up Window service**, **Grab & Go Bundles**, and **free parking lot Wi-Fi**. But we understand there's nothing quite like browsing the shelves yourself, or speaking face-to-face with a librarian.

There are certain services we cannot offer at this time like seating, study rooms, play equipment, and meeting rooms, but as the weather improves, we look forward to holding **outdoor programming**.

Do you have questions about a certain resource or service? Don't hesitate to give us a call, or reach out on social media.

Finally, we want to thank you for your understanding and patience during this time. The health and safety of our staff and visitors remains our top priority. We will continue to serve our community, no matter what. Visit www.smfpl.org for the latest information.

We're so glad to have you back. ●



Outdoor programs are coming this summer! Details inside.



New York Times Bestseller Lists

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New York Times Bestseller Lists

Did you know that you can access over 50 New York Times Bestseller Lists from our website? Lists include Fiction, Nonfiction, eBooks, Children’s Books, Teen Books, Business, Education, Health, Humor, Science, and many more categories. So if you want to know what’s popular, click [here](#) to browse. ●

Love Crafts?

Our free craft programs continue to grow in popularity and we’re busy assembling kits and preparing for these virtual programs. Kits are available for pickup at the library and then crafts are completed in the comfort and safety of your home. Patrons find it a great way to connect during this time.

Our most recent expansion to this program is **Carry-Out Crafts for Adults**. Kits go very quickly so if you see a program you’re interested in, notice the kit availability date and don’t delay in picking one up. Our next Carry-Out Craft for Adults will be **Yarn Birds** on Thursday, April 29 at 7 PM. Kits will be available for pickup at the library on Monday, April 26. Click [here](#) for details. ●

Carry-Out Crafts for Children

April 2 & 16, May 7 & 21, and June 4, 11, 18, & 25

Stop by and pick up a craft to take home while supplies last. Crafts are intended for ages 2 - 8. Additional household supplies, such as glue and markers, will be required to complete the crafts. ●

Tween Take and Make Crafts

April 24, May 22, June 12 & 26

Stop by and pick up a craft to take home while supplies last. Crafts are intended for ages 9 - 12. Additional household supplies, such as glue and markers, will be required to complete the crafts. ●



Behind the Scenes

by Gale Koritansky, Director



Here at the library, our employees are always thinking of new ways to serve the community of Stow-Munroe Falls. During the pandemic the library is following the guidelines from the state of Ohio regarding masks, social distancing, and public gatherings. We've thought of new ways of getting materials into the hands of the public, and have been creative when it comes to preparing and delivering programs.

There is so much work done by employees behind the scenes to provide basic services for the community. A lot of our time and work goes into things such as preparing carry-out crafts, checking in materials, returning them to the shelves, recording story times and virtual programs, informing the public about our services through social media and marketing, choosing materials to purchase and making them available for the public through cataloging and labeling, and of course the endless cleaning and disinfecting of the building.

Staff members are here and happy to help. During our recent closure our staff missed the day-to-day interactions with the community. The Information Staff, Emily, Lauren, and Jess commented on how much they missed seeing our patrons in person. "We have seen how much our patrons really missed the

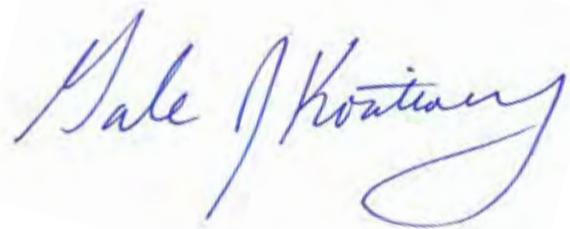
library. From all the calls and questions we got asking about when we would reopen and the positive comments we received once we did reopen (both times).

We feel that virtual programming is something we should keep in the mix post-COVID because it gives people options, just like being able to pay fines at the window or offering curbside service. We want people to use our services, but we need to be mindful that not everyone can come inside, so we accommodate them.

Working remotely allowed flexibility during our days, but ultimately as public-facing employees, we needed those face-to-face interactions to thrive. Making those interpersonal connections during curbside in the summer was great for us and for the patrons. It was wonderful to see people other than those we live with!"

Just remember your library staff is still here providing information and services. I will finish with this quote from one of our children's librarians on choosing books for families:

"It's been really nice, as well as an engaging challenge, choosing books for families based on their specifications. We frequently work with repeat customers, who provide great feedback about what we pick, and it's nice to hear from them. Everyone's always really appreciative too." —Kristin ●



Library Giving Day

April 7, 2021 | www.smfpl.org/donate

Library Giving Day is an important opportunity to show your ♥ for libraries. If you are able, a one-time or repeating monthly gift of any amount to the Library Foundation will support significant projects that improve the building and expand services. Click [here](#) to donate.



Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library
Foundation

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(330) 688-3295 | www.smfpl.org/foundation



Getting Library Materials

In-Person and Low-Contact Options

Due to Covid, programs and services are subject to change.
Please visit www.smfpl.org/update or call (330) 688-3295 ext. 3 for the latest updates.

1 Place a request

Tell us what you need, or ask a librarian for recommendations – it's what they do!



In-Person

Talk to a librarian at the Adult/Teen or Children's Information Desks.



Phone

Call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 to speak to an Adult or Teen librarian, or (330) 688-3295 ext. 5 to speak to a Children's librarian.



Email

Email your request to information@smfpl.org for Adult/Teen items or stowkids@smfpl.org for Children's items.



Website

Visit www.smfpl.org and search the catalog to find items and place them on hold. If you're using a computer or laptop, you can click the box in the bottom right corner on the homepage to chat with a librarian.



Perfect Match

You'll fall in love with this new service for all ages. Tell our librarians what titles or topics you've enjoyed in the past, and they'll hand select books and other materials that are perfect for you. Fill out the form at www.smfpl.org/perfectmatch or give us a call us.

2 Wait for notification

The library will contact you by your preferred method (email, text, or phone call) when your items are ready to be picked up. Never miss a notification: Make sure your account information is up-to-date the next time you visit the Checkout Desk. Or call us at (330) 688-3295 ext. 3.

3 Pick up your items

The library offers both in-person and low-contact options for picking up your materials.

Walk-In

- Pick up your items at the front Checkout Desk
- You must wear a mask that covers your mouth and nose
- Please maintain at least 6 feet of social distancing from others

Drive-Up Window

The Drive-Up Window is on the west side of the library building (the side farthest from Rt. 91). It offers fast, convenient service. Please remember the following:

- Please have your library card or ID ready
- No pedestrians allowed in the drive-up lane — we want you to be safe
- The Drive-Up Window closes 15 minutes before the library closes

Curbside Pickup—it's safe and easy

Please park in the designated spaces just past the Drive-Up Window on the west side of the library building.

- Call (330) 688-3295 ext. 3 to let staff know you have arrived
- Please stay in your vehicle
- Open your vehicle's trunk
- Have your library card or photo ID ready
- Staff will check your library card or ID – just hold it up to your driver's side window
- Staff will place the items in your trunk
- All returns must go in the indoor or outdoor book drops – staff cannot accept them at curbside
- We cannot collect fines at curbside (you will need to come inside to pay a fine)
- Curbside Pickup ends 15 minutes before the library closes

What about returns?

All returns must go in the indoor or outdoor book drops to avoid cross-contamination. Fragile items, such as musical instruments, board games, kits, and launchpads can be returned at the Checkout Desk or at the door just past the Drive-Up Window. Ring the doorbell for service.

All returned library items are set aside for four days since this is how long experts have said COVID-19 may live on surfaces. They are checked in after this quarantine period, and no overdue fines will accrue during this time. ●



Library News

Conveniences to Share with your Friends and Family

National Library Week

Libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building. Since the pandemic, we've worked hard to meet the needs of our community by adapting our resources and services.

Join us in celebrating National Library Week, April 4 - 10. Automatically enter to win a library-themed prize bundle when you check out materials. Visit our social media pages throughout the week as we highlight different community members and what the library means to them. Whether people visit in person or virtually, libraries offer endless opportunities to transform lives through access to technology, education, and programming. ●

Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation is getting involved with the popular City of Stow Monday Meals

On Monday, April 12, the Library Foundation will be paired with a local restaurant in the popular City of Stow's Monday Meals promotion. When people order delivery through that restaurant, the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation members will deliver your meals instead of a delivery service like DoorDash. All tips will go directly to the Library Foundation. Visit www.stowohio.org/monday-meals/ for details and to see what restaurant we'll be working with! ●

Virtual Program Archive

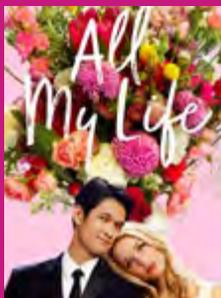
Did you miss one of our programs? Visit our Virtual Program Archive at www.smfpl.org/programarchive. Videos will be posted for select programs after they air on Facebook. The majority of our programs are generously funded by the Friends of the Library. ●





MOVIE NIGHT!

Coming soon to our shelves.



Click a movie cover to advance to our catalog or to place a hold. Most titles are already ordered and added to our catalog. ●

Safe Connections

New Services for Remote Access to Library Materials



Perfect Match

We pick them, you love them!

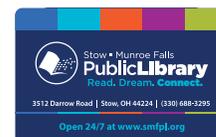
Looking for that perfect match? Library lovers will fall in love with our new matchmaking service where we hand select books and library materials that are perfect for you and your family members. Visit www.smfpl.org/perfectmatch to complete our Perfect Match Form and within 24 hours, we will provide you with items based on your specifications and suggestions (weekends and holidays excluded). We will notify you when the materials are ready for pickup. ●

Digital Library Card

The Perfect Homebound or Social Distancing Solution

Digital Library Cards are available for permanent Ohio residents who are at least 18 years old and who do not already have a Full-Service Library Card. A Digital Library Card is a virtual library card that will give you access to all of the library's digital resources—eBooks, eAudiobooks, digital magazines, digital movies and TV shows, downloadable and streaming music, research tools and databases, and online classes.

A Digital Library Card can be upgraded to a **Full-Service Library Card** at the library's front Checkout Desk during regular library hours. ●



Grilling

by Kristin Casale, Children's Librarian

Let's talk about grilling in Northeast Ohio: You can grill in the rain, snow, high winds, and if you're lucky, on a nice, sunny day. Either way, because the weather here is so unpredictable, we've all learned to grill under most conditions.

I had never been a fan of grilled food until the last couple of years. Growing up, my father did most of the grilling, and he straight-up can't grill. Everything was always burned. I remember living through the same experience when we visited my grandparents on the Jersey Shore—my grandfather usually grilled the food, which, again, was always black. I guess grilling techniques can be inherited.

With this sad history of grilling now laid bare, I generally avoided grilled food for most of my adult life because I can still recall the taste of unintentionally blackened chicken. However, over the last few years I started watching some cooking shows about grilling, and the food looked pretty good. There are also a lot of things you can do on a grill besides cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. So, two years ago, I bought a small gas grill, and I now occasionally grill in the driveway of my condo.

I have to say it's nice. And I do love grilled hot dogs and hamburgers. But, I've learned to grill pork tenderloin, flank steak, corn (so delicious), pizza, and quesadillas. It's been an experience. I'm not a pro, but it's fun to bring all of my stuff outside and enjoy the weather. I usually break out my camping chair and a TV table and just hang out.

If I was to recommend an all-purpose grilling how-to for all skill levels, I would go with Mark Bittman's **How to Grill Everything**. It's a literal tome of grilling. This is the book that

showed me how to grill that flank steak and corn mentioned above. Bittman's book gives the reader accompaniments—like amazing chimichurri sauce to go with your steak. Check it out for tips on how to grill nearly everything.

Steak fans should check out **Franklin Steak** by Aaron Franklin, host of the popular PBS series Franklin Barbecue. This cookbook is for serious steak fans who are looking for Texas flair in their food.

For vegetarians, or just veggie lovers, go with **Vegetables on Fire: 50 Vegetable-Centered Meals from the Grill** by Brooke Lewy. Head to our library catalog for more vegetable-focused grilling cookbooks.

With things continuing to be "different" this year, it's not a bad idea to consider grilling whenever you have the free time to liven up your week. Check out **Any Night Grilling: 60 Ways to Fire up Dinner** by Paula Disbrowe for ideas for easy mid-week dishes. I never liked burgers much as a child because I never really knew how to cook them right. But now, I really enjoy a nice hamburger.

A Burger to Believe In: Recipes and Fundamentals by Christopher Kronner has recipes for cooking all kinds of burgers.

It would be remiss of me not to mention a cookbook all about barbecue. **Operation BBQ: 200+ Recipes from Competition Grand Champions** by Stan Hayes shows you how to grill like a champ.

As things progress and we slowly emerge from winter and this long, strange trip we've all been looking forward to grilling out with friends and family. ●



Novel Eating





Adults

Cookie Decorating with Chef Sarah

Wed., April 21, at 7 PM  LIVE

Join licensed personal chef, Sarah Mentzer of Custom Cookies by Sarah M, for an interactive cookie decorating class on Wed., April 21 at 7 PM. Free kits will be available beginning Mon., April 19, while supplies last. Then visit www.facebook.com/SMFPL for this live instructional video. Supplies are limited; limit one kit per person. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. ●

Book Chats: True Crime, Classics, Cookbooks, & more

*First Tuesday of the Month at 6:30 PM & Last Wednesday of the Month at 2 PM**

Join our librarians for bimonthly themed Book Chats to discuss recent releases, hot bestsellers, favorite classics, and much more. We will meet virtually using a Zoom chat room on the **first Tuesday evening of the month at 6:30 PM**, and the **last Wednesday afternoon of the month at 2 PM**, unless otherwise noted. New members are always welcome.

The Zoom meeting link and instructions on how to join will be posted prior to the discussion. Registration is not required, but you can register on the Book Chat event page for an email reminder.

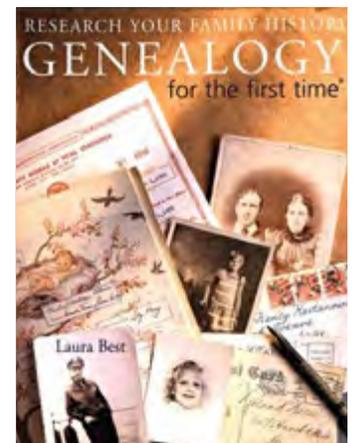
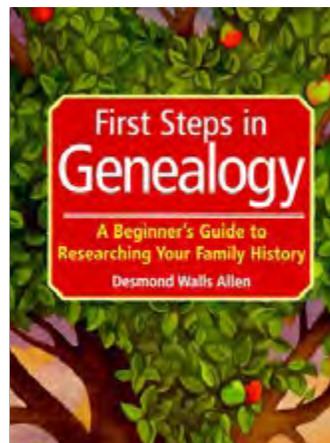
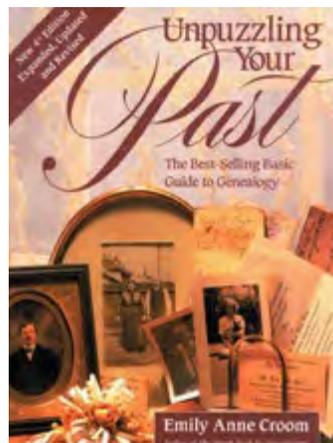
For technical assistance or more information, please call the Adult Information Desk at (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. ●

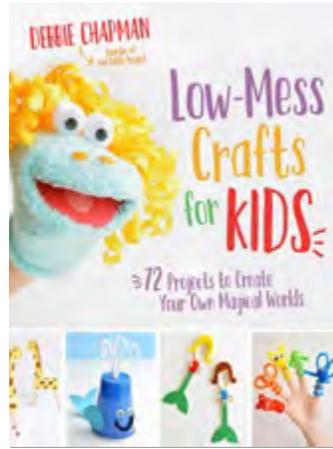
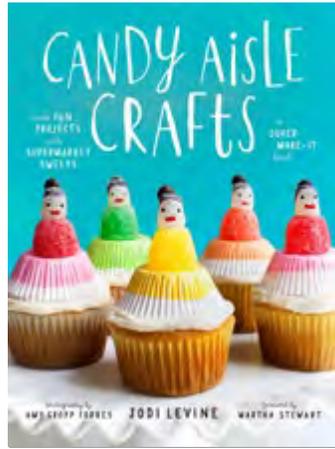
Beyond Vital Records: Exploring Different Resources for Genealogy and Family History Research

Tues., March 30 at 6:30 PM

There are many resources readily available to genealogical researchers, and the most interesting information is often found in unusual places. Join Local History Librarian, Gretchen Quinn to discuss different online and print resources to enhance your genealogy and family history research.

A valid email address must be provided at the time of registration. To register, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or visit www.smfpl.org. Participants will receive an email invitation to attend the program, hosted on Zoom, a day before the program begins. ●





Adults, Teens & Children

Peeps Diorama Contest

Email photos of your entry by 8 PM on Tues., April 6 to peeps2021@smfpl.org

Show people your creativity from home! Our annual Peeps Diorama Contest will be a virtual contest this year. Families and individuals can work together on creating their diorama and submit it from home.

Who can enter? All ages—adults, teens, tweens, and children

What's the theme? Your display can have any theme, as long as it is “family-friendly”. Examples include: books, movies, television shows, musicals, historical scenes, science fiction, etc.

When is the deadline? Email photos of your diorama between Saturday, April 3 and Tuesday, April 6. All entries must be received by 8 PM April 6.

How will winners be announced? Winners from each category and the People's Choice winner will be posted on social media and our website on Tuesday, April 13.

This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

Visit www.smfpl.org/peeps for the complete rules.

Click [here](#) to see last year's entries and [here](#) to find creative and inspiring books from our collection. ●



Children

Story Time at Home

Tuesdays in April & May at 10 AM 

Do you miss Story Time? You can still enjoy stories and songs from home every Tuesday at 10 AM by visiting www.facebook.com/SMFPL. Want to watch more stories? Go to www.smfpl.org/storytime ●

Kindergarten Readiness

Activity Kits available the week of May 10

You can prepare your 4- or 5-year-old child for kindergarten success by practicing the necessary skills at home, and Spike's Place is here to help! Visit our website for stories, songs, and tips. Activity kits will be available to pick up while supplies last. These activities will help your child practice skills recommended by the Stow-Munroe Falls City School District. Visit www.smfpl.org/kindergarten for more information. ●



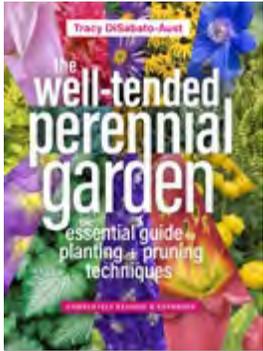
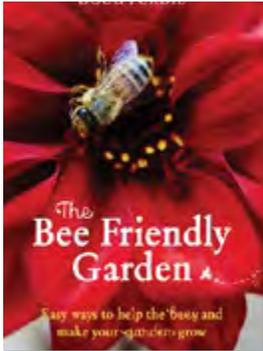
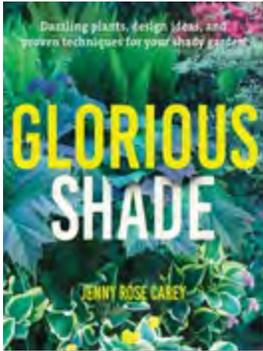
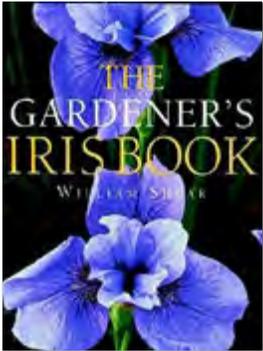
Outdoor Events

We have many outdoor events scheduled this year for all ages. Our Perennial Exchange and Mobile Pet Adoption are just two examples. Hope to see you, your family, and friends as we enjoy some time outside together.

Perennial Exchange

Join other gardening enthusiasts at our free Perennial Exchange held outside the library on Tuesday, June 1 (rain date is scheduled for Thursday, June 3). Check-in begins at 6:30 PM and the program begins promptly at 7 PM. Bring as many plants as you would like, with the exception of invasive perennials.

You will receive free tickets for the number of plants you bring. A ticket is used for each plant you select. After check-in, you may choose your plants and “pay” for them using your tickets. We recommend bringing a plant flat or box to carry your selections. Click [here](#) for details. ●



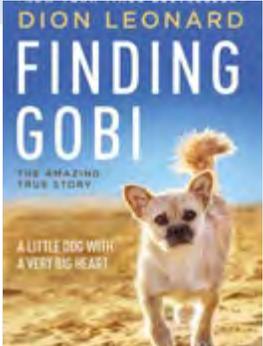
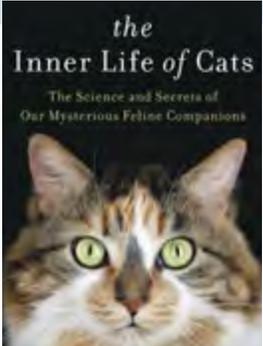
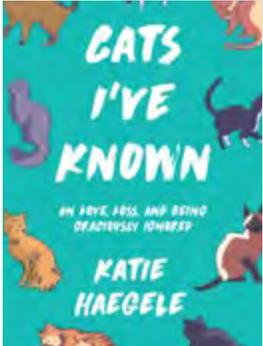
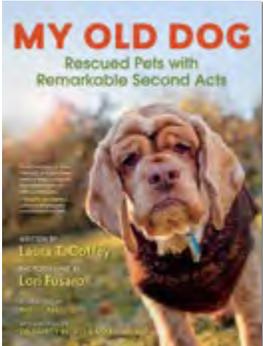
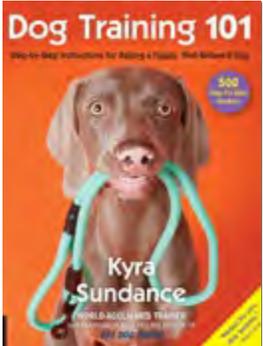
Mobile Pet Adoption

with the Humane Society of Summit County

Come to the library and meet adoptable animals. The Humane Society of Summit County will bring their Mobile Adoption Center to our parking lot between 1 - 4 PM on Saturday, June 19. See some cats and dogs, and maybe even take one home with you!

A rain date is scheduled for Saturday, June 26. Questions? Call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4.

The Humane Society of Summit County will be accepting donations at this time. Please visit summithumane.org/Wish-List to view the shelter's current needs. ●





Tails & Tales

Wild for Reading

—by Lisa Maruna, Marketing & PR Coordinator



Are you wild for reading? Then join us for this year's Summer Reading Program! We have a whole host of activities you can do as a family, and reading is just one of them. Track your books and activities between Tues., June 1 and Sun., August 8 to win prizes and earn chances to enter the grand prize drawing.

Adult

Adults can read and log books to enter weekly drawings. Log at least five

books to be eligible for the grand prize drawing. Get extra chances to win by logging books every week, submitting reviews, and completing activities.

Children

For every five activities logged, children between birth and age 11 can earn a virtual badge, small prize, and virtual ticket to enter the grand prize drawing.

Teen

Teens between the ages of 12 and 17 can earn a badge for the weekly drawings for each book they log. Get extra chances to win by writing book reviews or completing activities.

If you registered for Summer Reading last year, simply log in and update your contact information. If this is your first time, register anytime on the Beanstack app or at smfpl.beanstack.org. Need help signing up or logging books and activities? Stop in or give us a call—we are happy to assist you! ●

Booklists for Children

—by Amanda Rome, Children's Services Outreach Librarian

I'd like to highlight our booklists online where you can find some of our favorite materials without leaving your home. By accessing the library website, clicking **Children's** and then clicking "**parent teacher resources**," you can navigate to our curated booklists for children. Our general booklists are broken down by age and include some of the best reviewed, most popular and well-written titles. We also have a list of great audiobooks for families to listen to together.



Our parenting booklists cover topics like toilet training, death, special needs, health and illness, diversity and more. We have an extensive collection of books on mindfulness and emotions highlighted on the emotions and mental health booklist. There is a growing body of research accepted by the American Academy of Pediatrics on the benefits of mindfulness practice for children, especially when they are experiencing stress. Exploring our materials on the subject as a family is an excellent way to begin to deal with the surge of emotions we are coping with during these unprecedented times.

Though we have many booklists, they are by no means exhaustive, so please contact us. We're always happy to give recommendations based on age and interests. We'll even get together packs of books for you to pick up through our drive through or at our inside Checkout Desk. Even though things have changed, our goal is to serve you. ●



Spring Breakers

Celebrate Spring...
Break into reading!



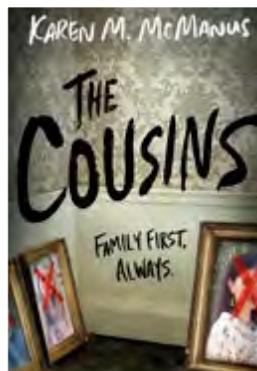
Christina Getrost, Teen Librarian



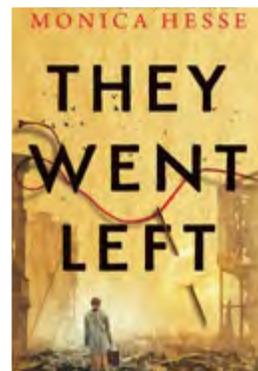
Mad Max: Fury Road meets *Frozen* in this striking YA fantasy about a rig driver's journey to save her friend, on an island cursed by eternal winter.



Josie the failed Broadway actor literally escapes into books, where she becomes the star of the story. Will she find a story so good that she just stays forever?



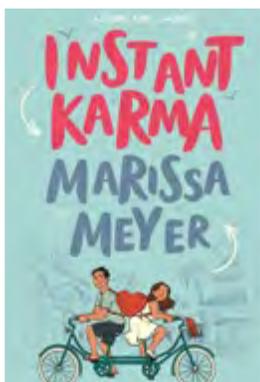
When 3 cousins are invited to their rich, reclusive grandmother's island resort, they learn how mysterious—and dark—their family's past is, and that it isn't over.



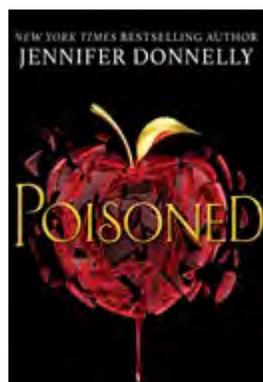
Liberated from Auschwitz concentration camp at the end of World War II, Zofia desperately searches for her brother, but how can she find one boy in a sea of the missing?



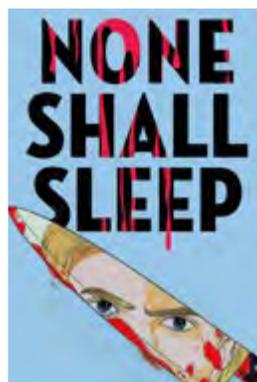
What if there were infinite universes and infinite ways to fall in love? Adelaide finds herself catapulted into a summer of wild possibility.



Overachiever Prudence, quick to judge people, gains the ability to cast instant karma on those around her, but why do her powers always fail around Quint, her slacker lab partner and all-around mortal enemy?



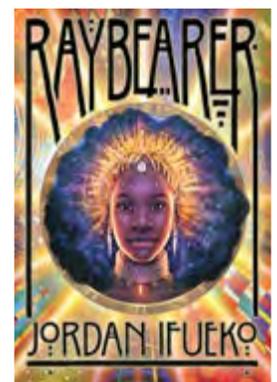
A new version of *Snow White*, in which the huntsman follows the queen's order to kill the princess, but she is brought back to life by the seven men of the woods.



Eighteen-year-olds Emma and Travis, recruited by the FBI to interview juvenile serial killers, must turn to a notorious teenage sociopath to help track down a new murderer.



Sophia and Constance team up to overthrow the kingdom in this unique and powerful retelling of *Cinderella*.



What if you've sworn to protect the one you were born to destroy? A compelling fantasy set in an exquisitely detailed world.

[Click book cover to advance to our catalog or to place a hold.](#) ●

More Behind the Scenes

Programming During a Pandemic





Making Drive Time Count

Escape the news. Catch up with the New York Times Bestsellers. Learn a foreign language. Challenge yourself with self-improvement goals. Many of us want to travel, but are uncomfortable flying. So make your drive time speed along as you increase your reading opportunities. The possibilities are endless, but here's a great place to start. These titles are recent additions to New York Times Bestsellers Best Fiction Audiobooks.

Click [here](#) to see more New York Times Bestsellers Best Fiction Audiobooks. ●



Director

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Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library is a citizen support group for Library services and activities. The Friends are a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization with an endowment fund dedicated to supporting programs for adults, teens, and children. The Friends sponsor book sales as well as other programming. For more information, visit www.friendsofsmfpl.org

Foundation

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library Foundation was incorporated in 1994 as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization. The Foundation's mission is to provide funds for significant projects that enhance the mission of the library and to build an endowment that will carry on the legacy of the library. For more information, visit www.smfpl.org/foundation

Hours

Mon - Thurs:
10 AM - 8 PM

Fri & Sat:
10 AM - 5 PM

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