





## Completed Projects

Incorporated in 1994 as a non-profit, tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation raises, manages, and allocates funds to expand and improve our library. The Library Foundation ensures stability in times of reduced public funding, and commitment to responsible and effective long-term planning.

Throughout the years, the generosity of our donors has provided funding for many projects, including:



24-hour book pickup lockers



Self-checkout machine in the Children's Department



Exterior signs



Children's Room furniture



Signs and shelving for the Tween Spot



Library vehicle (in conjunction with the library)



Connect Zone table



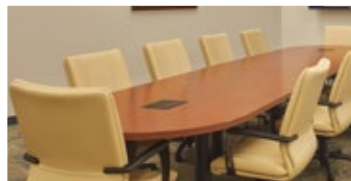
Stairway mural



Electronic sign



Display furniture



Conference Room furniture



An endowment fund with the Akron Community Foundation

## Join the Library Foundation

We have one of the best libraries in the state, and the Library Foundation has been key in improving our facility. We are a 15 member group with a passion for the library. We meet monthly to discuss how to benefit the library with our fundraising efforts.

Interested? We'd love to meet you. Email a letter of inquiry and your resume to Marty Ropog, president of the Library Foundation: [foundation@smfpl.org](mailto:foundation@smfpl.org).

Or send it by mail to the attention of Marty Ropog:

Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation  
3512 Darrow Rd., Stow, OH 44224

Read the Foundation member job description at [www.smfpl.org/foundation](http://www.smfpl.org/foundation).



Top: Volunteers setting up Library Mini Golf  
Above: Foundation members (and Spike the Library Turtle) at the 2024 Mini Golf event

## Ways to Give

### Cash Donations

The easiest way to make a gift to the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation is by credit card or check. To make a one-time gift online, go to [www.smfpl.org/foundation](http://www.smfpl.org/foundation) and click the "Donate Online" button. You will be redirected to the Library Foundation's secure donation portal. Checks should be made payable to the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation and mailed to:

Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library  
ATTN: Library Foundation  
3512 Darrow Rd., Stow, Ohio 44224



Cash donations may be claimed as charitable deductions on income tax returns.

### Monthly/Recurring Donations

A recurring monthly gift of any amount is an easy and secure way to make a significant impact. To set up an automatic monthly gift, go to [www.smfpl.org/foundation](http://www.smfpl.org/foundation) and click the "Donate Online" button. You will be redirected to the Library Foundation's secure donation portal. Click "make this a monthly donation" during checkout.

### Employer Gift Matching

Double your impact with matching gifts. Many employers will match charitable contributions made by employees or retired workers. Ask your employer if they offer a matching gift program.

## Planned Giving

A planned gift is any deferred gift intended to benefit the future of the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation. Create your own legacy of giving by including the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library in your will, trust, or general estate plans. You can make a planned gift in several ways:

- **Bequests** - The Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation may be named as a beneficiary in a will or trust. Bequests may take the form of cash, securities, real estate, or other assets.
- **Life Insurance** - The Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation may be named a beneficiary or owner of life insurance policies as a current or deferred gift.
- **Securities** - Charitable gifts of stocks, bonds, shares in mutual funds and other investment securities may be made to the Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation.
- **Retirement Assets** - There can be significant tax advantages to donating retirement assets to charity as part of an estate plan. Charitable donations of retirement assets can minimize the amount of income taxes imposed on both your individual heirs and your estate.

Please seek the help of your financial advisor if you are considering a planned gift.

## Stow-Munroe Falls Library Foundation Board and Members



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