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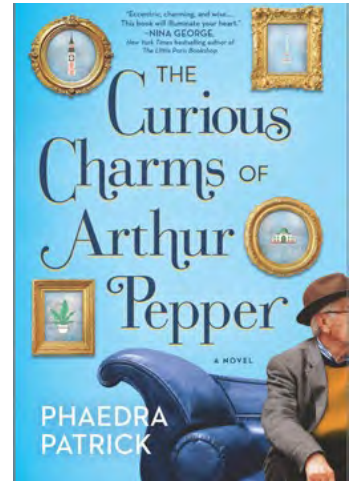
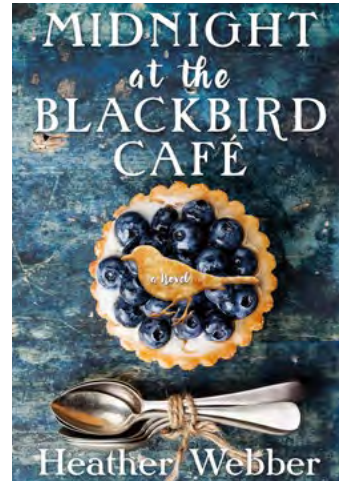
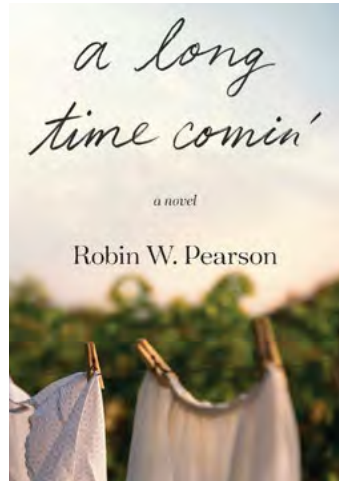
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# Gentle Reads

—by Amy Garrett, Head of Information Services



Let's be honest. Sometimes, the latest psychological thriller can seem a bit daunting after a long day. If you need a break from your usual genre, we invite you to try a "Gentle Read". Gentle Reads are books with no sex or violence, and they contain little or no offensive language. The stories often occur in small towns, are upbeat and positive, and may have an inspirational element. Gentle Reads take readers away from the stress of everyday life.

With stories set in charming communities with close-knit characters, Gentle Reads sometimes have a theme of homecoming, and while they may occasionally bring a tear to the eye, are not at all depressing. However, Gentle Reads differ from Christian / Inspirational Fiction in the sense that they are reaffirming. They give readers a peaceful or easy feeling, and can be either fiction or nonfiction.

Did we pique your interest? If so, we recommend starting with any of these titles, all available in our library catalog. **A Spool of Blue Thread** by Anne Tyler, **The Victory Garden** by Rhys Bowen, **Window on the Bay** by Debbie Macomber,

**Big Stone Gap** by Adriana Trigiani, **A Long Time Comin'** by Robin Pearson, **Midnight at the Blackbird Café** by Heather Webber, and **Do or Diner** by Christine Wenger.

If the word "Christmas" is in the title, it is almost always a Gentle Read, and as such, these books are popular during the holidays. Some examples include, **Blue Christmas** by Mary Kay Andrews, **Christmas Bells** by Jennifer Chiaverini, **Norman Rockwell's Christmas Book** by Norman Rockwell, **Remembering Christmas** by Dan Walsh, **Lakeshore**

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# Tails & Tales Wild for Reading

Fun Events For All Ages

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## Spot Spike

*Where is Spike Hiding?*



Every week, a cutout of Spike, our library's turtle, will be hiding at an area park or local business. Visit the library's [Facebook](#) page or [website](#) for clues, and log it as an activity on Beanstack when you find her! Questions? Give us a call at (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or 5. ●

## One Day Puzzle & Game Sale

*at the Stow Farmers Market*

Don't miss the fantastic bargains on pre-owned puzzles and games at the One Day Friends of the Library Puzzle & Game Sale. These items are in beautiful condition ready to present as gifts complete with ribbons and bows. This sale will be held on **Sat., June 26, 9 AM - 12:30 PM** at the Stow Farmers Market (Stow Community Church, 1567 Pilgrim Drive in Stow). This sale is free and open to the public. Follow the Friends on Facebook: [www.facebook.com/friends.of.smfpl](http://www.facebook.com/friends.of.smfpl) ●

## Friends of the Library

*Generated over \$500,000 from Book Sales*

The Puzzle & Game Sales this summer mark the first Friends of the Library events since the start of the pandemic. Proceeds from these Book Sales and Puzzle Sales have helped pay for library programs and events for all ages. Over the past twenty years, these sales have generated over **\$500,000** and the Friends currently have **\$178,000** in their Endowment Fund for future programming at the library. These proceeds represent the work of many Friends and volunteers meeting daily at the library preparing for sales and conducting business. We, the library and our patrons, are the fortunate beneficiaries and we are so grateful for their passion and dedication. Visit our [website](#) to support their effort or learn more about the Friends of the Library. ●

## Poseidon's Water Gun Challenge

*Sat., July 10: 2 PM, 2:30 PM, 3 PM or 3:30 PM*

How good are your water gun skills? Find out by trying our outdoor obstacle course. Win points for each target or obstacle successfully squirted as you try to complete the course in the allotted time. Water guns provided. Wear clothes you don't mind getting wet! **Registration required**; choose a time slot. Rain date is July 17. This event is for teens. ●

## Comedy Juggler Matt Jergens

*at the Stow City Center*

See international gold medalist comedy juggler Matt Jergens on **Wed., July 28 at 6 or 7:15 PM** outdoors at the Stow City Center, 3760 Darrow Road. Registration is required.

To register each adult and child, visit [www.smfpl.org](http://www.smfpl.org), call (330) 688-3295 ext. 5, or stop by the library. Registration begins Sat., July 17. Bring your own chair or blanket. Look for library staff members in the orange shirts to check in. Rain date is scheduled for Wed., August 4. ●





# Tails & Tales

## Wild for Reading

STOW-MUNROE FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY

### Summer Reading Program

*now through August 8*

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 any time before Sun., August 8 to win prizes and earn chances to enter the grand prize drawing.

If you registered for the Summer Reading Program last year, simply log in and update your contact information. If this is your first time, create an account on the Beanstack app or at [smfpl.beanstack.org](http://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! Summer Reading is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

### Programs and Events

We have many outdoor programs for all ages scheduled this summer, including Story Time at the Stow City Center, a visit from the Akron Zoo, book discussions, and more. Click the buttons below to download a Summer Program brochure, or stop by the library to pick one up.

[Download a Printable Brochure](#)

[Download an Interactive Brochure](#)

Visit [www.smfpl.org/calendar](http://www.smfpl.org/calendar) to view the library's event calendar.

### 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. ●

# Summer is Here!

by Gale Koritansky, Director



Summer is here! This summer, the library staff have planned some entertaining and informative events for our summer reading program. With Governor DeWine lifting Covid-19 mandates, the library now offers all of its pre-Covid library services. The library will continue to have in-person browsing, passport and notary service, and study tables and chairs. Our meeting and community

rooms are available for booking, and we'll offer in-person programs. The children's play equipment is open, and all computers are available for use. Masks are still required for unvaccinated people over the age of 10, and they should continue to practice social distancing.

Our Summer Reading Program, Tails and Tales, runs through August 8. It's a program for everyone. You can read, listen, attend a program, or participate in a library event, to win some fun prizes.

Summer is a great time to discover new authors, take in a light beach read, or download an audiobook for your vacation car ride. Enjoy your summer, and we'll see you at the library!

## Gentle READS

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**Christmas** by Susan Wiggs, and **Christmas Jars** by Jason Wright.

Currently trending, this genre is morphing into a

more diverse community. Some works that now fall under this genre: **The Curious Charms of Arthur Pepper** by Phaedra Patrick, **It's Not All Downhill from Here** by Terry McMillan, and **The Love Story of Missy Carmichael** by Beth Morrey.

Unsurprisingly, libraries and bookshops can often be found in the setting of a Gentle Read. Some examples

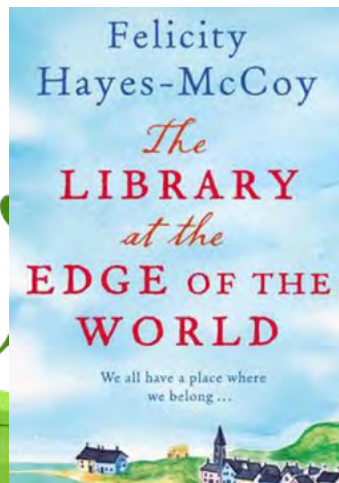
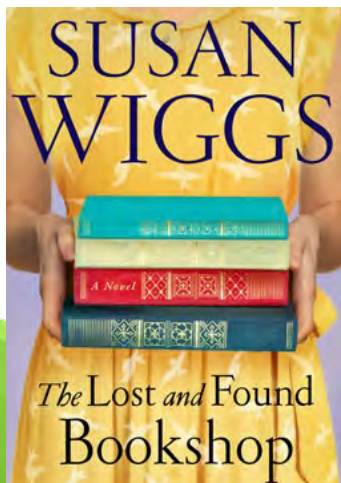
are **The Lost and Found Bookshop** by Susan Wiggs, **The Library at the Edge of the World** by Felicity Hayes-McCoy, **Twelve Angry Librarians** by Miranda James, **Farm to Trouble** by Amanda Flower, and **Winner Takes All** by Sandra Kitt.

Additional authors include Sarah Addison Allen, Fredrik Backman, Jennifer Chiaverini, Fannie Flagg, Kate Jacobs,

Debbie Macomber (especially her later fiction), Joan Medlicott, and Ann B. Ross and although Amanda Flower, Miranda James, and Christine Wenger are included here, most of their stories fall under the Cozy Mystery subgenre. Cozy Mysteries generally have faster pacing than your typical Gentle Read.

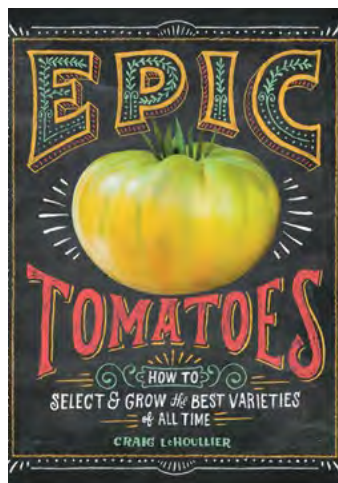
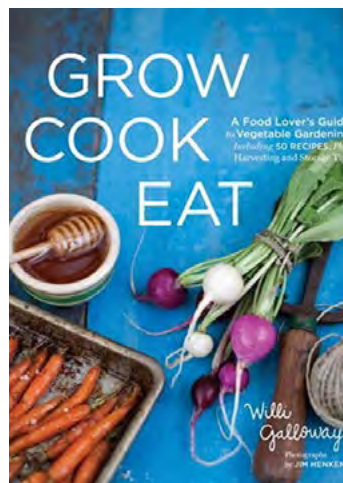
What better time than summer to dabble in the Gentle Reads genre? Our library has more titles than we can list here. If you need help finding more, our librarians are happy to help!

All authors and titles listed are in our catalog. ●





# Outdoor Events



## Loving the Great Outdoors

We've all heard about the importance of getting plenty of fresh air and sunshine, particularly after our long quarantine. This summer, the library is offering plenty of opportunities for all ages to gather outdoors. We invite you to visit our website to check out all of the options including Yoga on the Lawn, Turning Pain into Purpose, Self-Defense, Poseidon's Water Gun Obstacle Course, Story Time, the Friends of the Library Puzzle Sale, and more.

Here is a sampling of this summer's events:

### Summer Harvest Exchange

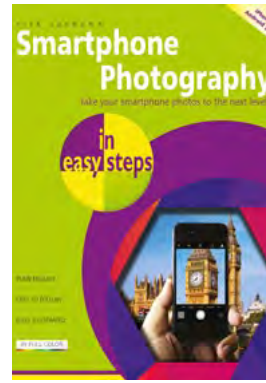
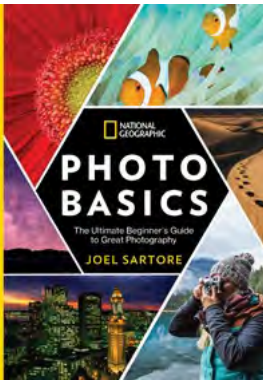
*Tues., July 27 at 7 PM (check-in begins at 6:30 PM)*

Share the bounties of your garden at our free Summer Harvest Exchange held outside behind the library on the south side of the building. Check-in begins at 6:30 PM and the program begins promptly at 7 PM. Bring any fruits, herbs, or vegetables from your home garden. Please indicate at check-in whether your item has been grown with organic practices. No mushrooms, honey, eggs, or processed items, please.

We will give out tickets to participants based on quantity and type of item brought. One ticket will be given out per 4 person meal size quantity of produce or herb. At 7 PM, you may choose your bounty and "pay" for them using your tickets. We recommend bringing bags or containers to carry your selections. The library will provide some small produce bags.

Registration is required. To register, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or visit [www.smfpl.org](http://www.smfpl.org). ●





## Amateur Photography Contest

For Children, Teens, & Adults:

Enter between Sun., July 11 and Sat., July 17

Submit your photo using the form on our website ([smfpl.org/form/photo\\_contest\\_submission](http://smfpl.org/form/photo_contest_submission))

- Your photo should be a minimum size of 300kb (1 megapixel)
- Maximum number of entries is two per person. If entering two photos, you will need to submit them separately.
- Age categories are: Adult (18+), Teen (12 - 17), Kids (7 - 11), Lil' Snapper (birth - 6). The Lil' Snapper age group is a non-judged open category, and is an opportunity for budding young photographers to showcase their first photos.

Photo categories are: Animals, People, and Nature/Landscape. Judges may recategorize photos if necessary.

- Give your photo a title if you wish; we will post any titles as captions in the online album.
- By submitting your photo you are agreeing that the image is your original work.
- Enter between Sun., July 11 and Sat., July 17, at 5 PM. No late entries will be accepted.

All entries will be exhibited anonymously (no personal names, only titles of photos) on the library's **Facebook** page and the Flickr website on Mon., July 26. The Adult or Teen photo that receives the most "likes" on the library's Facebook page by 4 PM on Wed., July 28 will win the Stephen Pierce Memorial People's Choice Award, and the Kids' photo with the most likes will win the Spike the Turtle Kids' Choice Award. All **awards** will be announced on Fri., July 30.

Each photo will be judged for impact, composition, and quality of lighting. The judges are local professional photographers and instructors: Jim Roetzel, Alan Doe, and Gary Harwood.

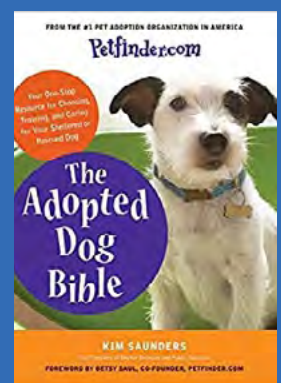
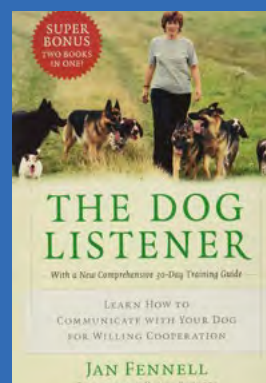
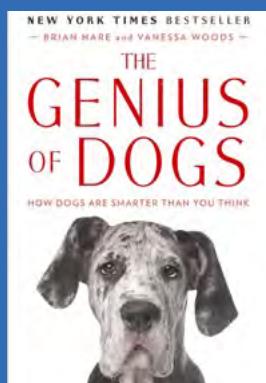
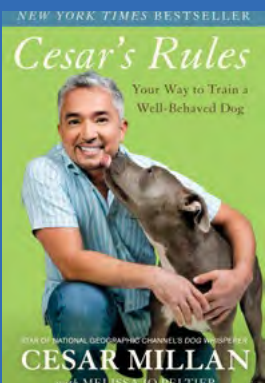
This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

There will be three digital Amazon gift card prizes per category and age group, compliments of the Friends of the Library. ●

## Intro to Dog Training

Tues., July 20 at 6:30 PM

Join experts from All Dogs Go to Kevin for an intro to dog training at the Stow City Center (3760 Darrow Road) on Tues., July 20 at 6:30 PM. Learn how to train your dog with reward-based methods and watch a demo on agility and tricks. This program is a demonstration only - please leave your pets at home. Registration starts at 9 AM on Mon., June 21. To register, visit [www.smfpl.org](http://www.smfpl.org), call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4, or stop by the library. Registration is required and space is limited. Bring your own chair or blanket. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. ●







# Novel Eating

## Fun at the Farmers Market

By Kristin Casale

Ah, summer. One of the best things about the season is all the local fruits and vegetables. Whether you have your own garden or prefer to frequent local farmers markets, the library has a cornucopia of cookbooks on how to prepare fresh favorites.

If you've just returned from the farmers market with an armload of vegetables, here's a catch-all to get you started: **The Farmers Market Cookbook: The Ultimate Guide to Enjoying Fresh, Local, Seasonal Produce** by Julia Shanks. Colorful and fun, this title is also available in eBook format so you can refer to titles on your tablet while you're in the kitchen or at the grill. I benefit greatly from these kinds of all-encompassing cookbooks, because I routinely go shopping, grab everything that looks good, and then struggle to throw it all together.

While hamburgers are a summer favorite, those interested in crafting their own veggie burgers need look no further than **The Naked Kitchen Veggie Burger Book: Delicious Plant-Based Burgers, Fries, Sides, and More** by Sarah Davies. This book also puts an international spin on this American favorite by providing recipes for veggie burgers from around the globe. In that vein, but focusing on Mexican cuisine, we have **Salud! Vegan Mexican Cookbook: 150 Mouthwatering Recipes from Tamales to Churros** by Eddie Garza.

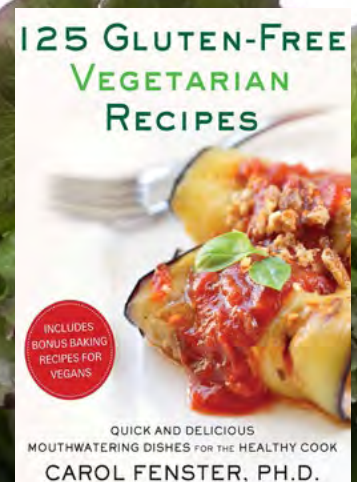
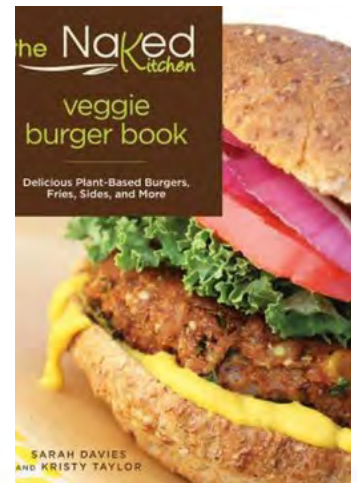
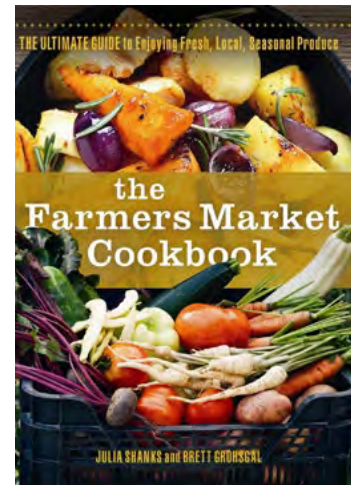
Like many, I was not a lover of greens as a child, but one of the leafy vegetables that brought me around into adulthood was the superfood of the moment – kale. For enthusiasts of this nutrient-packed vegetable, check out **Kale: The Complete Guide to the World's Most Powerful Superfood** by Stephanie Pederson. Also check out **The Power Greens Cookbook: 140 Delicious Superfood Recipes** by Dana Jacobi for recipes on how to get the most out of your kale, spinach, chard, and more.

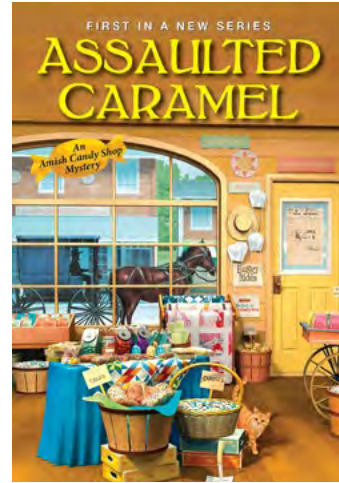
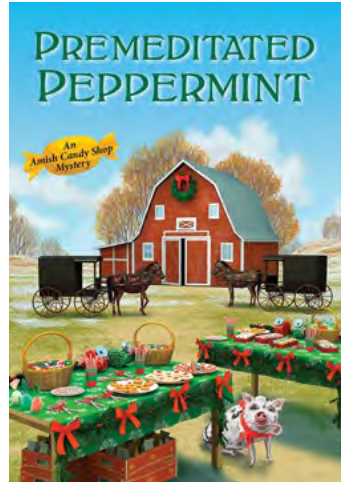
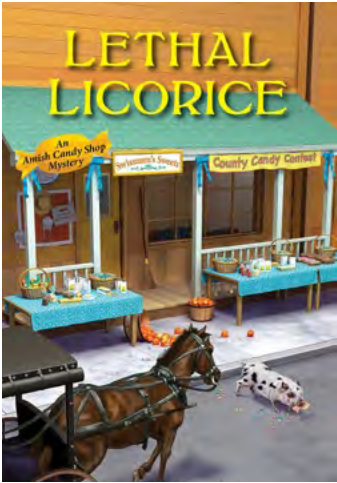
For those with more focused diets, try the following: **125 Gluten-Free Vegetarian Recipes: Quick and Delicious Mouthwatering Dishes for the Healthy Cook** by Carol Lee Fenster, and **The Fully Raw Diet: 21 Days to Better Health, with Exercise Plans, Tips, and 75 Recipes** by Kristina Carrillo-Bucaram.

While I enjoy preparing seasonal fruits and vegetables, I am not a vegetarian, and I love purchasing fresh chicken, pork, and beef from the market. The well-known Moosewood Restaurant, which pioneered the farm-to-table movement, offers **The Moosewood Restaurant Table: 250 Brand-New Recipes from the Natural Foods Restaurant that Revolutionized Eating in America**.

I enjoy cookbooks that tell a story, because they provide an immersive experience. More than just recipes, these kinds of titles take the reader on a journey. Chef Vivian Howard, of the PBS series **A Chef's Life**, is the author of **Deep Run Roots: Stories and Recipes from My Corner of the South**. We have this title on eBook, and it describes how Howard has made extensive use of the local farmers in her community to create a cutting-edge restaurant.

I can't wait to visit my local farmers market, and I'm eager to delve into fresh corn, tomatoes, blueberries, and more. This year, I plan to fully embrace all that my market has to offer for a richer eating experience. Happy cooking! ●





## Director


Gale Koritansky

## 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](http://www.friendsofsmfpl.org)

# Meet the Author

## Amanda Flower

Thurs., August 26 at 6:30 PM 

Award-winning author Amanda Flower will discuss her author journey and share news about her latest novels on Thursday, August 26 at 6:30 PM.

Amanda Flower, a USA Today bestselling and Agatha Award-winning author of over twenty-five cozy mystery novels, started her writing career in elementary school when she read a story she wrote to her sixth grade class and had the class in stitches with her description of being stuck on the top of a Ferris wheel. She knew at that moment she'd found her calling of making people laugh with her words. In addition to being an author, Amanda is an Akron-area resident and is a former librarian with fifteen years of experience in Northeast Ohio.

Registration begins at 9 AM on Monday, July 26. To register, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or visit [www.smfpl.org](http://www.smfpl.org). A valid email address must be provided at the time of registration. Participants will receive an email invitation with the Zoom link prior to the program. This program is sponsored by the Friends of the 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'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](http://www.smfpl.org/foundation)

## Hours

**Mon - Thurs:**

10 AM - 8 PM

**Fri & Sat:**

10 AM - 5 PM

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