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January 1 - February 28, 2021

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We invite you and your entire family to join our Winter Reading Challenge starting January 1 through February 28, 2021. Register at smfpl.beanstack.org. If you already have a Beanstack account from a previous program, just log in and update your contact information. Prizes are courtesy of the Friends of the Library.

Children

Keep track of every day you spend time reading between Fri., January 1 and Sun., February 28, and you can win prizes and enter the grand prize drawing. This program is open to children from newborns through age 11. Create an account online at smfpl.beanstack.org, and enroll in Winter Reading beginning Fri., January 1. If you participated in Beanstack last year, log in to check your password and update your phone number and email address. For every ten days you read and log, you'll earn a virtual badge and a virtual ticket to enter the grand prize drawing.

Teens

Teens ages 12 to 17 can win prizes for reading and reviewing books on the Beanstack app or website. Register anytime at smfpl.beanstack.org. If you already have a Beanstack account for Teen Summer Reading, log in and update your contact information. Read and log books beginning January 1 to be eligible for weekly prize drawings. Read and log at least 5 books to be eligible for the grand prize drawing. Get extra chances to win by submitting reviews of the books you read. Questions? Stop in or call the Teen Information Desk.

Adults

Adults can win prizes for reading and reviewing books on the Beanstack app or website by registering at smfpl.beanstack.org. If you registered for Adult Summer Reading last summer you can just log in and update your contact information. Read and log books beginning January 1 to be eligible for weekly random prize drawings. Read and log at least 5 books to be eligible for the grand prize drawing. Get extra chances to win by logging books every week and submitting reviews. For help getting registered or for more details, stop in or call the Adult Information Desk.





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Park & Connect

Looking for free internet service? Connect instantly to our high speed Wi-Fi in the library parking lot. Community members do not need a library card to access the internet but may need one to use digital content and resources. This service is available 24/7 and passwords are not required. ●

Curbside Pickup

Curbside Pickup is in addition to Drive-Up Window service.

- Please park in the designated spaces just past the Drive-Up Window on the west side of the library building (the side farthest from Rt. 91).
- 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 and place your items in your trunk
- All returns must go in the indoor or outdoor book drops – staff cannot accept them at curbside

Curbside Pickup ends 15 minutes before the library closes. ●

Homebound Delivery

Did you know that the library offers Homebound Delivery? You are eligible for this service if you can answer YES to the following:

- Are you unable to visit the library because of age, temporary or permanent disability, or prolonged illness?
- Do you live in Stow or Munroe Falls?

If you are interested in having us deliver library materials to your home, please contact Outreach Librarian Sarah Filiberto at (330) 688-3295 ext. 129 or sfiliberto@smfpl.org. ●





Rediscover Us

by Gale Koritansky, Director

“Just like you have supported us, the Library is here for you.”



My first three months as a new director have gone by in the blink of an eye. There is so much to learn when you start a new job, getting to know your staff, learning about the community you serve, and what is expected of you as the new leader of the library. The stress of a new job can be difficult, but it is even more of a challenge when you start during a pandemic. I love my new place of employment; the beautiful building, the supportive community, and my staff are really great.

The community support for the library is strong. Just like you have supported us, the Library is here for you. During Covid, when Ohioans are encouraged to stay at home as much as possible, the library can help make the time at home more bearable by providing free books, movies, and more.

SMFPL staff have been reimagining services and thinking of new and safe ways for you to receive materials and attend our programs virtually. We are excited to

offer many ways for you to access our materials including Curbside Pickup and the Drive-Up Window. Even if you are unable to visit the library because of age, a temporary or permanent disability, or a prolonged illness, you may be eligible to receive items through our Homebound Service. You can also have access to our eCollections with a digital library card.

It is easy to order items. You can do it yourself by visiting our website and placing items on hold, by calling the library and having staff place items on hold for you, or by filling out our new online request service, “Perfect Match.” The library is here for everyone and the SMFPL staff are nonjudgmental and will help you find what you are looking for. So, in the new year come and rediscover us. ●

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.

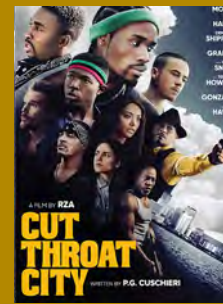
A Digital Library Card can be upgraded to a **Full-Service Library Card** at the library's front Checkout Desk during regular library hours. ●





MOVIE NIGHT!

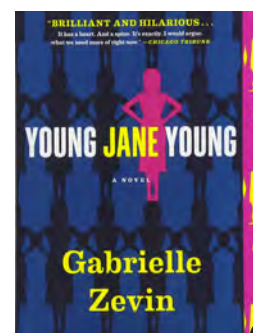
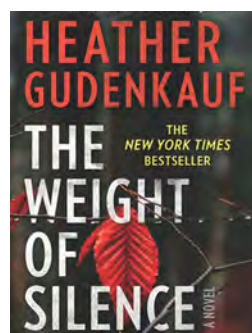
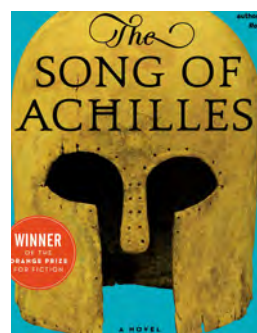
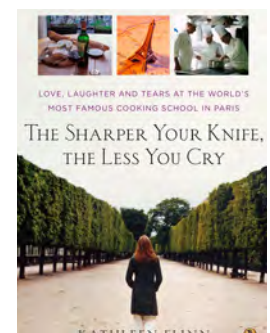
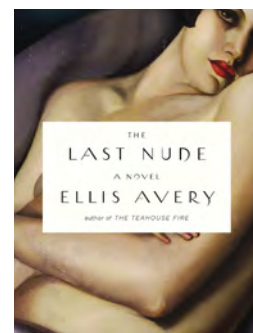
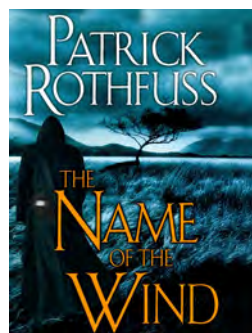
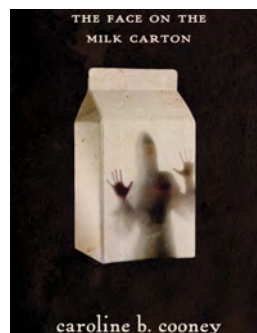
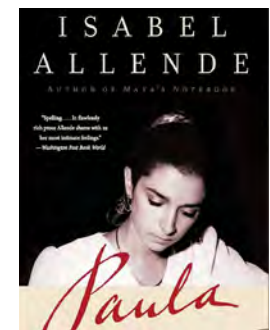
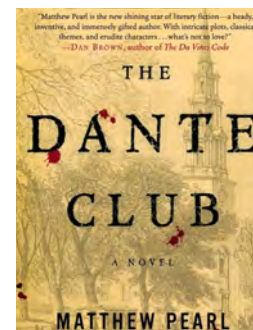
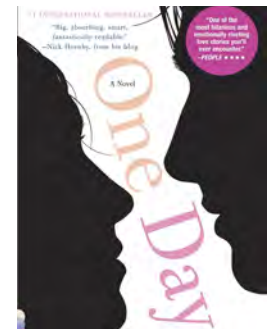
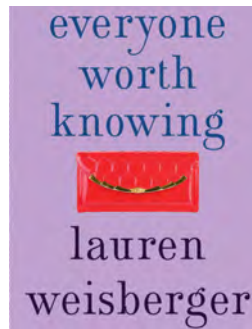
Coming soon to our shelves.



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

Ohio Digital Library Picks

by Jess Alloggia, Assistant Head of Information Services



Being the only librarian in my circle of friends, I often get asked to recommend books for book clubs and personal reading. Because it's hard to come up with titles on the spot, I always consult my Goodreads account to see what I have read and really liked over the last year or so. Sometimes, I do a really deep dive and look at things that I added to my "read" list when I first created my Goodreads account in 2011. That's when I uncover things that I have read that I completely forgot about. These are the bookstore bargain bin finds (I worked at a Waldenbooks and Borders Express: primo access!) and the books from my childhood and high school years. I've also come across books that I read when I first started working in this library.

Upon checking to see if we still own the book, I have found that many of these books are no longer on our physical shelves, but now reside on our digital shelves. Here are a few that I have rediscovered that I'd love to share with you. All made possible by the Ohio Digital Library and your library card! ●

 **Click to link!**

Adults

Book Chats


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

Have you missed talking about books as much as we have? If so, join our librarians for bimonthly themed Book Chats to discuss recent releases, hot bestsellers, favorite classics, and much more. Beginning in January 2021, 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.

Go to www.smfpl.org and click "events" to find Book Chats. 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, call the Adult Information Desk at (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. ●


Cookie Decorating with Chef Sarah

Wed., January 20, at 7 PM 

Join licensed personal chef, Sarah Mentzer of Custom Cookies by Sarah, for an interactive cookie decorating class on Wed., January 20 at 7 PM. Free kits will be available beginning Mon., January 18, 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. ●



Author Talk: The Shawshank Redemption Revealed

Thurs., February 25, at 6:30 PM 

Filmed in Ohio and starring Tim Robbins and Morgan Freeman, The Shawshank Redemption has risen in popularity since its release in 1994, reaching No. 1 on IMDB's list of most-loved movies. Plain Dealer critic Mark Dawidziak will explore the making of this popular film at the library.

Dawidziak conducted more than 70 interviews for his book, The Shawshank Redemption Revealed, with actors Tim Robbins, Morgan Freeman, writer Stephen King, and director Frank Darabont. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. ●



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Adults, Teens & Children

Winter Reading Challenge

For All Ages

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Harry Potter Book Week

Mon., February 1 – Fri., February 5, 2021

Wizards, witches and muggles of all ages are invited to join us as we celebrate Harry Potter Book Week from Monday, February 1 – Friday, February 5, 2021. The library will host a variety of virtual events throughout the week to celebrate the phenomenon of Harry Potter. Events include a virtual escape room, an interactive trivia night, a digital craft show and tell, and Harry Potter book discussions. All participants can enter a drawing to win some Harry Potter themed prizes at the end of the week.

Participant packets will be available to pick up beginning on Monday, January 25. Packets include activity instructions, craft kits, and at home activities. Click [here](#) for more information about Harry Potter Book Week 2021. ●

Children

Story Time at Home

Tuesdays in January, February, & March 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? Click [here](#) or go to www.smfpl.org/storytime ●

Kindergarten Readiness

*Activity Kits available the weeks of January 11,
February 8 and March 8*



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! Every month, we'll post stories, songs, and tips on our website. 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. ●

Carry-Out Crafts

*January 8 & 22; February 5 & 19; March 5 & 19;
and April 2 & 16*

Stop by and pick up a craft to take home on the first and third Fridays this winter, 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. ●





Food Companions

by Kristin Casale, Children's Librarian

Since launching this series, I have enjoyed sharing a variety of cookbooks with you. But what goes great with eating? Drinking! Seriously—people take courses on how to pair food with wine, cocktails, and now, craft beer, and it makes the foods and beverages that much more delicious when they are paired correctly. So, for my first **Novel Eating** article of the new year, I bring you great books about how to pair your favorite dishes with your favorite drinks. I've also featured a few titles on home brewing, wine making, and the art of crafting cocktails.

Given the option, I prefer beer to wine or mixed drinks. And, with the rise of craft beer, numerous cookbooks have been published featuring recipes that go just right with IPAs, stouts, and more.

The Beer and Food Companion by Stephen Beaumont educates the reader about beer styles and their flavor profiles. Numerous hallmarks of each style are presented. Chefs provide recommended food and beer pairings, and there is a section on how to cook with beer. There are charts in the back for those who prefer to scan lists of pairings. Also check out **Great Food, Great Beer** by Noel Barnhurst and **Beer at My Table** by Tonia Wilson. These titles feature recipes and great beer styles to go with those dishes.

Beer Pairing by Julia Herz elevates beer to the level of wine in terms of complexity and examines in extensive detail how to taste beer and recognize the various flavor profiles. There are tips for how to pair beer with foods so they exist in harmony. And while this book attempts to elevate beer, suggested food pairings are egalitarian in nature; for example: bacon, macaroni and cheese, and girl scout cookies.

For those adventurous enough to craft their own beer at home, take a look at **The Complete Beer Course** by Joshua Bernstein or **Home Brewing** by Mike Karnowski. **Strong Waters** by Scott Mansfield is also available for download from the Ohio Digital Library.

Much more common in the culinary world are titles on how to pair wine with food. Those familiar with classic cooking shows will recall chefs such as Jacques Pepin or Julia Child sharing the perfect wine to drink with the dishes they have just cooked.

For those who would like to learn more about food and wine, and how they work together, **Wine Food** by Dana Frank provides a straightforward look at how to cook dishes that pair

well with specific kinds of wine. This book focuses on how to pair wine with foods not typically considered suitable for this beverage, and that lends a unique element to the title.

For those who want to bust out their highball glasses and shaker and get creative, **The New Cocktail Hour** by Andre Darlington and Tenaya Darlington provides a modern look at how to craft new and classic cocktails. Focusing on seasonal ingredients and suggested food pairings, this book also examines the history of cocktail culture in America and the evolving nature of mixed drinks through the years. It's an interesting read from a historical, as well as gastronomic, point of view. This book includes an entire section on how to build Ernest Hemingway's bar, and there are even entries for how to prepare the favorite cocktails of famous writers. For those only interested in cocktail recipes, try **Batch Cocktails** by Maggie Hoffman.

The great American writer, William Faulkner, appropriately once said, "Pouring out liquor is like burning books." So, with that in mind, I encourage all of you to enthusiastically "imbibe," and try one of the library's many books on food and beverages. ●



Getting Library Materials

In-Person and Low-Contact Options

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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—New Service

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 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
- We cannot collect fines at the window (you will need to come inside to pay a fine)
- 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)
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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 to seven 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. ●



PLAYAWAY

For Every Parent Who Just Became a Teacher

Because of the strain that the virus has put on our educators and families without good access to the internet, Playaways, Launchpads, and Wonderbooks are more relevant now than ever before. Launchpads are helping new-to-homeschooling parents supplement their children's education, Wonderbooks are creating story time at home, and Playaways are helping people of all ages disconnect from their screens for a bit.

Launchpads: Let Launchpad be your computer lab. Launchpads are curated with collections of learning apps, videos, and comics grouped by age. No internet needed. Just power on and let the learning begin. Click to view our **Launchpad** collection.

Wonderbooks: Let Wonderbook be your circle time. Wonderbook read-alongs are a great way to bring the benefits of classroom circle time home. Kids can listen to the audiobook while reading along, recreating the fun of being read to in class. Pssst. They'll be learning how to read, too. No internet needed. Just power on, press play, and start learning. Click to view our **Wonderbook** collection.

Playaways: Let Playaway be your home library. Playaway audiobooks are a fun way for kids to stay excited about reading. Borrow their favorite authors, new releases, and series. No cell phone or internet needed. Just power on and press play. Click to view our **Playaway** collection.

Check out a Launchpad, Wonderbook, or Playaway during our Winter Reading Program (January 1 - February 28) and receive **free earbuds or aux cables** while supplies last. See for yourself what a resource these can be both for parents and teachers alike. ●

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. ●

Acme Community Cash Back

Thank you so much for saving your Acme receipts during Acme's Community Cash Back program. Receipts must be received by January 30, 2021 and they can be placed in the book drop. ●



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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 & Wed:
10 AM - 6 PM

Tues & Thurs:
10 AM - 8 PM

Fri & Sat:
10 AM - 5 PM

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