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The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is going fine free.

On Sat., January 1, the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library eliminated overdue fines for most library materials. Eliminating fines for overdue materials means more people in our community have greater access to our library's vital materials, resources, and services. Late fines, no matter how small, are a very real and significant burden for some individuals. These kinds of financial barriers can discourage many people who rely on the library, which means they can't access books required for schoolwork, use public computers or job resources, or simply have a safe, open, welcoming space to visit. Library experts have found that charging overdue fines inhibits access to library materials and services. Studies indicate that even modest penalties deter people from registering for a library card or using the library because of the risk of incurring fines. Rather than motivating borrowers to return items on time, fines act as an inequitable barrier to service, disproportionately impacting minors, students, and community members with limited financial resources.

Why have we gone fine free?

Our community is stronger and healthier when people have access to programs, services, and materials they need to pursue their educational, career, family, and life goals. Libraries are a place open to anyone and everyone. We hope this will encourage prior users to come back to the library and attract new users to experience our offerings.

It's good for our relationships. When you walk through our doors, we want to do our best to help you, not badger you about a late fine. Going fine free makes a trip to the library more pleasant for both you and our staff.

Libraries that have adopted fine free policies found that:

- Library card registrations increased.
- Borrowing of materials increased.
- More library items were returned.
- Students returned to the library to use homework resources.
- Staff time was redirected from collecting fines to patron-focused services.

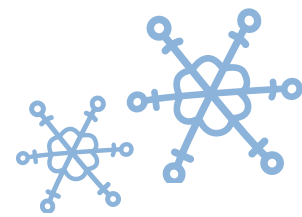
See more information on our website at www.smfpl.org/finefree ●



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Winter Reading Program

for Adults, Teens, and Children

Our Winter Reading Program for all ages runs from January 1 through February 28. For more information, click [here](#). Details are also available on page 5 of this newsletter. ●

Programs for Children & Teens

2022 brings a continuation of some of our most popular programs with our younger audiences such as [Story Times](#), [Kindergarten Readiness](#), [Anime Club](#), [Spike's Passport to Reading](#), and [Little Sprouts Nature Explorers](#). Story Times are available both at the library and for viewing from the comfort of your own home. Registration is required for Story Times at the library. ●

Safety First

To protect our employees and patrons, we recommend that everyone wear face coverings while in the library. Masks are required at indoor programs for everyone ages 2 and up. ●





Novel Eating

Mediterranean Meals

By Kristin Casale

With the New Year comes another chance to start fresh, and many people take this opportunity to go on a health kick. Sometimes we succeed, and other times we resolve to try again next year. Rather than resolving to eat healthily, perhaps it might be easier and more fun to resolve to try new and delicious things to eat. If they're healthy, that's an added bonus.

So it goes with Mediterranean food. "The Mediterranean Diet" has been revered for at least the last 30 years as the secret to healthy living. This article will focus primarily on Middle Eastern food, though some of the dishes from this region are often found in Italian and Greek cuisine as well.

According to Britannica Encyclopedia, the Middle East comprises the "lands around the southern and eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea, encompassing at least the Arabian Peninsula and, by some definitions, Iran, North Africa, and sometimes beyond".

We all know hummus, yogurt, kebab, falafel, and olives. But what about shawarma, maqluba, shakshuka, tagine? It's all wonderful. My favorite dish is shawarma – grilled, shaved meat served in a pita or over rice, with Mediterranean seasonings, grilled onions, and tomatoes. This dish is considered street food in the Middle East, but it's packed with an array of sophisticated flavors.

I feel this description applies to many Middle Eastern dishes. While some are quite complex, many are made with a few simple ingredients that combine to make flavor powerhouses that are often good for you.

My favorite Middle Eastern cookbook from our library collection is **Jerusalem: A Cookbook** by Yotam Ottolenghi and Sami Tamimi. This cookbook is a celebration of Israeli and Palestinian food. For those who may not know this, Israel used to be called Palestine, and there are many people living in Israel who still identify as ethnically Palestinian. The subtle but important differences in both styles of cooking are what make this region's cuisine so vibrant.

Also by Ottolenghi is the cookbook **Sweet**. Filled with desserts, this book focuses on the sweet flavors that populate Middle Eastern confections, such as rose petals, star anise, cardamom, and pistachios. While not "healthy," everyone deserves a treat in moderation.

Middle Eastern food is not exclusively vegetarian, but it's a great place to start to incorporate more vegetables into your diet. Check out **The New Middle Eastern Vegetarian** by Sally Butcher. This book is filled with recipes for lentils, chickpeas, and more.

For a mashup of Middle Eastern styles, try **Tahini and Turmeric: 101 Middle Eastern Classics Made Irresistibly Vegan** by Vicky Cohen and Ruth Fox. They are also the founders of MayIHavethatRecipe.com.

Continuing on with the veggie theme, and for those

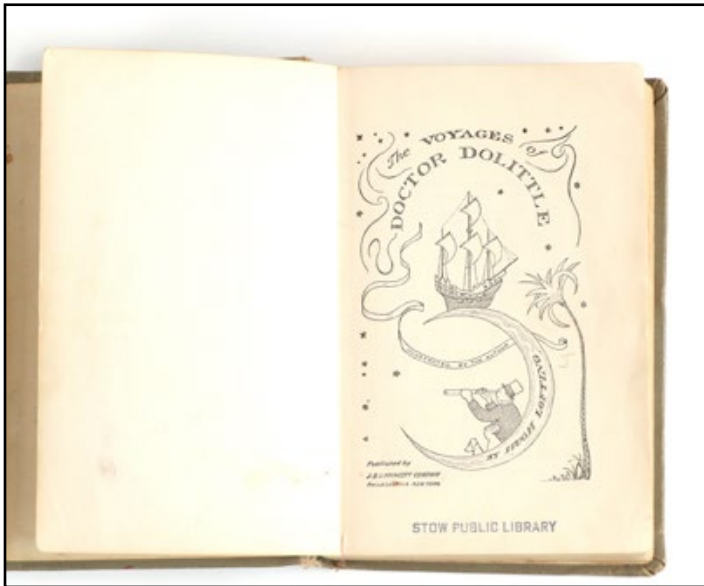
who can't get enough chickpeas, try the cookbook simply called **Chickpeas: Sweet and Savory Recipes from Hummus to Dessert** by Einat Mazo.

This next book includes some of my favorite types of Middle Eastern cuisine – **Arabesque: A Taste of Morocco, Turkey, and Lebanon** by Claudia Roden. Moroccan cuisine is where foodies can find the delicious oven-baked tagine – a stew baked in a conical pot called a tagine, hence the name. It's wonderful.

Last but not least, try **Israeli Soul** by Michael Solomonov. This book focuses on easy recipes that make up the backbone of Israeli cuisine.

After all this "talk" about Middle Eastern food, I must confess I'm getting hungry. I may have to check out one of these cookbooks to quench my appetite. ●





A 34-Year Overdue Book is Returned!

By Ann Malthaner, Head of Marketing & Public Relations

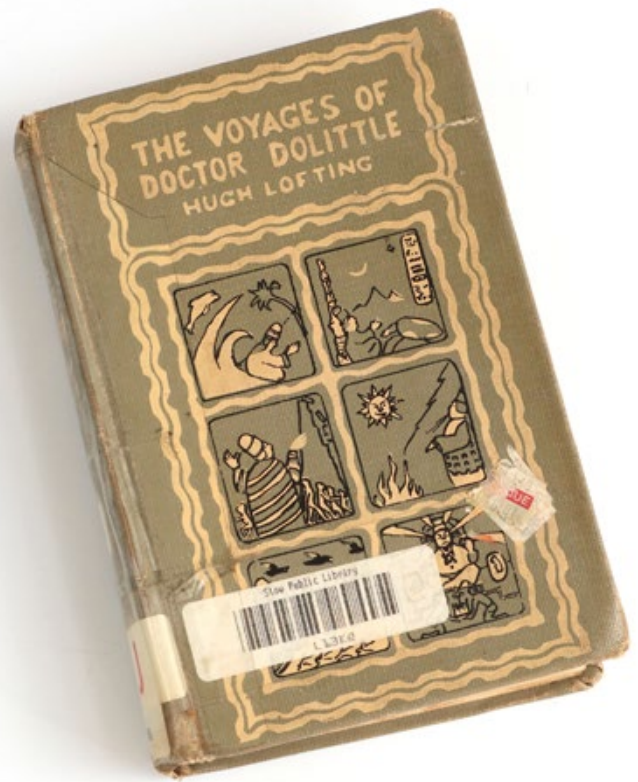
The staff at the Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library discovered a mystery in the book drop on Friday, November 19.

The Voyages of Doctor Dolittle, by Hugh Lofting, was returned by an anonymous patron. The book was originally due on October 28, 1987, making it 34 years overdue.

Ellie Harding, who has worked for the library for 41 years, recognized the obsolete barcode and due date stickers that were on the front of the book. There is also an inscription on the first pages of the book with the date it was added to the library's collection and the price of the book. It was added on 9/14/64 and the book's price was \$3.89.

Although the library doesn't know the reason behind the overdue book, it could be a combination of several reasons. "Maybe someone passed away and family members were going through their belongings and found the book. Perhaps a family was moving and found the book as they were packing up. Regardless of what the reason was, we're grateful the book was returned," said Ann Malthaner, head of marketing and public relations.

Hopefully, the person with the overdue book wasn't avoiding the library because of a fine. Even when the library charged



late fines, they would max out at the purchase price of the book, which in this case was about \$4. However, if the library charged a daily overdue fine, the cost would be roughly \$1,200.

"It's heartwarming that someone returned the book. Even though it's too old to go back into circulation, the fact that it was returned is appreciated. Better late than never", said Library Director Gale Koritansky.

Click [here](#) to see this story on Fox 8 News. ●

Adopt a Houseplant

Thurs., February 17: 6 - 8 PM

Calling all plant parents! Are you ready to open your home and heart to a new houseplant? Do you have a houseplant or cuttings that you would like to share? Stop by our Adopt a Houseplant event. We're rooting for you to find a plant that you'll love. Due to close contact with others, masks are required for everyone ages 2 and up at all indoor programs.

For more information, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4. ●



Winter Reading for All Ages

Sat., January 1 – Mon., February 28, 2022

Register for Winter Reading and record your progress online at

smfpl.beanstack.org



If you already have a Beanstack account from a previous program, just log in and update your information. You can also download the free Beanstack app for your Apple or Android device.

Adults Ages 18 and Over

Between January 1 and February 28, read and log at least one book per week to be eligible for weekly random drawings of gift cards. With each book you read and log, you will be entered to win the grand prize of a Kindle Fire HD 8 Plus.



Teens Ages 12 - 17

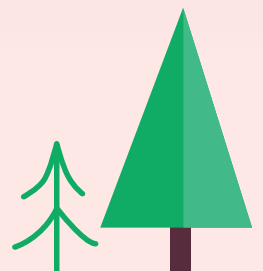
Read and log books between January 1 and February 28 to be eligible for weekly random drawings of Amazon.com gift cards, as well as free books to keep. Read and log at least 5 books to be eligible for the grand prize drawing, a \$50 Amazon gift card. Get extra chances to win by submitting reviews of the books you read. Questions? Stop in or call the Teen Information Desk at (330) 688-3295 ext. 4.

Children from Birth – Age 11

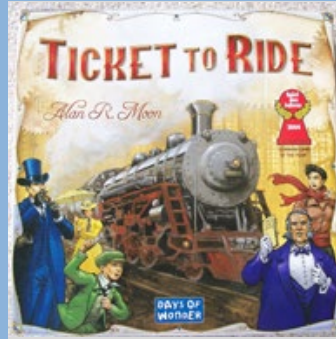
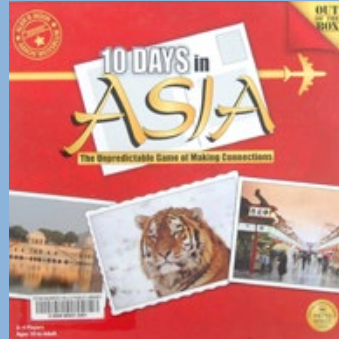
This year, the library's Winter Reading program has a list of activities you can do as a family to earn prizes, and reading is just one of them. Track your activities between Sat., January 1 and Mon., February 28 to win prizes and earn tickets to enter a grand prize drawing.

Need help signing up or logging books and activities? Stop in or give us a call at (330) 688-3295 ext. 5. We are happy to assist you!

Prizes are courtesy of
the Friends of the Library and Target.



New in '22



Click [here](#) to check out games from the Eclectic Collection.

Monthly Programs in 2022

visit events.smfpl.org for details

Regular monthly programs featuring Book Discussion Groups, Anime Club for Teens, Little Sprouts Nature Explorers, Kindergarten Readiness, Board Game Night, Acoustic Night, and Genealogy Interest Group are all heading your direction after the first of the year. Visit events.smfpl.org for a complete listing of events.

Board Game Night

Mondays: Jan. 31, Feb. 28, Mar. 28 & Apr. 25: 6:30 - 8 PM

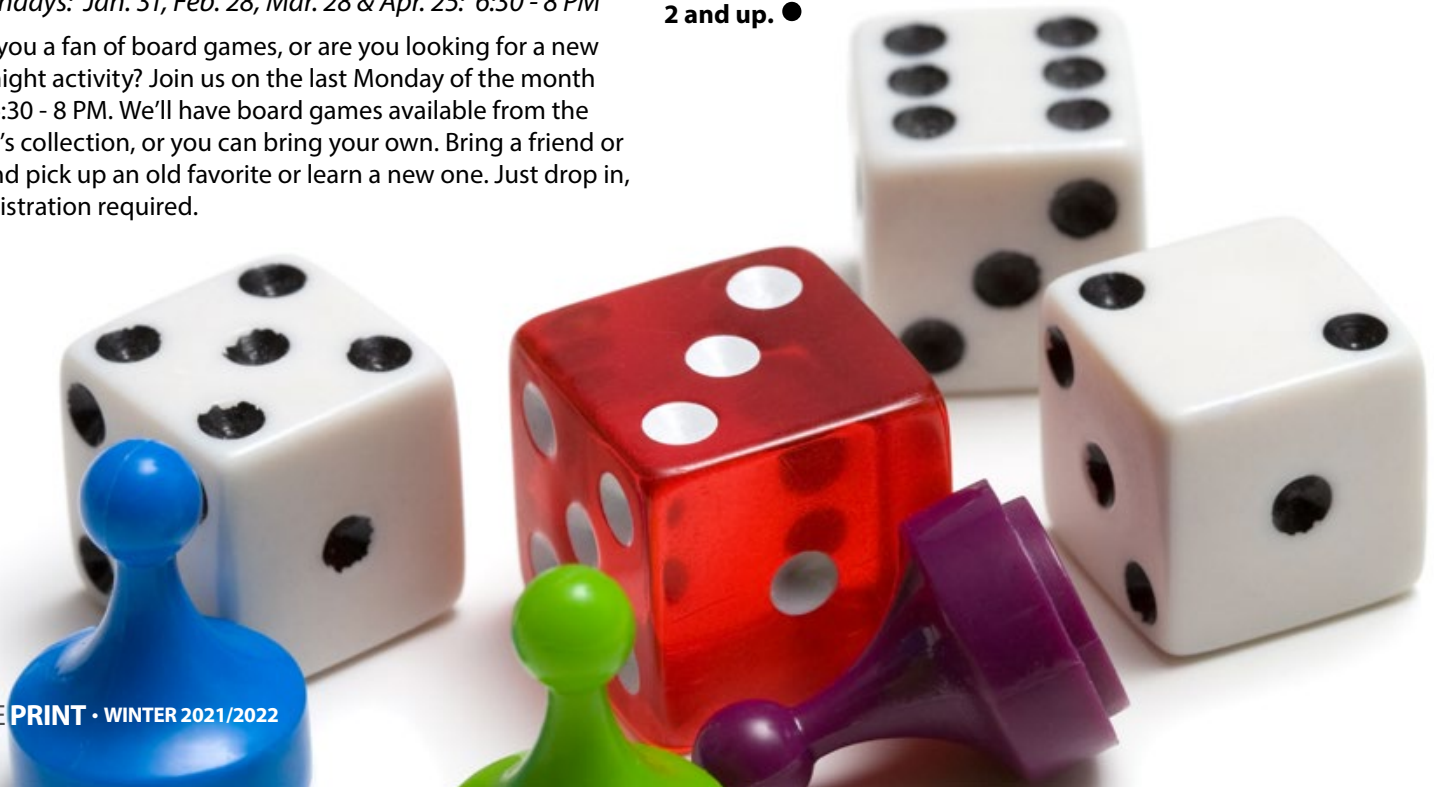
Are you a fan of board games, or are you looking for a new weeknight activity? Join us on the last Monday of the month from 6:30 - 8 PM. We'll have board games available from the library's collection, or you can bring your own. Bring a friend or two and pick up an old favorite or learn a new one. Just drop in, no registration required.

Acoustic Night

Second Wednesday of the Month: 7 - 8 PM

Join us for Acoustic Night at the Library on the second Wednesday of each month beginning on February 9 at 7 PM. Bring your guitar, banjo, harmonica, and more to learn from other musicians and play at this informal jam session. All skill levels are encouraged to attend. Drop in only, no registration required.

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Gretchen Quinn,
Local History Librarian

Genealogy



Join Our Local History Librarian

How to Be a Good Ancestor

Mon., January 24: 7 - 8:30 PM

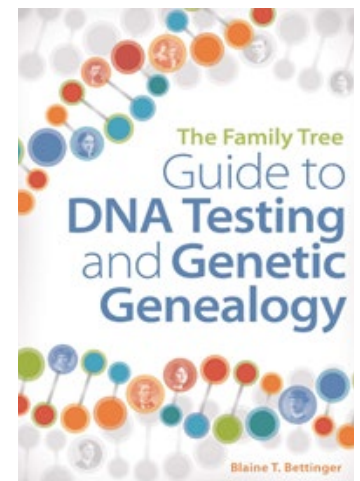
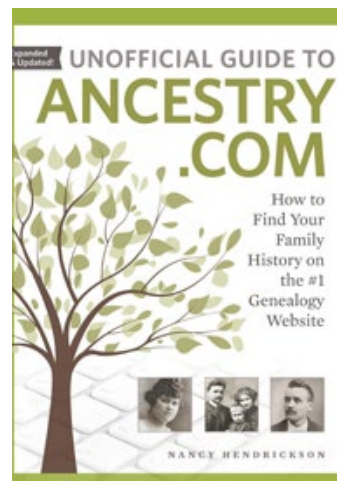
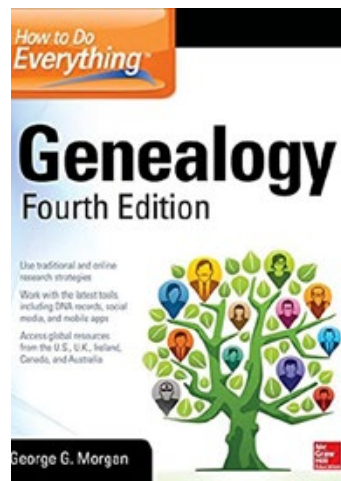
Did you ever wonder what it takes to be a good ancestor? This program will be held at the library on Mon., January 24 at 7 PM covering topics ranging from family trees, oral histories, and preparing your heirlooms and collectibles to pass on to your descendants. You'll also learn tips for gathering relevant information to accompany objects for future generations. To register, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4 or visit events.smfpl.org.

Genealogy Interest Group

Second Tuesday of the Month at 7 PM

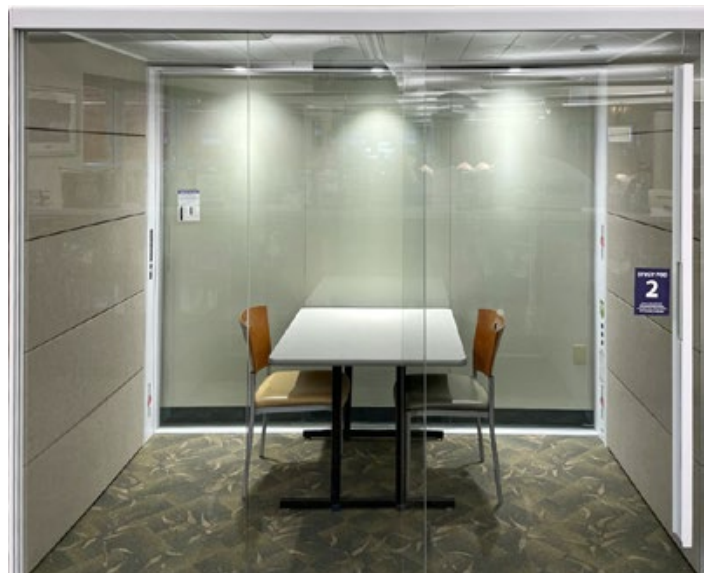
Anyone interested in genealogy and family history research will want to know about our new Genealogy Interest Group. All experience levels are welcome. This is a great opportunity to meet with other researchers to share resources, best practices, and advice. Each meeting will consist of a short program, followed by group discussion. Our first gathering will be held at the library on Tues., January 11 at 7 PM. Registration is not required. For more information, call (330) 688-3295 ext. 4.

Click [here](#) if you want to learn more about Local History. Numerous [genealogy databases](#) are available on our website including Ancestry, FamilySearch, Ohio Obituary Index, and more.



LIBRARIES

are for everyone



All Are Welcome

We support Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

The Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library welcomes and values all people, striving to provide an inclusive environment for patrons and staff. SMFPL is responsive to the needs of the community, and seeks to dismantle barriers, while providing equitable access and services to all people, regardless of race, ethnicity, age, gender identity, religion, sexual orientation, ability, or economic status. ●

Golden Buckeye Cards

The Ohio Department of Aging's Golden Buckeye program connects Ohio businesses with older adults and people with disabilities. The businesses offer cardholders special savings, such as discounts, waived fees, free products or services, and more. If you have a current Ohio Driver License or State ID card, you should automatically receive your Golden Buckeye card from the Ohio Department of Aging. People under age 60 who are eligible due to disability can apply for a Golden Buckeye card at the library's Checkout Desk. To learn more, visit www.smfpl.org and the Ohio Department of Aging's website at aging.ohio.gov. ●

New Glass Meeting Rooms

Two freestanding meeting rooms are available on the first floor by the Conference Room. Both rooms seat two people and have interior power ports, fans, and lighting.

Patrons can reserve these rooms for two hours a day for a maximum of two times a week by visiting our [website](#).

We are also happy to provide the public with larger spaces for meetings, tutoring, or just a quiet spot to study. To book the Community Room, the Conference Room, or the Munroe Falls Room, call the Finance Department at (330) 688-3295 ext. 111 or [click](#) to make an online reservation. ●

Early Learning Fair

Stop in Sat., February 5 from 10 AM - Noon for an early learning celebration. Are you looking for child care or a preschool? Have a question about typical development? Need resources for early learning? Community organizations, preschools, daycares, and businesses will be on hand to answer questions and give information. There will be interactive booths for kids, balloon twisting, demos of services, and plenty of free stuff. No registration required. Due to close contact with others, masks are required for everyone ages 2 and up at all indoor programs. ●



Book Donation

*Library Receives Book Donation from
Joshua Stow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution*

Thelma Chapman, librarian of the Joshua Stow Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented a copy of the book, **The Agitators: Three Friends Who Fought for Abolition and Women's Rights** to Assistant Head of Information Services, Jess Alloggia. Written by Dorothy Wickenden, this book is a riveting, provocative, and revelatory history of abolition and women's rights, told through the story of three women—Harriet Tubman, Frances Seward, and Martha Wright—in the years before, during, and after the Civil War.

Joshua Stow Chapter members live in Stow and the surrounding areas. They work on various projects and support active military and veterans.

The National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution is a non-profit, non-political, volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history and securing America's future through education. For more information on membership, contact Darci Houser by calling (330) 328-3847. The Stow Munroe-Falls Public Library is grateful to have received this addition to its American history section. ●

Anime Club

Join other fans ages 12 - 18 for a range of anime and manga-related activities on select Mondays at 6:30 - 7:30 PM: January 17, February 14, March 21, and April 11. Watch anime on our big screen! Cosplay welcome (dressing in costume, family-friendly please). No registration necessary. Due to close contact with others, masks are required for everyone ages 2 and up at all indoor programs. ●

Perfect Match

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 at the first floor Circulation Desk, the Drive-Up Window, or Curbside Service. ●



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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: 9 AM - 9 PM

Fri: 9 AM - 6 PM

Sat: 9 AM - 5 PM

Sun: 1 - 5 PM

Drive-Up Window and Curbside Pickup service ends 15 minutes prior to closing.

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