

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library is celebrating their centennial. They have been named the **2024 Stow Fourth of July Parade Grand Marshal**; and,

Whereas, Stow Library as it was originally named, was founded in May 1924. It began as a school district library and was located in the Township Hall close to the town center. Jessie Williams, daughter of Adella Durbin was the first librarian; and

Whereas, Stow Library broke ground on its current location in 1963. From there the library has gone through many additions and renovations all while continuing to add to their circulation, creating story hour for children, adult book discussions and hosting school field trips; and,

Whereas, Stow library added the beloved Spike the Library Turtle in 1985. Then in 1987 they installed the library's first electronic computer catalog. By 1997 the library connected to the internet and changed its name to Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library; and,

Whereas, Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library has had fourteen library directors, each one contributing to the growth and success of the library. The library purchased its first outreach vehicle in 2006 with the initiative to bring their services out into the community. This year they are debuting a new bookmobile that will extend the library's commitment to foster literacy and learning within the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, John Pribonic, Mayor of the City of Stow, do hereby extend my gratitude to Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library for their dedication to Stow and the many ways the library serves our community. The library's vision is not just being a place to borrow books but a hub for community enrichment and lifelong learning. Congratulations Stow-Munroe Falls Public Library! We are honored to have you serve as our Parade Marshal. I also ask all citizens to join me in this expression of appreciation for the library's dedication to the City of Stow. We extend best wishes upon the honorable occasion of being chosen as the 2024 Stow Parade Grand Marshal.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Stow, Ohio to be affixed this 27th day of June, 2024.



John Pribonic
Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "John Pribonic", is written over a horizontal line.