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Library Team retains cardboard canoe race trophy

A cardboard canoe representing the Library returned to the waters of Cedar Lake during the Engineering Department’s annual cardboard canoe race, held on Friday, October 2nd. Having won the department trophy again the previous year, the team of builders and rowers was determined to retain the trophy. Eleven student library assistants under the direction of **Becky Hayes**, *Circulation Services Manager*, designed and built the library’s entry. The canoe, expertly paddled by two student Library assistants, Michael Cox and Rachel Latario, not only completed the entire course but did it in only a few seconds short of the fastest time of the day. As well, the sturdy canoe was one of the last ones floating in the subsequent demolition derby. Our thanks to Jill Conway, Brad Latario, Nate Dolan, Michael Cox, Katie Krizo, Kelly Wade, Valentina Blackburn, Samantha SanGregory, Rob Hinks, Erika Ball, and Rachel Latario for the time and effort committed to the design, construction, and piloting of the Library’s canoe.



Library book cart drill team “pictured” in the Homecoming parade



On Saturday, October 3rd, the Centennial Cartwheelers made their fourth appearance in the Homecoming parade. This highly skilled book cart drill team entertained those along the parade route with the precision routines led by Sergeant Major **Andi Mounts**, *Assistant Circulation Services Manager*. The cart pushers included Tonya Fawcett, Linda Divan, Julie Deardorff, Jeff Gates, Greg Martin, Fran Andrews, Rachel Johnson, and Lynne Funtik. The team was supported by a cast of Library personnel and family members who distributed candy along the route. The book trucks, following the “Picture This” theme of homecoming, were re-engineered to look like cameras complete with pictures in the lenses. This effort, directed by **Greg Martin**, *CMC Librarian*, involved several months of preparation, including drill team practices in the Library parking lot, music preparation, the transformation of book trucks into “cameras,” and the efforts of many on the Library staff.

Library faculty member presents at University faculty dinner



Brent Etzel, *Instructional Services Librarian*, was the featured speaker at the University Faculty dinner sponsored by the Faculty Committee to the President on November 2nd. Brent's topic, *World Expositions, Wild West Shows, and the American Worldview*, highlighted the expositions or world's fairs of the late 19th and early 20th centuries with a special focus on the Trans-Mississippi & International Exposition of 1898 held in Omaha, Nebraska. His contention was that by studying the exhibits and themes of past expositions, we can better understand how Americans once saw their history and place in the world. Of special interest in the expositions of this period was the depictions of American Indians. The early concept of Omaha's Indian Congress evolved (or some might say degenerated) into wild west shows, which, though very popular, tended to misconstrue the history, culture, and influence of the American Plains Indians. Brent's presentation was supplemented by a number of photos and document images from the expositions.



OhioLINK weathers first wave of economic storm

The recent economic pressures had a significant effect on the status of the budgets of most states, putting them into serious deficits and requiring extensive cuts to balance their budgets. Ohio was no stranger to this process and, since OhioLINK is a state-funded operation and part of the Educational Technology Division, budget cuts were required. The appropriation for OhioLINK for fiscal 2010 was 13% below the original fiscal 2009 levels. Thus OhioLINK had to reduce its portion of the electronic content licenses, shared with all the Libraries in the state, by \$1.6 million. OhioLINK was able to preserve most of the key database resources because the library community absorbed the reductions by increasing their shares of the costs. A similar process was completed for reducing the cost of electronic journal licenses primarily by reducing content and eliminating access to journals with little use across the member libraries. Group action resolved the issues this time, but the OhioLINK community must continue to determine the most critical resources to support the goals of the member libraries and the University System of Ohio.

But a time of crisis is often the best time to advance and move forward, charting a course for greater success. After 20 years serving Ohio, OhioLINK and all its member institutions are ready to reinvent OhioLINK. What was revolutionary 20 years ago, and is still the leading statewide network in the country, is certainly less flexible and scalable today. Thus OhioLINK has launched a number of initiatives to redesign the system to accomplish several things: 1) interface with or be interoperable with the systems of Ohio's public and school libraries, advancing statewide resource sharing; 2) increase the efficiency and effectiveness of technical services and processes in managing both print and digital resources; 3) improve the flexibility of the system by placing as few limits on scalability as possible; 4) increase the adaptability of the System to meet future changes; 5) and in the redesign meet the diverse needs of different libraries and their institutions. Thus the task to fundamentally reinvent the central OhioLINK and Library integrated library system has been launched, called OhioLINK 2.0. Major efforts will first focus on a new central catalog architecture, on discovery layers in the system that integrate the features of current Web search engines, on cooperative technical services operations to promote efficiencies and cost savings, and on maximizing the efficiency of regional library depositories to consolidate excess collection capacity. More details about the implications of the current economic issues on OhioLINK and its launch of OhioLINK 2.0 can be found in the latest OhioLINK Update at <http://www.ohiolink.edu/about/update/fall2009/fall09.pdf>

Two rare musical leaves added to the Library Special Collections

In preparation for a future exhibit in the Biblical Heritage Gallery in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies, two rare leaves of early church music were added to the Library collection. The first is an illuminated vellum manuscript leaf with neumes (notes) from an antiphonal in Latin. It was scribed in Germany in the late 14th century. This document shows the development of musical notation by illustrating the use of gothic neumes or notes. The text in this document is from the "office" or festival held on July 2 celebrating the visitation of Mary and Elizabeth.

The second is a large decorated vellum manuscript leaf also from an antiphonal in Latin, a service book that contains sung portions of the divine service which was the cycle of devotions performed by the members of the clergy, religious orders, or choirs. The leaf, and the service book from which it comes, was large enough to be seen by the entire singing group when placed in front of them. This leaf was printed in Spain about 1550 and hand-decorated.



Library hosts dinner for students interested in a library science career

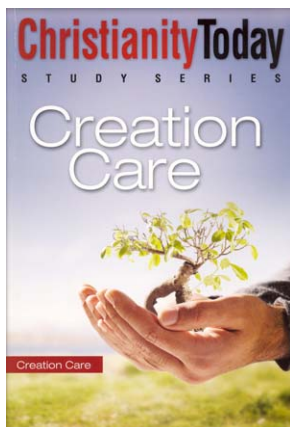


The Centennial Library's fourth annual dinner and program for students interested in library science careers was held on Monday, November 9th, in the Stevens Student Center. Students had an opportunity to mingle with University and area librarians as well as current graduate students to give perspective about library careers and graduate school programs. Following the dinner two presentations were made. The first was by the current library interns, sharing about their internship experiences-senior English major **Michael Aho**, senior middle childhood education major **Lauren Kriss**, and senior marketing major **Katie Krizo**. The second presentation was by **Christiana Estes Trecker**, a 2003 Cedarville graduate, who currently is the Circulation Manager at the Northern Lights Branch of the Columbus (Ohio) Metropolitan Public Library System. This presentation provided principles for an effective graduate school practicum experience and detailed Christiana's practicum at the Hennepin County Public Library System in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

If you know of any students who might be interested in a career as a librarian, please contact **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services*, for more information. Students from all undergraduate majors are eligible to apply to graduate school for the MLS degree.

Centennial Library scholarship award in library science available

The Centennial Library is again seeking applicants for its scholarship award in Library Science. This Award, presented annually at Honors Day if applicants are available, was established by the Centennial Library faculty to encourage and actively support the next generation of library and information specialists, and especially to encourage those who seek careers in library service and also those who will fill the future library faculty ranks of Christian colleges and universities. The cash award is available to senior applicants, and is made directly to the institution in which the recipient is enrolled for graduate study in Library and information science. The first award was presented in 2000, and since then eight other scholarships have been awarded, the most recent in 2009. The Award brochure can be accessed at http://www.cedarville.edu/academics/library/about/scholarship_brochure.pdf. Applications for the award are available in the Library Administrative office with a submission deadline of February 15, 2010. Faculty are encouraged to identify students who might be interested in a Library science degree and direct them toward this opportunity. Questions can be addressed to **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services*, who provides oversight to the Library career development program.



University Faculty in Print

Recognizing Faculty Scholarship

John E. Silvius, *Senior Professor of Biology*

“Conservation: protecting bald eagles and babies. The case for compassionate conservationism” in [Creation Care: Current Issues Bible Study Series](#). Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, 2008. pp. 64-75.

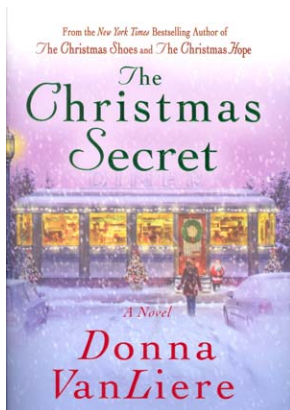
This book is the most recent addition to the Christianity Today Study Series. Its purpose is to answer the question, what place do Christians have in the environmental movement? The content includes an 8-session study guide focused on giving the students a balanced opinion on controversial topics, discussing whether a Christian should get involved in “liberal” activities, and learning what Scripture has to say about creation care. The session on “Creation’ Caretakers” includes as its focused reading this article by John Silvius, which first appeared in [Christianity Today](#) in 2001. The reading is followed by discussion guides, relevant issues, reflections on Scripture, discussion questions, and possible action initiatives.

University Alumni in Print

Carrying the Torch to Their World

Donna VanLiere (Class of 1989)

[The Christmas Secret](#). New York: St. Martin’s Press, 2009. 291 pages.



Donna VanLiere follows up the successful best-selling titles in her Christmas Hope series with this latest book. This novel reveals how the greatest gifts in our lives are sometimes discovered beneath the biggest boulders blocking our road. When a struggling young single mother saves the life of an elderly woman, she sets in motion a series of events that will test her strength, loyalty, and determination, all the while setting her on the path to finding lasting love, a gift that truly keeps giving back.

Library Holiday and Semester Break Hours

The following are the public hours for the Centennial Library for the Thanksgiving and Semester breaks. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

Thanksgiving Break

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| November 25 | Close at 3:00 p.m. |
| November 26-29 | Closed |
| November 30 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| December 1 | Resume regular hours |

Semester Break

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| December 11 | Close at 5:00 p.m. |
| December 12-13 | Closed |
| December 14-18 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| December 19-27 | Closed |
| December 28-30 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| December 31 | Close at 3:00 p.m. |
| January 1-3 | Closed |
| January 4 | 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. |
| January 5 | Resume regular hours |

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