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New Faculty Member Joins Library

In September, **Jeff Gates** joined the Library staff as the new Information Services Librarian. Jeff comes to Cedarville after 10 years as the Library Director at Faith Baptist Bible College in Ankeney, Iowa. Jeff's responsibilities include assisting students with research at the Reference Desk and through individual research appointments, participating in the user education program through course-integrated research instruction and library-sponsored workshops, and assisting in the development and application of the Library assessment program.



Media Resource Center Becomes



After 20 years of steady service evolution, it was time for a major re-design of the Media Resource Center to address current and future realities. After six months of evaluation and planning, remodeling facilities, adding new workstations and furniture, the new MediaPLEX was introduced to the University faculty and staff in August. The focus is primarily on assisting students, in collaboration with faculty, with the application of graphics, imaging, and multi-media resources to their academic work—a place where students can receive assistance, training, and collaboration on the integration of technology into course assignments. In the re-design, the name was changed to reflect a more high-tech role, the scope of services to students and faculty was both adjusted and broadened, staff positions and responsibilities were re-defined, the facilities were re-arranged and changed, a partnership with the Center for Teaching and Learning to supplement services to faculty was developed, and a significant new marketing effort to promote services was undertaken.

Purpose and Services

The stated purpose of the Centennial Library MediaPLEX is to provide a production support hub for students and faculty that advances creative media applications and delivery through imaging, graphics, multi-media, and craft services; through media production support consultations; and through available collaboration facilities. Its services include imaging and printing, graphics/desktop publishing support, multimedia/video production assistance, craft resources, software application consultations, collaboration facilities, an open computer lab, and a help desk.



New Staff Roles

Carl Brandon, Assistant Director for Media Services leads the new MediaPLEX while also bringing skills in PhotoShop and graphics creation. **Patty Stutes** transitions from MRC Manager to MediaPLEX Desktop Publishing Consultant. **Dianne Seals** continues her graphics support work as MediaPLEX Graphics Consultant. **Lori Myers** expands her role from AV Services Office Coordinator to Media Services Office Coordinator, including serving as the Crafts Consultant. And **Josh Heinrich** builds on his recent work in multi-media support for both Media Services and the Center for Teaching and Learning to become the MediaPLEX Multimedia Consultant. One of the professional staff members of the MediaPLEX is available at the Help Desk until 8:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Though some of the functions of AV Services have been integrated into MediaPLEX, it remains a separate operation providing classroom technology services. **Scott Deetz** serves as the AV Services Manager with the assistance of **Rich Williams** as the AV Services Lead Technician. For a tour of the MediaPLEX facilities or to collaborate with its staff about how your students can take advantage of the services, please contact Carl Brandon or use the MediaPLEX e-mail service, mediaplex@cedarville.edu.

Successful Open House

On September 13, the MediaPLEX staff hosted an open house for the University family. Almost 400 students and faculty came through the MediaPLEX to become acquainted with the facilities, the staff, and the services. Many gift certificates from area businesses were distributed, demonstrations were provided, several door prizes were given, and all those who attended received a Dove ice cream bar upon leaving the Library.



“Amazing Race” Comes to the Library

This year the Centennial Library Undergraduate Experience (C.L.U.E.) was put to rest and a new and more interactive Library Orientation, **The Amazing Race**, was set in motion. Teams of 3 to 7 freshmen were provided "passports" that gave them directions for discovering six different resources or services available in and through the Centennial library. After completing the required task for each area, their passports were stamped and the groups were allowed to proceed to the next area. At the finish line, students were asked to complete an evaluation and redeem it for an ice cream bar. Leah Price and Courtney Mumme were the winners in the drawing for the Cedarville University Bookstore gift certificates. 344 Freshman, assisted by 12 Library staff and faculty, participated in two busy afternoons getting acquainted with Library resources and services they will need to be academically successful.



Curriculum Materials Center Celebrates 40th Anniversary

During this academic year, the Centennial Library will be celebrating the 40th anniversary of the Curriculum Materials Center. Originally known as the Curriculum Lab, it was first part of a new Cedarville College Library (now the Milner Business Administration building), completed in 1967. Because the Lab was too small to accommodate much growth, the Education Department developed a Reading Center in Collins Hall in 1973. While the Reading Center was under the supervision of the Education Department, the Curriculum Lab remained under the direction of the Library staff.

When the Education Department moved to a remodeled Williams Hall in 1981, the resources of both the Reading Center and the Curriculum Lab were combined in a new location on the second floor of Williams under the direction and daily supervision of the Education Department. The new facility was named the Curriculum Materials Center.

Because of the growing complexity of staffing the Center for the number of hours required to serve students, and because the state of Ohio was requiring that Curriculum Centers be professionally cataloged like libraries, the Library staff re-assumed responsibility for the Center in 1984 and ran it as a branch of the College Library. When the Centennial Library opened in April 1987, the new Curriculum Materials Center (CMC), comprising over 2600 square feet, occupied its present location, a prominent place on the lower level.



During this time, there have been three Curriculum Materials Center Librarians. **Judy Lowstetter** began her service in 1984, provided supervision for the transition of the CMC from Williams Hall to the new Library facilities, and continued to serve as CMC Librarian until 1989. In that year, **Joyce Riggs** became the second CMC Librarian, serving until 2002. During that period the position was elevated to full-time faculty status. In 2002, **Greg Martin** became the third CMC Librarian.

A number of activities and events are being planned for this anniversary year. Monthly drawings will begin in October; prizes will include children's books, gift certificates to teacher supply stores, and gift certificates to book stores. On December 4, children's author and illustrator Adam Rex will speak with students in the CMC, and an open house and reception is being planned for the spring semester.



Library Participates in Graduate School Career Link Day

The Centennial Library will once again host a table dedicated to graduate study in library science at the Career Services Graduate School Career Link program. The event will be held on Thursday, November 1, 4:30-7:30 p.m., on the upper level of the SSC. The University Librarians will provide information about graduate schools which offer an American Library Association accredited master's degree in library science and about various types of library careers. If you know of students who are interested in careers as librarians or information specialists, or whose skills and talents might lead them in that direction, please encourage them to attend.

Following the Career Link event, the Centennial Library will host a pizza dinner and panel discussion at 8:00 p.m. in the SSC Event Rooms. Students who attended the dinner last year found it to be very informative. Reservations are recommended. For more information, contact **Julie Deardorff**, Assistant Library Director for Collection Services, or **Mandy Hutchinson** in Career Services.

Everything From “A” to “Z”

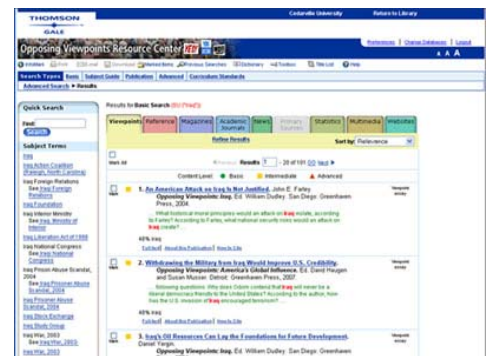
Did you ever need to read a journal article when the library was closed...or maybe on a day when you didn't have time to take a leisurely walk across campus to the library? The new A-to-Z Electronic Resources software provides one-click access to ALL the journal titles available electronically through the Centennial Library. Searching is available by title, words in a title and publisher. You can also browse by title and subject. Journals included are from the library databases that provide full text (EJC, Academic Search Complete, Lexis-Nexis, etc.), from online-only journals (Christian Computing Magazine, Coaching Management: Baseball, etc.), and from electronic access because the Library also has a print subscription (American Journal of Botany, Journal of the American Musicological Society, Nineteenth Century Literature, etc.) To access the A-to-Z Electronic Resources and your favorite journal, click on Find E-Journals on the Library's website.



Opposing Viewpoints Series Now in Electronic Format

The *Opposing Viewpoints series* has been a print resource used for many years by students in Composition and Fundamentals of Speech, as well as other students, looking for information that presents both sides of an issue. The Centennial Library collection of 140 titles has now been updated with the addition of the *Opposing Viewpoints Resource Center*. This on-line database provides full text access to over 2.7 million articles in several different formats (academic journals, magazines, multimedia, news, primary sources, reference, statistics, viewpoints, and websites). Multiple search methods and limiting options are provided on the initial search screen. Students may search by subject, by keyword or the entire document and limit results by content level and type. The Popular Topics list provides a quick access to over 100 hot topics. Education majors will be interested in the links from National and State Curriculum Standards to articles that support the teaching of these standards.

Opposing Viewpoints Resources Center is available from the Library's website under Find Databases & Articles → *Opposing Viewpoints Resources Center*.



New Library Website Launched

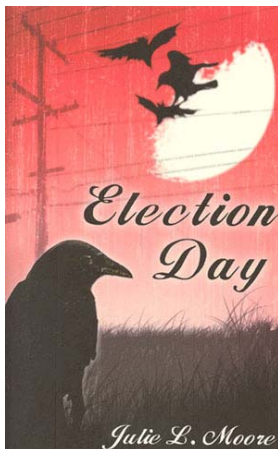
After months of discussing, designing, and testing, the new Centennial Library Website was released in August, in preparation for the busy Fall semester. The process began in December 2006 when **April Cooper**, Cedarville University Senior, was hired through the Center for Teaching and Learning to work with the Centennial Library in designing a new website that would meet the second objective of the Centennial Library mission: to “design and deliver services that empower its users to utilize information resources and technology independently, critically and efficiently.” We wanted a website that would be intuitive for our primary users, Cedarville students and faculty.



To this end students and faculty were interviewed about their use of the Library's website and several Centennial Library staff and faculty met with April to discuss the best ways to meet the needs of the faculty, staff and students who use their area of the Library and website. Working within the Cedarville University website parameters, a site was designed to reflect all the resources and services that are available not only in the Centennial Library, but also the large number of resources that are available electronically through the Library's website.

One of the special projects was the redesign of the Library Staff page which provides not only portraits of each staff member, but also biographical, education, interests, and contact information.

In September, the responsibility for the continued development of the Library web site was transferred to **Tricia Clark**, Reader Services Technical Coordinator. This project was a successful collaboration between the Library and the Center for Teaching and Learning to provide an organized gateway to the Centennial Library and all of its resources and services.



University Faculty in Print

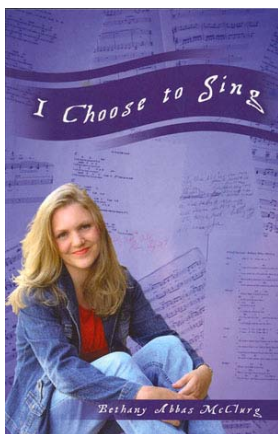
Recognizing Faculty Scholarship

Julie Moore, Assistant Professor of English

[Election Day: Poems by Julie L. Moore.](#)

Georgetown, Kentucky: Finishing Line Press, 2006. 30 pages

In her first collection of published poetry, Julie explores the themes of pain, loss, human relations, and the ups and downs of life's experiences. One reviewer shared that Julie "wonders at the vast distance in the small spaces between us all, and she discovers that pain, our own and that of those we love, is a place where a good long look provides perspective on what we must endure." The poems in this collection, a number of which appeared previously in journals, weave the beauty and frailty of nature with the landscape of human pain.



Alumni in Print

Carrying the Torch to Their World

Beth Abbas McClurg, (Class of 1996)

[I Choose to Sing.](#)

Baltimore, Maryland: PublishAmerica, 2006. 169 pages.

Beth, a vocalist, musician, and songwriter, shares her story of pain, tears, and triumph as she recounts her physical battles with leukemia and hip replacements. In this personal account, "she takes a close look at her life and the lessons learned through her journey. Through honesty, humor, and deep conviction, Bethany gives insight into the post-trauma of tragedy, speaks about the joy of finding true love, and tells of her battle with depression." Beth, a wife and mother, continues a ministry of public speaking and vocal musical performance.

Upcoming Events

The following are the public hours for the Centennial Library for the Fall break. Please plan your schedule accordingly.

Fall Break

October 17	Close at 5:00 p.m.
October 18-19	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
October 20	Closed
October 22	Resume regular hours

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