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The **Centennial Library E-News**, published 4 times during the academic year, is provided to assist its readers in becoming more knowledgeable about Library resources and services at Cedarville University. Comments and questions are encouraged.

LIBRARY NEWS Staff and Service Highlights

DR. DUANE WOOD AND LIBRARY STAFF HONORED AT ANNUAL LIBRARY RECOGNITIONS DINNER

On Friday, April 15, over 80 Library staff, family members, and guests gathered for the annual *Library Recognitions Dinner*. The purpose of the dinner is to honor all those on the Library staff who had received awards during the year, to honor staff for special achievements, to present service awards to the Student Library Assistants, to honor those Student Library Assistants who are graduating seniors with special gifts, and to thank all the Library staff for a job well done during the academic year. In addition, our special guest this year was Dr. Duane Wood, who is stepping down as Academic Vice President, having served in that position since 1987.

Recognition of Dr. Duane Wood

During his tenure as Academic Vice President, **Duane Wood** has demonstrated a consistent and enthusiastic support for Library advancement and funding, expanded information technology, appropriate compensation for Library faculty and staff, and strong support for Library professionals as full University faculty participants. He has been responsive, encouraging, and willing sometimes to step outside of the box to respond to the needs, plans, and goals of the Library staff. It is safe to say that we would not be at our current level of library funding, library staffing, and administrative support were it not for his dedicated advocacy for the information resources necessary for our academic program. His direct advocacy for the Library will be missed, but as a result of his efforts, the Centennial Library has a solid reputation for quality and progressiveness with the University administration and the Trustees. The Library staff honored Duane and Sherrie Wood with a number of gifts.

The following Library staff recognitions that were given:

Centennial Library Distinguished Service Awards

Certificates of Recognition for Distinctive Service are given for important achievements advancing Centennial Library services as well as for significant contributions to the service and reputations of the Centennial Library.

This year two awards were presented. **Greg Martin, Curriculum Materials Center Librarian** received his award in recognition of his exceptional commitment to professional development and his dedicated pursuit and completion of a graduate degree in Library Science. **Susan Winn, Reference Librarian** received her award in recognition of the effective design, development, and operational implementation of the Library ResourceFinder database, assisting students in starting their research more efficiently.

Scholarship Award Recognitions

The *Centennial Library Scholarship Award in Library Science* was established in 1997 by the Centennial Library faculty to encourage and actively support the next generation of library and information specialists, and especially to encourage 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. This year's recipients were **Elizabeth Shortt**, a 2005 graduate majoring in English, who has been accepted at the University of Kentucky Graduate Library School, and **Megan Sterling**, also a 2005 graduate majoring in history, who will begin her graduate studies this Fall at the Kent State University School of Library and Information Science.

StAR Award

For the first year the *Staff Achievement and Recognition (StAR) Award* was presented. This recipient, selected from nominations made by Library faculty and staff, is chosen by an award committee using one or more of the following qualities:

- provides quality service to staff and patrons with a spirit of Christian servanthood.
- presents a favorable image of the Library both inside and outside the University.
- demonstrates and encourages teamwork.
- promotes a constructive and congenial work environment.
- seeks to be creative and innovative in job performance

The recipient of the inaugural award was **Lynn Brock, Director of Library Services**.

Student Library Assistant Awards for Service

Non-Senior Service Awards

As part of the Library Service Award program, 21 non-senior Student Library Assistants received awards for various terms of service from 2 semesters to 8 semesters. Awards include mugs for 2 semesters, engraved key chains for 4 semesters, and clocks for 6 semesters.

Senior Recognition and Service Awards

14 senior Student Library Assistants were honored. In addition to the service awards mentioned above, each senior receives a leather portfolio engraved with his/her name.

SOAR Award

For the first year the *Student Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Award* was

presented. This award, established by the Library Managers Council, will recognize a Library student assistant for exceptional service to the Library. The **SOAR** award will be presented periodically to a student assistant who demonstrates leadership, creativity, service, initiative, or performance that exceeds the normal expectations of his or her job description. The recipient of this inaugural **SOAR** award is **Andrew Clauson**, a senior serving in AV Services. Andrew developed a software program that records and tracks complete information on all A-V equipment, supplies, and service calls.

Top Scholar Award

The **Top Scholar Award** goes to the graduating senior Student Library Assistant who has the highest grade point average. The award includes the presentation to the recipient of a study Bible, and the selection of a book, representing the major of the recipient, to be placed in the Library collection in his or her honor. To be eligible, a student assistant must have worked at the Library for at least 2 academic semesters, and the grade point average is calculated at the end of the Fall semester. This year's **Top Scholar Award** was presented to **Lisa Wendl**, a Technical and Professional Communications Major, who has worked at the Library for 3 years.

LIBRARY COMPLETES NATIONAL LIBRARY ASSESSMENT PROJECT



This year 933 students, faculty and staff participated in the 2005 LibQUAL+ survey, a national on-line survey designed to assess library service. Over 97,000 library users nationwide were involved in the survey during the 2004-2005 school year. This was the second time this survey was used, the first being in 2002. We anticipate receiving our data next week, at which time we will begin analyzing the numbers and comments. Your input helps us better serve your needs.

All those who participated in the survey were eligible for a prize drawing. The three student winners of an **iPod Shuffle** were Chelsie Hoffman, Lindsey Everswick, and Jason Nixon. Congratulations to our winners!

Thank you to all who participated and shared your opinion about the service you receive at your Centennial Library.

LIBRARY TO HOUSE THE NEW CENTER FOR TEACHING AND LEARNING

Since the late 1990's the concept of a **Center for Teaching and Learning** to centralize, coordinate, and expand the faculty development activities on campus has been in the proposal stage. In early summer of 2004, a feasibility study was developed and presented to the Administrative Council. A combination of administrative support, the offer of facilities in the Library, growing evidence supporting the need for the Center, and the anticipated demands of proposed graduate programs provided the critical mass necessary to bring the Center to reality. The result of that work was the approval to establish the Center for the 2005/2006 academic year and to house it in the

Library. The Library facility re-modeling has begun to accommodate the Center operations and staff. The search for a Director for the Center is in process with the plan to complete interviews in April and make a final selection by May 1.

WHAT'S NEW

Library Resource and Service Updates

RARE BIBLE MANUSCRIPT LEAF ADDED TO THE BIBLE HERITAGE COLLECTION

To further broaden the scope of items in the *Centennial Library Bible Heritage Collection*, a rare leaf from a 13th century Latin manuscript Bible, was added to the collection. This manuscript page, scribed in France, includes the text from the end of the 3rd chapter of Zephaniah through the first two chapters of Haggai. The minute text, on very thin vellum, is handwritten and colored.

Unlike the large manuscript Bibles of the preceding centuries, these 13th century manuscript Bibles were called “portable” Bibles because of their small size. Each copy was commonly written in minute script, densely blocked on the page, and is so compact that it can encompass all parts of the Scriptures into a single unit, an entire hand-written Bible in one consecutive book in a single binding. The parchment or vellum is sometimes so white and thin that it looks like tissue paper, almost weightless in its density. The pages often had tiny initials at the start of each text with red or blue penwork for chapter initials or other illustrations. Compared to a modern printed Bible, the 13th century portable Bibles look very similar. The weight, size, shape, thin paper, chapter numbers, two columns of text, and the order of the books of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, are all now virtually unchanged today.

ALUMNI IN PRINT

Carrying the Torch to Their World

Ruthann Bosley (*Class of 1972*)

Victory in the Valleys: A Journey through the Valleys of Life including Cancer and Death.
Sugarcreek, OH: Victory Press, 2003. 129 pages.

Ruthann Bosley and her husband Gary had faced many valleys during their 30-year marriage. But would the Lord get them through the valley of cancer and the valley of death? Ruthann shares their journey with the Lord and the valleys that the Lord carried them through: the struggles of godly parenting, the shock of aggressive cancer, the homegoing of a spouse, and the pain of dealing with grief and a new stage of life. Ruthann writes “hopefully you will see and understand the place that Jesus Christ has in the lives of an everyday couple. Over the years, just like all of you, we had our valleys. But the Lord always gave us our victories as we trusted in Him.” Victory in the Valleys

helps the reader see and understand God's faithfulness.

LIBRARY POLICY BEAT
Reviewing Library Policies and Operational Issues

SUMMER 2005 AT THE LIBRARY

The public hours for the Library for the Summer of 2005 will be available on the Library web site. The *Curriculum Materials Center* and the *Media Resource Center* will be available during all the Library summer hours. *AV Services* will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

For those faculty needing assistance with media hardware, software, or classroom technology equipment during the summer school sessions, please contact **Scott Deetz** in *AV Services* at 7853 for scheduling and technical support.

In addition, full-time staff will be available during the summer in the *Media Resource Center* and in the *Instructional Technology Assistance Service* to provide technical assistance and support. Should faculty have graphics production projects, classroom technology support projects, or instructional technology applications you would like to explore in preparation for the Fall semester, this would be a good opportunity to get a head start on those projects. If you have questions about the media resources and staff available to you, please contact **Carl Brandon**, *Assistant Library Director for Media Services*.

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