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Literature database, which is accessed not only by Cedarville students, but also by many using its capabilities from around the country. In 2012, he was appointed to a new position as Collection Services Librarian, but most recently has taken on an additional role as the Director of the DigitalCommons@Cedarville, the new University digital repository, which highlights and makes available on the web the intellectual output and scholarship of the University. Greg is an avid reviewer of children's and young adult books, with many reviews in print. He has Master's degrees both in Music and in Library Science.

Library's Director of Collection Services serves on state-wide academic library committees



Julie Deardorff, *Director of Library Collection Services*, has been invited to serve on OhioLINK's Collection Building Task Force as a representative for the private college and university libraries among the 90 member institutions of OhioLINK. The task force is charged with identifying ways that OhioLINK libraries can work cooperatively when purchasing print and electronic library resources so as to maximize the purchasing power of individual institutions and reduce unnecessary state-wide duplication.

During 2012/13, Julie is also serving as the co-chair of the Collection Management Interest Group (CMIG) of the Academic Library Association of Ohio. As a past chair of this group, Julie was asked to help revive it after it had become dormant in recent years. The group organizes workshops and presentations for academic librarians in Ohio about the management of library resources.

Library faculty members promoted

Brent Etzel, *Director of Library Public Services*, and **Greg Martin**, *Collection Services Librarian*, were promoted, by approval of the Board of Trustees in January, from Assistant to Associate Professor of Library Science effective July 1, 2013.



Brent Etzel, as a department head, supervises the staff in circulation services, interlibrary services, reference services, and research instruction. He arrived at Cedarville in 2008, after 11 years of academic library experience at Eureka College and Augustana College. First serving at Cedarville as the Instructional Services Librarian, and now as Director of Public Services, Brent has led the effort of further developing, promoting, and teaching in an expanded research instruction program that serves the information literacy needs of our students. This effort reaches into almost 100 classes each year. Brent is currently serving on the Faculty Committee to the President and the Graduate Services Committee. He is this year completing a 4-year term as the Conference Program Coordinator and Conference Program Director of the Association of Christian Librarians. In that role he has led conference preparation efforts at sites in Minnesota, Ohio, Florida, and California. Brent has Master's degrees both in History and in Library Science.

Greg Martin came to Cedarville in 2002 after 30 years in public school education, and recently completed 10 years as the Curriculum Materials Center Librarian, where he expanded the CMC collection as well as the digital resources and services. The most prominent development was the Children's and Young Adult



Student assistants are a critical part of the library staff

The Centennial Library could not successfully serve our students and faculty without a talented cadre about 40 student library assistants who supplement the work of full-time Library faculty and staff in the MediaPLEX, the Curriculum Materials Center, Interlibrary Services, Circulation Services, Collection Services, and the Digital Commons. Last year student Library assistants worked 10,763 hours, a number equal to over 5 full-time employees. About 45% of the Library service hours are under the direct oversight of student library assistants.

Some students advance to positions with supervisory responsibilities. In Circulation services, student shift leaders manage teams of students who are responsible for the staffing and supervision of the main desk and Library operations every evening, all day Saturday, and Sunday evening.



Recognitions Dinner, held every Spring.

There are generally more student applicants for jobs in the Library than positions available, which says a lot for the way in which the Library managers who supervise student assistants train, treat, and supervise their student employees. Many of the Library student assistants use their Library work experience as a reference for future employers. Oversight for student employment is provided by the Library Managers Council comprised of **Lori Myers**, *MediaPLEX Office Coordinator*, chair; **Carol Bliss**, *Circulation Services Manager*; **Sharon Kerestes**, *Curriculum Materials Center Librarian*; **April Hand**, *Serials Technical Assistant*; and **Fran Andrews**, *Library Office Manager*.

To assist student employees in improving work skills, the Library holds a Student Assistant Retreat every Fall which focuses on developing service skills, interpersonal and team skills, and improved knowledge of Library operations and services. To encourage student staff, the Library maintains a service award program as well as several special student assistant awards to acknowledge significant contributions to the effectiveness of their work responsibilities. The most prestigious is the SOAR award - Student Outstanding Achievement Recognition - presented to the student assistant who demonstrates leadership, creativity, service, or initiative that exceeds the normal expectations of the job. These awards are presented at the Library



DigitalCommons expands services and resources

DigitalCommons@Cedarville continues to grow. Last Fall, this digital institutional repository service provided by the Library went public on the web with the goal to highlight the intellectual and scholarly output of the University, especially focusing on the work of faculty and students. To date, over 2,000 items have been posted in the repository with over 24,000 downloads by researchers around the world in the past ten months. The work of University personnel is being viewed and used. As well, individual scholarship websites, called *SelectedWorks*, have been created for 80 faculty members, with more added each week. The Digital Commons is now offering digital and print-on-demand publishing services for monographs through its publishing arm, *Cedrus Press*, and would be happy to assist individuals, especially faculty, in publishing their works. Content in the repository has expanded with the inclusion of the Staley lecture series, podcasts and documents from the Center for Bioethics, digital versions of Cedars, Inspire, the Miracle yearbooks, University press releases, and much, much more. Check the repository out at DigitalCommons@Cedarville. The offices of Digital Commons personnel are now located on the Library lower level in the Digital Services complex, room 38. To discuss ways that the Digital Commons personnel can serve our faculty, students, and staff, please contact them at dc@cedarville.edu or **Greg Martin**, the *Director of the Digital Commons*, at marting@cedarville.edu.

Latest Biblical Heritage Gallery exhibit reprises the first exhibit in 2008

The inaugural 2008 exhibit in the Biblical Heritage Gallery in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies is currently being repeated featuring items from the Centennial Library's Bible Heritage collection. The exhibit, re-designed and expanded by **Lynn Brock**, *Dean of Library Services and University Archivist*, is entitled *Born out of Persecution: the History of the English Printed Bible*. The items in the exhibit document the English translation of the Bible from the work of William Tyndale in the early 16th century to the completion of the King James Version of the Bible, first published in 1611. The presentation uses original pages from a Tyndale New Testament [1536], a Coverdale Bible [1551], a Matthew's Bible [1537], and the Great Bible [1539], supplemented by complete editions of a Geneva Bible [1608], a Bishop's Bible [1584], a Rheims New Testament [1572], and four King James Bibles [1613, 1617, 1629, and 1762]. Several facsimile editions of important early English Bibles are also a part of the exhibit. Narratives in each case and item descriptions tell the story of this important Bible translation work. The collection will be on display through the end of June. Information about the exhibit can be viewed at the Gallery [website](#).

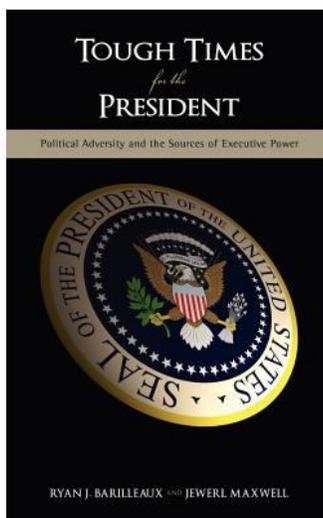


University Faculty in Print

Recognizing Faculty Scholarship

Jewel Maxwell, *Assistant Professor of Political Science*, and Ryan Barilleaux *Tough Times for the President: Political adversity and the sources of executive power*. Amherst, New York: Cambria Press, 2012. 307 pages.

According to Dr. Maxwell and his co-author, the content of this book is a new understanding of the nature of presidential power. By examining 11 case studies of the 10 post-World War II presidents and the executing of their power in challenging circumstances, the authors broaden the interpretation of presidential power and analyze the limits, opportunities, and circumstances that presidents face as they govern the nation. Their conclusions suggest that presidential power is more based on "situational leverage" than on the persuasive powers of the president. "Viewing presidential power as leverage will make it possible to better understand the nature and use of power and the chief executive's place in the American political system." This book is the result of work first done for a conference presentation while the authors were graduate students at Miami University.



University Alumni in Print

Carrying the Torch to Their World



Jeremy Stevens (Class of 2005)

So What Happens Next? Exploring biblical prophecies to make sense of today's chaos. Sisters, Oregon: Deep River Books, 2012. 216 pages.

This book explores the biblical prophecies of the past to learn about the potential future. The author discusses how secular geopolitical predictions about the future parallel ancient prophecy and explores how the Bible's predictions are being fulfilled today. He describes the path the western world has taken, including its role in the end, and addresses the importance of the United States in the fulfillment of biblical prophecy. By using a system known as biblical strategic forecasting, the author combines expert opinion with the predictions of the Bible. The world is hurtling toward the end times at a faster rate than many realize; the return of Christ may be sooner than most of us expect. Though the author does not attempt to predict the specific timeline of events, he does attempt to unite biblical prophecy and strategic forecasting by focusing on geopolitical events - past, present, and future.

Library Spring break hours

The following are the public hours for the Centennial Library for Spring break. Please plan your schedules accordingly.

Semester Break

March 1	Close at 5:00 p.m.
March 2-3	Closed
March 4-7	8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.
March 8-10	Closed
March 11	Resume regular hours

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