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Library faculty member retires after 21 years

Carl Brandon, *Director of Library Media Services*, is retiring after completing 21 years of service at Cedarville University. Before arriving here, among several of his work experiences were the 13 years Carl spent as the media director at the Association of Baptists for World Evangelism, traveling the world supporting and documenting world missions. In 1992, he came to Cedarville to serve in the Library as Director of Media Services and was integral in assisting the further development of AV Services, which implemented and provided the classroom technology installations. During his tenure here, he has been actively involved in the design and integration of classroom technology in the many new University facilities. He was also instrumental in expanding the services of the Media Resource Center into multi-media and computer-based resources, with its eventual transition into today's MediaPLEX



Carl has been the recipient of a number of awards. In 2002, Carl was selected to receive the ***John Kerstetter Research Award*** from the Consortium of College and University Media Centers. The award provided financial support for Carl's study about institutions that effectively integrate technology with the development of faculty presentation skills. The results of this study were eventually published in the Consortium's journal

In 2008 Carl was awarded the ***Rotary International Ambassadorial Teaching Grant*** which allowed him to spend 4 months in China teaching with the International Schools of China and at the Beijing Administrative College, an institution reserved for training high-ranking government officials. During his time there, Carl also developed a promotional video for the International Schools and assisted in editing and preparing the conversational English manuscript for the book published by the College to recognize the 400th anniversary of the arrival of the first missionary to China, who is buried along with other foreign missionaries on the grounds of the College.

Carl and his wife have always had a heart for children and young people. As foster parents of 52 children over a period of 30 years, Carl and Karyl have been active in community children's organizations, serving in committee leadership and program planning. Both in Greene County and in the State of Ohio, Carl and his wife were active on the Family and Children First Councils and with Greene County Children's Services.

Since 2008, Carl's graphics work has been regularly displayed in the exhibits in the Biblical Heritage Gallery in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies.

Library scholarships awarded

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 award is available to seniors or graduates enrolled for graduate study in library and information science. Students apply for the scholarship and the selection process

includes a faculty recommendation and an interview by the Library faculty selection committee. The first award was presented in 2000, and twelve scholarships have been presented prior to this year.



The **2013 scholarship recipient, Brenna Christiansen**, a 2012 CU history major graduate, is currently planning on pursuing her Master's degree from San Jose State University starting this Fall. While a student at Cedarville she was a student assistant in Collection Services and completed the Library internship program. Brenna has been working full-time this past year to prepare financially to embark on her degree program.

The **2014 scholarship recipient is Kirsten Setzkorn**, a senior History major. The Committee was so impressed with Kirsten's application, interview, library service opportunities, and library work experience that the decision was made to award a scholarship a year early. Kirsten plans to begin her graduate study in Library Science in the Fall of 2014, and will spend this next year determining where she would like to complete that degree. She has been working as a student assistant in the Collection Services department and completed the Library internship program this past Fall.



Library staff honored at the annual recognitions dinner

StAR award

The recipient of the **Staff Achievement and Recognition (StAR) Award**, 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 this year's StAR award was **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services*.



SOAR award



The **Student Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Award**, established by the Library Managers Council, recognizes a Library student assistant for exceptional service to the Library. The **SOAR** award is 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 year's **SOAR** award was **Chelsie Hellwig**, a senior who has worked 7 semesters (including summer work) in Circulation Services. Chelsie was selected because she is positive, gracious, and dependable; serves as a student shift Leader with integrity, excellence, and sacrifice; and performs all her duties and interacts with her peers, the library staff, and patrons with a Christ-like attitude of compassion and service.

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 **Kirsten Setzkorn**, a history major, who has worked in Collection Services and the Digital Commons for 2 semesters.



Centennial Library Distinctive Service Awards

Certificates of Recognition for Distinctive Service are given for important achievements advancing Centennial Library services, for significant contributions to the service and reputation of the Centennial Library, for service to the Library in special ways, or for performance of tasks above and beyond the call of duty. This year three Certificates were given to recognize those involved in the the launch of the new Digital Commons – to **Jan Bosma**, *Associate Library Dean*, in recognition of her important team management role in gaining support for, partners for, and commitment to the development and successful launch of the Library Digital Commons; to **Greg Martin**, *Collection Services Librarian* in recognition of his exceptional and innovative leadership in the implementation tasks, development training, partnerships, and resource expansion necessary for the successful launch of the Library Digital Commons; and to **Tricia Clark**, *Digital Services Specialist*, in recognition of her significant contributions and technical support for the implementation tasks, development training, partnerships, and resource expansion necessary for the successful launch of the Library Digital Commons.



Student Library Assistant Service awards

Non-Senior Service Awards

As part of the Library Service Award program, 25 non-senior Student Library Assistants received awards for various terms of service from 2 semesters to 8 semesters. Awards include travel mugs for 2 semesters, engraved key chains for 4 semesters, clocks for 6 semesters, and gift cards for 8 semesters.

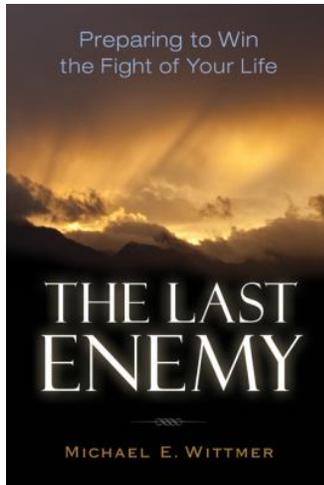
Senior Recognition and Service Awards

14 senior Student Library Assistants were honored. In addition to the service awards mentioned above, each senior receives an engraved leather portfolio.



University Alumni in Print

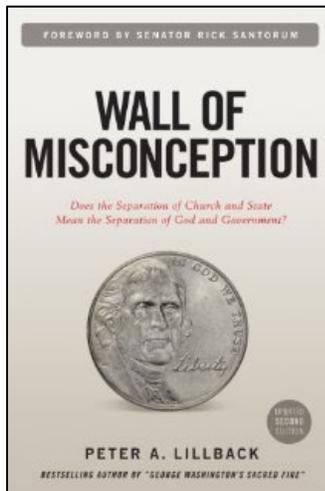
Carrying the Torch to Their World



Michael E. Wittmer (Class of 1989)

The Last Enemy: Preparing to win the fight of your life. Grand Rapids, MI: Discovery House, 2012. 158 pages.

Death is a cold subject, but it is important to understand the haunting shadow that says that death is all around and the ultimate end for all. With a warm pastoral hand, Michael Wittmer speaks candidly to Christians facing death or at the least troubled by its inevitability and unknown circumstances. The author first addresses the pain imposed by our enemy—fear, anger, sorrow, regret, guilt, and more, and then proceeds to focus on the victory achieved through Christ’s work on the cross, allowing us to hope, to rest, to repent, to live, to let go, and to finish well. One reviewer suggested that “Michael illustrates in a refreshing manner why we can die and still live in Jesus Christ, death’s Conqueror. Hope and humor make this book a powerful resource for a tough time.”



Peter A. Lillback (Class of 1974)

Wall of Misconception: Does the separation of church and state mean the separation of God and government? King of Prussia, PA: Providence Forum Press, 2012. 215 pages.

The description on the back cover of this book by Dr. Peter Lillback, succinctly addresses his thesis. “The ‘wall of separation between church and state’ is a phrase not found anywhere in the Constitution, but activist judges have recklessly used that phrase to stamp out public religious expression. We are restricted from praying in public schools, the Ten Commandments and other religious symbols have been stripped from public buildings, and the term ‘under God’ in the Pledge of Allegiance has been called ‘unconstitutional’. Dr. Peter Lillback [president of The Providence Forum, president of Westminster Theological Seminary, and a professor of historical theology] exposes the church/state separation myth that has led to such actions.... Lillback counters the claims that Christianity must only reside in the walls of the church by pointing to America’s Founding Fathers and historical documents that proved Christianity’s incontrovertible influence on our nation at large.” Peter Lillback is also the author of, among other books, the bestseller, *George Washington’s Sacred Fire*.

Library summer schedule begins May 6

The Library ends the regular academic year by closing at 5:00 p.m. on May 3 and being open a few hours on Commencement Day, May 4, to allow departing students a last opportunity to return library materials. The Library summer schedule begins on Monday, May 6, and those hours of service can be found on the Library web site. Regular academic year hours for 2013/2014 will resume on Wednesday, August 21. Have a great summer!