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Two staff members receive Distinctive Service Awards

From time to time, Certificates of Recognition for Distinctive Service are given to library staff by the Dean of Library Services 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 two of



these awards were presented at the annual Library Recognitions Dinner held on April 25th in the Stevens Student Center. The first was given to **Linda Divan**, *Library Systems Coordinator*, in recognition her significant systems and technical role in the

success of the Sierra library system migration and the OneSearch discovery layer implementation. The second was given to **Lori Myers**, *MediaPLEX Coordinator*, in recognition of her enthusiastic leadership and unflinching commitment to the re-launch of MediaPLEX in the face of significant staffing and service challenges. Additional awards presented at the recognitions dinner are cited on page 2.



Library collection reaches a milestone

With today's multi-format print, media, and digital resources, library collections include much more than just print books and journals. The library collection at Cedarville reached its first 100,000 items, primarily print resources, in **1982**, almost 75 years from the opening of the original Cedarville College Carnegie Library in 1908. The collection grew to 200,000, just 26 years later, during the Spring semester **2008**. But with the onslaught of digital resources, it took less than 6 more years to reach a collection of 300,000 items this past Fall **2013**. The growing digital resources (e-books, e-journals, and e-media) have changed the nature and mix of a library's collection. Currently, almost 29% of the Centennial Library collection is in digital format and that percentage is rising by almost 3% per year. Because of that growth, this academic year the library collection reached the 300,000 milestone, comprised of print volumes, e-books, e-media, media units, and microforms. The most heavily used digital resources are the e-journals that students and faculty have access to, now totaling over 24,000, far surpassing the less than 900 journals that the library subscribes to in print form. With the rapid growth of additional digital resources, the Centennial library collection could reach 325,000 items during the 2014/15 academic year.

Annual Library recognitions dinner awards

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 2014 StAR award is **Lori Myers**, *MediaPLEX Coordinator*. The award was presented by **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services*, the 2013 StAR award winner.



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 **Lauren Hulsey**, a senior who has worked 4 semesters in the Curriculum Materials Center. Lauren was selected because she is committed to the success of the CMC, working beyond her normal schedule requirements when needed for special projects and events. She encourages her fellow workers and leads by example, offering valuable insight and suggestions regarding procedures and operations. Lauren has proved to be a mature, highly motivated, and responsible leader. The award was presented by **Sharon Kerestes**, *Curriculum Materials Center Librarian*.

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 Lauren Hulsey, an early childhood education major, who has worked in the Curriculum Materials Center for 4 semesters.

Student Library Assistant Service awards

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 travel mugs for 2 semesters, engraved key chains for 4 semesters, CU blankets for 6 semesters, and clocks for 8 semesters.

Senior Recognition and Service Awards

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



Special Recognitions

Cardboard Canoe Team

The Library cardboard canoe team was recognized for their successful participation in the Fall canoe race sponsored annually by the University engineering department. Though not achieving the top time in the departmental portion of the race, the canoe, paddled by Tyler Detrick and Christy Kuiken, did complete the entire course this year. The time achieved by the Library canoe allowed for its entry in the demolition derby with **Emma Salisbury** and **Rebecca Brumbaugh** doing the paddling. Eleven student library assistants, along with **Carol Bliss**, *Circulation Services Manager*, serving as advisor, contributed to the design and build of this year's canoe. **Rob Hinks**, team leader and canoe designer, and all those who helped were commended for the time and effort committed to the design, construction, and piloting of this year's Library entry.



Centennial Cartwheelers

The *Centennial Cartwheelers* book cart drill team was recognized for their return to the Homecoming parade last October, making their 7th appearance after a year's absence in 2012. The cart pushers included five Library staff members and the three Library interns. The team entertained those along the parade route with routines led by Sergeant Major **Becky Dufresne**, *Associate University Registrar*. The team was supported by other Library personnel and friends, some helping to decorate the carts and others distributing candy along the parade route. This year's team effort was again led by **Greg Martin**, *Digital Commons Director*.



Library career exploration program growing

The Centennial Library Career Exploration program provides students with the opportunity to learn about the library science profession without the significant time commitment of the Library's 3-credit internship course offered each Fall. Students work with a coordinating librarian to determine their primary areas of interest and then interact with library faculty and staff through discussions, interviews, and hands-on experiences.



Amy Carmichael

Four senior students participated in the program during the spring semester, a dramatic increase over previous years. **Amy Carmichael**, a Music major, plans to combine her interests in music and libraries and will begin the master's in library science program at Kent State University in August. She will spend May in Croatia on a library MIS trip led by Brent Etzel, Director of Library Public Services. **Rachel Dark**, an English major, will spend the summer doing internships at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library (Staunton, Virginia) and the Jefferson Library at Monticello (Charlottesville, Virginia). At the Wilson Library, she will work under the direction of Archivist and Cedarville University alumna Libby Shortt. Rachel then plans to earn a master's degree in library science. **Michayla Lehman** is also an English major and will also serve on the Croatia library MIS team. She will start her master's in library science program at Kent State University in August with a concentration in reference and academic services. She will be working at a public library in the Columbus area and hopes to eventually become an academic librarian. **Kati Logsdon**, a History major, will begin her master's degree in sociology at the University of Cincinnati in August.



Rachel Dark



Michayla Lehman

The spring 2014 programs were coordinated by **Lynne Funtik**, *Collection Services Librarian* and **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services*. If you know of a student who may benefit from this experience or from the library's Fall internship course, please contact Julie for more information.



Kati Logsdon

MediaPLEX closed for part of the summer

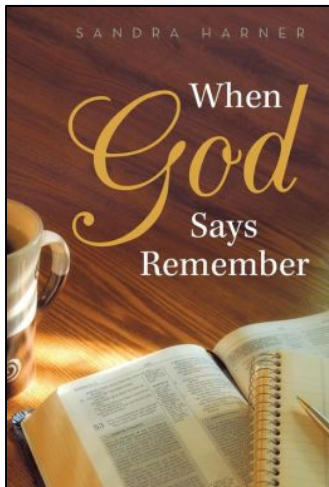
During the 2013/2014 academic year, the MediaPLEX operated with a required reduction in trained full-time staff and a reduced menu of services. This academic year did see a successful re-launch of the revised MediaPLEX operation, thanks to the leadership of **Lori Myers**, *MediaPLEX Coordinator*, the assistance of other library staff members, and the MediaPLEX student staff. The services and resources were heavily used this year by university students, faculty, and staff, even with a reduced service menu. However, the staff reductions are permanent, and thus the inability to retain trained full-time staff for the summer months requires that the MediaPLEX be closed for June and July. Services will be provided during the May summer school session with the closure of the MediaPLEX for two months at the end of business on Friday, May 30. The MediaPLEX will reopen on Monday, August 4. The Library staff regrets the inconvenience to our loyal university and community patrons.

Library summer schedule begins May 5

The Library ends the regular academic year by closing at 5:00 p.m. on May 2 and being open a few hours on Commencement Day, May 3, to allow departing students a last opportunity to return library materials. The Library summer schedule begins on Monday, May 5, and those hours of service can be found on the Library web site. Regular academic year hours for 2014/2015 will resume on Wednesday, August 20. Again, please note that MediaPLEX service hours are different from the Library summer hours during May, with closure during June and July.

University Faculty in Print

Recognizing Faculty Scholarship

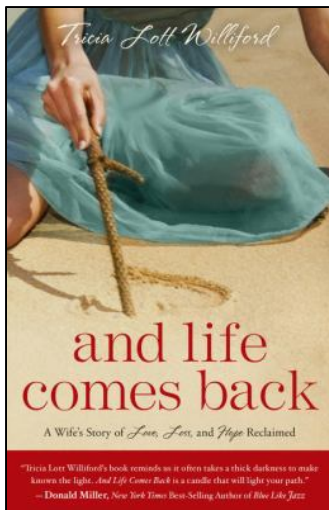


Sandra Harner, *Senior Professor of Technical Communication*
When God Says Remember. Bloomington, IN: CrossBooks, 2013. 91 pages.

What if God tells us to remember something? How seriously should that be taken? The author works through a study of nine Bible verses where God specifically tells us to remember something. She begins the book with the importance of remembering where we came from, Deuteronomy 5:15, and ends with the admonition to remember the resurrection of Christ, II Timothy 2:8-9. The author obviously emphasizes the importance of our remembering what God has done, what God does, and how He works in our lives, but she moves beyond our memories to the importance of sharing those remembrances of God's faithfulness and work with our children and grandchildren. Sandi is also a Cedarville University alumna, class of 1964.

University Alumni in Print

Carrying the Torch to Their World



Tricia Lott Williford (Class of 2001)
And Life Comes Back: A Wife's Story of Love, Loss, and Hope Reclaimed.
 Colorado Springs, CO: WaterBrook Press, 2014. 216 pages.

This book addresses the age-old challenge that when life falls apart, through loss or extreme difficulty, we want more than anything to know that our pain, suffering, and circumstances have purpose, that our faith matters and works, and that beyond all the hurt, life comes back. The author discovered this in the tragic hours and days following the sudden and unexpected death of her 35-year-old husband. This book describes her challenging journey as a widow with two young boys in the agonizing, disorienting days following his death. Someone suggested in reading the book that he was reminded that it often takes a thick darkness to make known the light. Through her thick darkness, Tricia reminds the readers, "and now I know that every single day, the best and the worst, only lasts for twenty-four hours," and life does come back. Tricia writes regularly for a loyal blog audience at <http://tricialottwilliford.com/>