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## Library welcomes new staff member

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**Kirsten Setzkorn** joined the Centennial Library staff in August as a part-time Library Digital Services Specialist in the Collection Services Department. She and Tricia Clark, Library Digital Services Specialist, are taking part in the library's first job share experiment to accommodate Tricia's desire to decrease her work hours from full-time to part-time. Kirsten will provide assistance with new DigitalCommons@Cedarville initiatives as well as library web site and other digital services support. Kirsten is a 2013 Cedarville University graduate who majored in history and minored in Bible, psychology and honors. She was a 2012 Centennial Library Intern and was awarded the 2014 Centennial Library scholarship toward her current graduate studies in library science at Kent State University.

## Three students enrolled in the fall semester library internship program

The Centennial Library internship program, now in its 9th year, allows students considering a career as a librarian to earn valuable work experience with college credit. For the Fall 2014 internship course, three students considering careers in the library field were selected from a pool of applicants. **Cody Clark** (*Technical & Professional Communication major*), **Courtney Raymond** (*Applied Communications major*) and **Taylor Wilcox** (*History major*) will fulfill the requirements of the three credit course through a combination of work experiences, projects,



reading and writing assignments, discussions, interviews, and presentations. The course is offered in cooperation with the Department of English, Literature & Modern Languages and the Department of History & Government. The internship course is taught by **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services* and Coordinator of the Library Careers Program, with assistance from the entire library faculty and staff.

University faculty and staff who know students who might enjoy the wide variety of careers available in libraries are encouraged to have those students contact Julie for more information. An excellent opportunity for students of all majors to learn more about library jobs and the master's in library science degree is the **Library Careers Dinner**, which includes a presentation about the internship as well as one by an alumni librarian. This year's speaker will be 2004 CU graduate Jen Buckner, who majored in Spanish and now serves as a children's librarian at the Dayton (Ohio) Metro Library. The dinner will take place on Monday, November 17, 5:30-7:00, in BTS 102/103. Interested students should contact Julie Deardorff.

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## Library continues to score well on Freshmen/Senior surveys

Since the 1990's the library staff have been assessing user perceptions and satisfaction with library resources and services through the freshmen and senior library surveys completed during most spring semesters. The plan has been to assess student library evaluations both at the beginning and at the end of their college experiences. Although survey scores have always tended to be very positive, the results of the spring 2014 survey indicate that Cedarville seniors have never been more satisfied with the Centennial Library's books, journals, computers, reference materials, electronic resources, in-class instruction, circulation services, and the staff's ability to answer questions. As well, in the 2014 freshmen survey, participants reported the highest-recorded level of satisfaction in the quality of interlibrary loan services and group study room availability.

For the second-consecutive year, the library received its highest scores ever in response to the question, "Overall, how satisfied are you with the Centennial Library?" Over 90% of seniors who took the survey indicated that they were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" overall with the library. Less than 1% indicated any level of overall dissatisfaction with the library.

"I love the wide variety of books. Everything from academic works to books to read for fun," reported one senior survey participant. "The large selection of academic peer-review journals through the library's website, as well as the ability to easily use OhioLink, is great" stated another student.

The results of these surveys, part of the library's regular assessment program, are evaluated to determine appropriate actions to address areas where scores may have dropped or where comments indicate a pattern of concern. For example, both the senior and freshmen surveys in 2013 cited the limited availability of group study space within the Library and the perceived unfairness in access to the limited number of rooms available. In response, the Library has added additional group study space and created an on-line group study room reservation system to improve opportunities to access these spaces.

## Public beverage vending machine added to library services

The Centennial Library is now a go-to place on campus for refreshment, thanks to the installation of a state-of-the-art beverage vending machine in September. The machine is located on the main floor in the casual reading area, next to the mounted large-screen television. "Many students spend hours each night studying in the library with no beverage options other than the water fountain. We want to make the library a more satisfying environment for our users in any way that we can," said **Brent Etzel**, *Director of Library Public Services*. The vending machine is unique compared to other



machines on campus in that it is the only one that offers Starbucks' Doubleshot Energy beverages. The machine also offers Mountain Dew KickStart energy beverage, as well as other Pepsi products, Gatorade, Brisk Iced Tea, and Aquafina water. According to the PepsiCo Foodservice Sales Representative, the library's vending machine will soon be fitted with a credit card reading device to allow for more convenient purchasing.

## Early semester events increase library awareness

### Amazing Race attracts over 400 new students

For the second time in three years, the Centennial Library attracted a record turnout for the annual "Amazing Race" freshmen library orientation program. A total of 407 first-year and transfer students participated in the hour-long event hosted in the library on the Monday and Tuesday preceding the first day of fall semester classes. The Amazing Race is designed to provide new students an opportunity to learn about the many services provided by the library. In keeping with the theme of the event, the library is decorated with an international flair, with each of six library service areas featuring flags, costumes, music, and other displays from around the world.

"This was our best year yet, given the turnout, and the level of participation from the staff of the library" said **Brent Etzel**, *Director of Library Public Services*, who coordinated this year's program. "The event takes a lot of preparation and effort, but it's a great opportunity for the staff to work as a team and interact with new students" Etzel said.

All students participating in the event were treated to complimentary ice cream cups from The Neapolitan in Cedarville. At the end of the two-day event, Emily Genet, a freshman from Elizabethtown, Kentucky, was selected in a random drawing of all Amazing Race participants to receive a Zeki 8GB tablet computer.



### Library promotion at the Student Involvement Fair

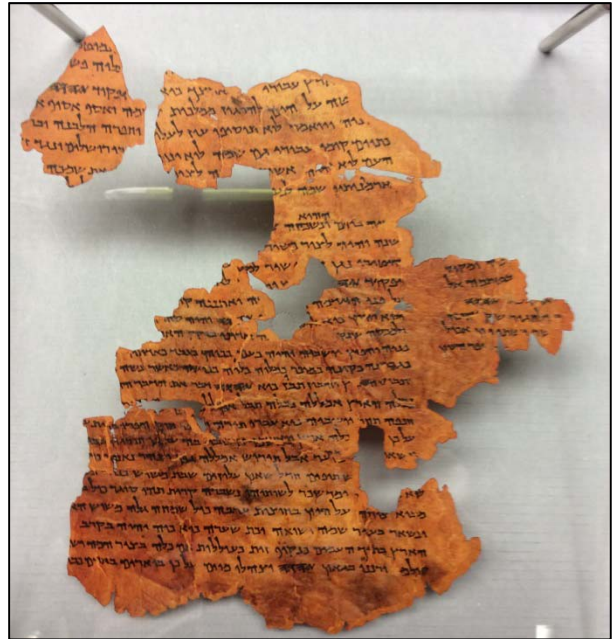


Later that same week, the Centennial Library Marketing Team, led by **Joe Fox**, *Instructional Services Librarian*, hosted a table at the University's annual Student Involvement Fair. The library's display, entitled "Bright Ideas Begin Here," gave members of the library staff and library interns an opportunity to communicate to university students about various library resources and services, as well as how to learn more about the library through its social media sites. As part of the "Bright Ideas" promotion, students visiting the library table received glow sticks. Fox was pleased with the effort in engaging the university community. "Students seemed to think it was great," he said.



## Dead Sea Scroll replicas added to Special Collections

High quality replicas of important Dead Sea Scroll fragments have recently been added to the library Special Collections. These photographic reproductions, carefully framed between plexiglass sheets, are the same size, shape, and color of the originals. The three documents purchased were produced by Biblical Reproductions, which is the only company in the Western Hemisphere authorized and licensed to sell replicas and photographic reproductions for the Israel Antiquities Authority. The first replica is of the Genesis scroll, which was found in Qumran cave 4. Containing only 11 lines of text, it includes Genesis 1:18-27, part of the creation story which discusses separation from light to darkness and ends with the creation of man on the sixth day. The second is the "Ten Commandment scroll," a replica of the original showing the text from Deuteronomy 5. It is unique in that there is evidence of it being used as a liturgical document. More importantly, however, the scroll preserves the entire Ten Commandments in the form that has been handed down to us to this day. The third is a replica of the Isaiah scroll, containing portions of Isaiah 22 to 24, found again in Qumran cave 4. This scroll dates to the first half of the 1st century, shortly before the destruction of the temple by the Romans in 70 A.D. These new acquisitions will be integrated into the Biblical Heritage Gallery exhibit entitled "Preserved by Hand, the Bible from Manuscript to Gutenberg" scheduled to be installed in the Gallery in July 2015. Those interested in seeing these items before then should contact **Lynn Brock**, *Dean of Library Services*.

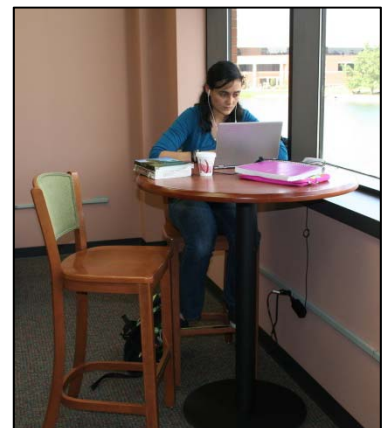


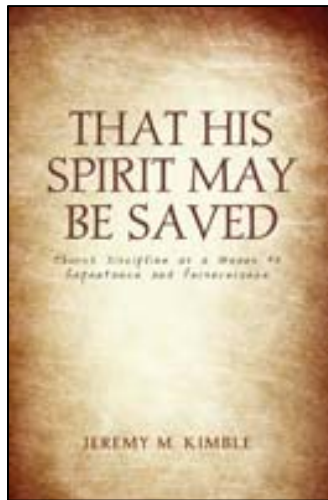
## Upgraded library seating part of multi-year plan

During Spring 2014, a four-year plan was implemented to replace by 2017 all the original reading table chairs purchased in 1987 when the Centennial Library was completed. Many of the original chairs, after 27 years of use by college students, had required repairs and re-upholstering over the years. A number of the chairs had already been retired, but as more of them deteriorated structurally, it became obvious that a more extensive replacement program was in order. A process was begun to investigate the styles, designs, and structures of current reading chairs that might fit the current decor of the library, give it an updated look, and provide appropriate comfort for library patrons. Several appropriate chairs were identified, samples were tested by library staff and students, and a selection made. The Whitman chair by Worden Corp. brings a more contemporary shape to the library along with solid durability. The blue fabric selected brought a contrasting color into the library and reduced the amount of red coloring that had been a part of the original interior design. The first group of 70 chairs was delivered at the end of the Spring semester, all being placed on the upper level of the Library. The plans is to complete phase 2 of the replacement plan during the current academic year.



In addition to the new reading chairs, several more high top table and chair sets were added to those already placed next to the windows on the north side of the library upper level facing the lake. These are popular seats and more sets will be added to complete the upper level window locations. As funds permit, the plan is then to provide the same seating treatment next to the north windows on the lower level.





## University Faculty in Print

### Recognizing Faculty Scholarship

**Jeremy M. Kimble**, *Assistant Professor of Theology*

*That His Spirit May Be Saved: Church Discipline as a Means to Repentance and Perseverance.* Eugene, Oregon: Wipf & Stock, 2013. 190 pages.

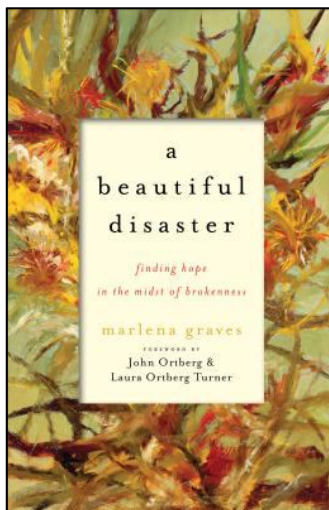
Contrary to the spirit of tolerance and moral carelessness in today's culture, Scripture presents clear teaching supporting the practice of the discipline of church members in the local context. The author gives attention to clear biblical mandates, precedents in church history, and practical theological implications for the consistent and effective use of church discipline. The title of the book, "That his spirit may be saved," reflects the seriousness of discipline, because it is a means for some to come to repentance and to perseverance in the faith. The author sees implications of church discipline for maintaining a regenerate church membership, for emphasizing the role of the pastor as accountable steward and shepherd, and for protecting the sanctity of the church ordinances. One reviewer said, "Kimble presents a compelling biblical, historical, and theological argument for recovering the faithful practice of redemptive church discipline."

## University Alumni in Print

### Carrying the Torch to Their World

**Marlena Graves** (*Class of 2000*)

*A Beautiful Disaster: Finding Hope in the Midst of Brokenness.* Grand Rapids, MI: Brazos Press, 2014. 210 pages.



Wilderness experiences, though a part of every life, stretch our abilities to respond in constructive ways and to trust God for encouragement and hope. One reviewer said of this book, "Marlena Graves explores the spiritual wilderness with a host of fellow travelers, from biblical personae to the ancient church to present company. She mines their wisdom about getting through life's deserts and eloquently shares lessons she has learned through her own brokenness." Thus the disasters of life that we create or experience can be beautiful only because it is God who creates beauty from them. The author is an op-ed writer for Christianity Today's *Her.meneutics* blog, is a frequent speaker about spiritual formation, and writes regularly at her own blog, [marlenagraves.com](http://marlenagraves.com).

## Library Fall break hours

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

### Fall Break

- October 15** Close at 5:00 p.m.
- October 16-17** 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- October 18-19** Closed
- October 20** Resume regular hours

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