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Current Dean of Library Services is stepping down; new Dean has been appointed

After almost 50 years as a librarian at the University, and the last 43 years as Director and then Dean of Library Services, Lynn Brock is stepping down as Dean at the end of June, 2018. He will continue to serve the University for one more part-time year as the University Archivist and the Curator of the Biblical Heritage Gallery in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies, primarily to prepare to transition those responsibilities to others. He plans to retire from University service in May 2019, completing 50 years of service.

Lynn, a 1968 graduate of Cedarville, has served the University under 4 presidents and 7 vice presidents for academics, with varied responsibilities and roles during those years. In 1981, he led the initial planning team in preparing the program plan for the new Centennial Library, worked with architects and contractors in the design and construction of that facility, all of this culminating in the official move into the new library in April, 1987. From 1988 to 1996, Lynn served as the Director of Planning for the University, and on his watch in that position the Engineering and Science Center and the Dixon Ministry Center were planned and constructed. In 1996, he led the library into membership in OhioLINK, the statewide Ohio library and information network. He was brought out of planning director "retirement" in 2006 to lead the planning efforts for the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies which culminated in its construction in 2008.





Josh Michael, currently the Director of Library Public Services, has been appointed to be the new Dean of Library Services, effective July 1, 2018. Josh, a graduate of Cedarville, arrived on campus in July, 2013, as the Information Services Librarian focusing primarily on health sciences. Josh had come to the Centennial Library after nine years of service in the Clarks Summit University library in Pennsylvania, the last six of those as Director of Library Services. It was quickly obvious that he had gifts and skills that would hold him in good stead for leadership roles, culminating in his appointment as the Director of Public Services in late 2014, following the departure of the incumbent in that position. Josh has been instrumental in leading recent advances and efficiencies at the Centennial Library in focusing research services, expanding the first year research instruction program, developing a new paradigm for research librarians, and exploring partnerships with other academic service providers on campus, all of which have contributed strongly to enhancing the

library's role in student success. Josh's leadership, administrative, assessment, marketing, and teambuilding skills will serve the library, the academic division, and the University well in his new role.

Four library faculty complete significant university reviews

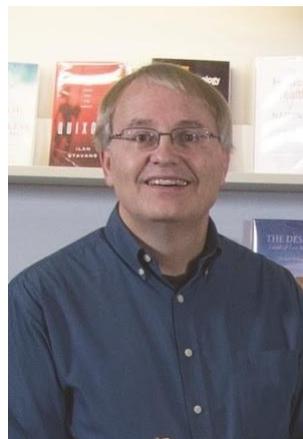
Kristi Coe, Health Sciences Librarian, Joe Fox, Instructional Services Librarian, Jeff Gates, Information Services Librarian, and Sharon Kerestes, Curriculum Materials Center Librarian, recently successfully completed their 3-year non-tenure University review, culminating in the maximum reappointment of three years. In addition to updating their online portfolios to demonstrate their professional activity in the areas of teaching, scholarship and service, and meeting with both their supervisor and the dean to review their areas of strength and future goals, they were required to write a 20+ page integration paper explaining their biblical worldview and commitment to Christian higher education. Their papers also had to include a correlation between scripture and their discipline of library science, and to have specific examples of how their faith has been demonstrated in their teaching philosophy and lifestyle, as well as showing their methods for communicating that faith in the classroom. Since the "classrooms" in which librarians serve aren't always what higher education traditionally defines as classrooms, the last topic was especially challenging. These colleagues are all to be commended for their excellent work over the past few years and for their ability to reflect that work in their portfolios and integration papers.



Kristi Coe



Joe Fox



Jeff Gates



Sharon Kerestes



New staff member arrives mid-year

Da-Niel Gilcher joined the library in February as its newest employee, beginning her services as Interlibrary Services Coordinator, replacing the recently retired Luann Nicholas. She will be managing the library's OhioLINK services to help ensure that Cedarville faculty and students have timely access to the millions of print books and other research materials available through the OhioLINK network. She will also assist with interlibrary loan operations in the future. DaNiel brings library experience from working in the Clark County Public Library system in Springfield and is completing a degree at Sinclair Community College in Dayton. Her husband James works for Cedarville University in Physical Plant and two of their three children are currently students at Cedarville.

Board game night one of several events offered by library staff during spring semester

The library held its first “after-hours” event in January with a Board Game Night after the library had closed on Friday, the 26th. Over 60 faculty, staff, and students attended to play classic and contemporary board games like Risk, Ticket to Ride, Settlers of Catan, Codenames, and many others. If you missed the event, don't worry – some of these games are available for check out in the library's Curriculum Materials Center. Other events planned for this semester include a Chronicles of Narnia trivia night in March and finals week snacks in May.





The library's popular Blind date with a Book reading event was launched in February. This was the fifth year for the event in which library patrons choose an unknown book on the basis of a few clues and find out if it is "love at first read." Led by Sharon Kerestes, Curriculum Materials Center Librarian, library staff members selected over 150 books, wrapped them in paper to disguise the book, and placed them on displays by the entrance to the library and in the CMC. This year patrons chose books on the basis of the book's first line only. Forty-four patrons checked out one of the books on the first day

and participants can "rate their date" with a feedback card and suggestions for books for next year. The event runs from February 12 to March 2 in the library and the Curriculum Materials Center (CMC).

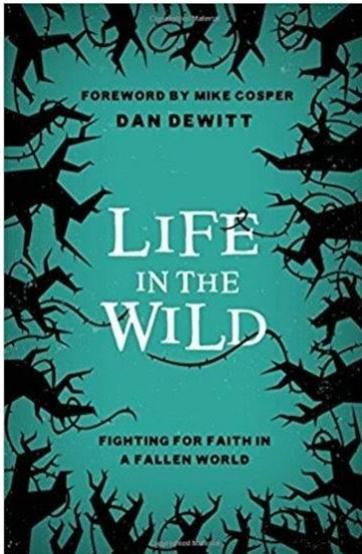
Latest gallery exhibit focuses on church music

On January 8, a new exhibit opened in the Biblical Heritage Gallery in the Center for Biblical and Theological Studies featuring items from the Centennial Library Special Collections. This exhibit, entitled Sing to the Lord a New Song: Early Church Music, was co-designed and developed by Lynn Brock, Dean of Library Services and University Archivist, and Greg Martin, Digital Commons Director, and last appeared in the Gallery in 2014. Church music has generally been based on singing, written for individuals and choirs to express the words of Scripture and the experience of faith as encouraged by the words of Bible, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord." (Ephesians 5:19) From the early, simple monophonic chants sung by the clergy and monks alone, to the complex polyphony of the Renaissance sung by choirs, to the vibrant congregational singing inspired by the Reformation and the revivals, to the simple singing of the Psalms without instruments in the settlements of the New World, music has continued to lead God's people in personal and corporate worship experiences. This exhibit provides selected examples of church music starting with the plainsong of the Middle Ages on through the development of Gospel hymns in the 19th century. In addition to the main exhibit, two supplemental exhibits are available, one on sacred music shape-note singing, and the other on the development of American Gospel hymnody in the 19th century.



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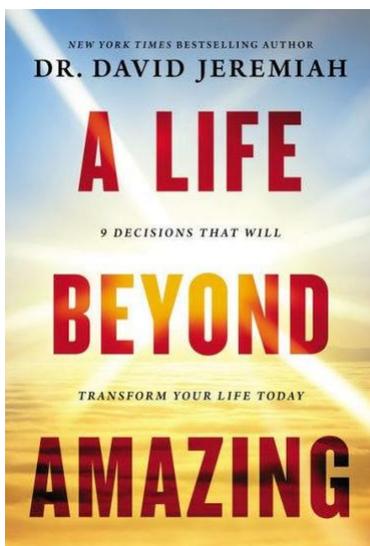
Dan DeWitt, Associate Professor of Applied Theology and Apologetics

Life in the wild: fighting for faith in a fallen world. Purcellville, Virginia: Good Book Co., 2018. 127 pages.

As Dan DeWitt says, living in a broken world can be hard; in fact he puts it that often “life sucks.” The writer of the foreword to the book says that the author invites us to face the realities of that truth and to see their origins in Genesis 3. “He [the author] traces the textures of brokenness and exile across the map history, finding resonance in art and literature, from Les Miserable to Star Wars to the works of C. S. Lewis and Francis Schaeffer. It’s an unflinching look at the reality of life in a fallen world, and life in a world that all too often sucks.” But ultimately, because of Christ, life can also be joyful and full of hope. The author desires that we look at this world realistically but

without despairing, as we wait for God in Christ to keep his promise of future redemption and the ultimate perfect new creation.

Highlighting Alumni Publishing



David Jeremiah (Class of 1963)

A life beyond amazing: 9 decisions that will transform your life today. Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson, 2017. 256 pages.

In A Life Beyond Amazing, Dr. David Jeremiah uncovers God's strategy for change and challenges us to make nine important decisions that will transform our hearts, our lives, and our world. This book explores the nine qualities of character that carry us forward. Three of these have to do with our relationship with ourselves, three deal with interactions with other people, and three focus on our relationship with God. Built on the fruits of the Spirit described in

Galatians 5:22-23, the author discusses lives of love, joy, peace, endurance, compassion, generosity, integrity, humility, and self-discipline. Spiritual principles are true in any situation, but we must make a conscious decision to employ them in our daily lives. God has given us wisdom for these days, and according to the author, this book answers the questions that keep us up at night and shows that the way forward is a reminder of who we are in Christ and why it matters. David Jeremiah has authored over 50 books, is the founder of Turning Point radio and television ministries, and the senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church in San Diego, California.

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