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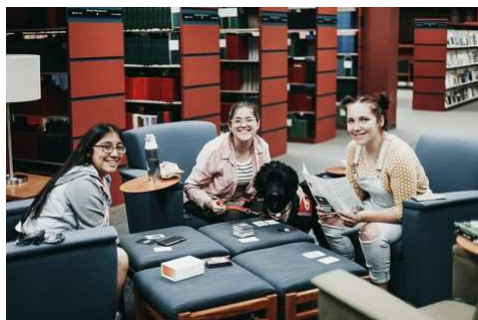
First Ever Fall Book Sale

The Centennial Library hosted its first fall semester book sale November 27-December 1. Due to generous donations from friends of the university, the book sale storage room was filled to capacity and the library administration decided to host a second 2018 sale in addition to the annual spring event. Students, faculty, staff, and community members enjoyed selecting materials for themselves and to serve as Christmas gifts. If you missed this one, the library is planning to have another book sale in March or April of 2019.



Library After-hours Events

This Fall, the library's Marketing Team continued a new series of outreach events called "Library After Hours." Taking place on Friday evenings after the library has closed, these events offer fun activities for the campus community without disrupting regular library study hours. Both Board Game Night (Sep 21) and Star Wars Trivia Night (Nov 16) were successful events with over 60 excited students attending each one. Events like Board Game Night create a relaxed atmosphere where students can interact with our growing board game collection and make suggestions for new additions as well. Missed the Library After Hours events this Fall? Look for more fun this Spring with Board Game Night and Harry Potter Trivia Night.



Centennial Library Cartwheelers

The Centennial Cartwheelers made their much-longed-for and highly anticipated return to the Homecoming Parade in October. The Cartwheelers, the Centennial Library's precision book cart drill team, made their debut at the 2005 Homecoming Parade and have appeared in eight parades since then. This year's team involved library faculty and staff, as well as the four student interns, with additional support from the Department of English, Literature, and Modern Languages and the Registrar's Office. More information about Ohio's premier library book cart drill team can be found by clicking on the button below.



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Library Careers Dinner

Students from a variety of academic majors attended the 13th annual Library Careers Dinner on Monday, November 12. Hosted by the Centennial Library, the event allows students from all majors and all levels of interest to learn more about the career options available in libraries and in related fields. University and public librarians and alumni answered student questions and encouraged them to continue their exploration of the library field. Ryan Ireland, Ph.D., Communications Coordinator for the Greene County Public Library system, was the keynote speaker and shared about current issues in the field. 2018 Centennial Library Interns Holly Caldwell (History), Lydia Jacobsen (Communication), RaeAnn Jent (Broadcasting & Digital Media), and Tesla Klinger (English) provided information about the library's internship course and their personal experiences during the semester.



Student Staff Advisory Group

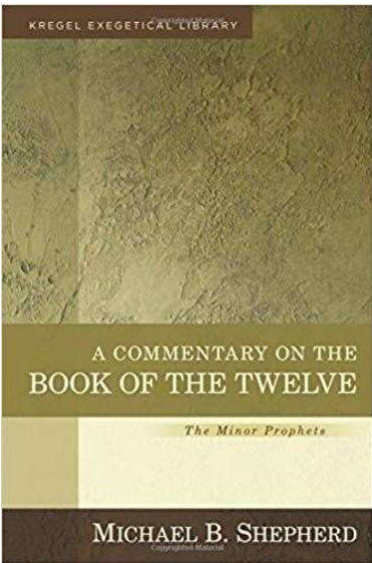
In 2018 the library established the Student Staff Advisory Group in order to give student employees better opportunities to contribute to the library. This fall, these current library student employees have reviewed the library's website and suggested improvements, considered ways to promote the library's journal collection, and discussed student employee recognition. This year's members include Holly Caldwell, Rachael Potts, Mary Hinks, Tori Gahman, and Jess Westenberg.

Oral Histories

The Digital Commons and the Department of Communication recently collaborated on an oral history project for the university. During Spring Semester 2018, following instruction from Dr. Andrew Harris, the students in his Qualitative Research class interviewed eight current and former faculty and staff members about how they came to Cedarville and about the relationships that have shaped their experiences here. Students from the Department

of Communication recorded and edited the videos of the interviews. During Fall Semester 2018, the Digital Commons managed the transcribing of the interviews as well as the addition of closed captioning. The video interviews have been added to an existing oral history collection in the Digital Commons.

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Recognizing Faculty Scholarship

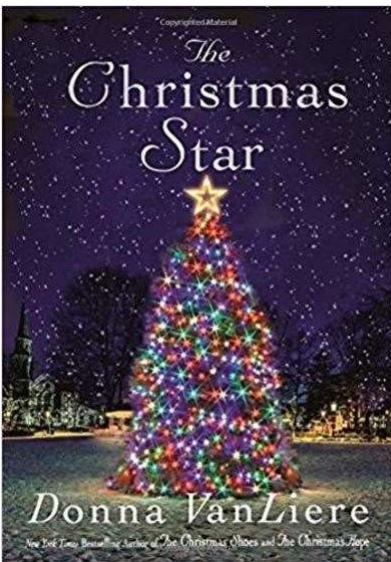
Michael B. Shepherd, Associate Professor of Biblical Studies

[A Commentary on the Book of the Twelve: The Minor Prophets.](#)
Grand Rapids, Michigan: Kregel Academic, 2018. 523 pages.

Rather than treating the twelve books of the Minor Prophets as individual writings, Mike Shepherd suggests in his introduction that more recent scholarship has sought to treat the work of these twelve prophets as a single composition by presenting historical evidence for their unity and the clues to that unity discovered in each. Thus, the title of this book places these prophets in the context of a unified “Book of the Twelve.” The author desires that, by seeing the unity of composition within these twelve writers, the sense of separation that many might feel when reading these prophets will be removed, and a greater understanding and appreciation of their work will result from seeing them as the Twelve. The meaning of the text of each of

the

twelve prophets is explained in context, followed by guidance for application and preaching. One reviewer said, “This excellent commentary offers clear, detailed, and illuminating explanations of this crucial section of the Hebrew Bible. “



Highlighting Alumni Publishing

Donna [Payne] VanLiere, (Class of 1989)

[The Christmas Star.](#) New York: St. Martin's Press, 2018. 226 pages.

This novel by Donna VanLiere is the eleventh in a series of Christmas novels, many of which have been New York Times bestsellers, that began with the Christmas Shoes in 2001. Several of the titles in the series have been adapted as movies for the CBS

Movie of the Week, the Hallmark Channel, and Lifetime Television. Donna’s latest effort is a story of second chances for a man with a checkered past, a foster child with significant personal and

educational challenges as her path crosses with his, and for a teacher who befriends both. As one reviewer said, “Second chances abound in this story, resulting in a Christmas gift worth waiting for. This sweet tale of love and overcoming obstacles offers

a festive atmosphere readers will savor.” Donna VanLiere’s writings and ministry can be reviewed at her website.

Visit Donna VanLiere's Website



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