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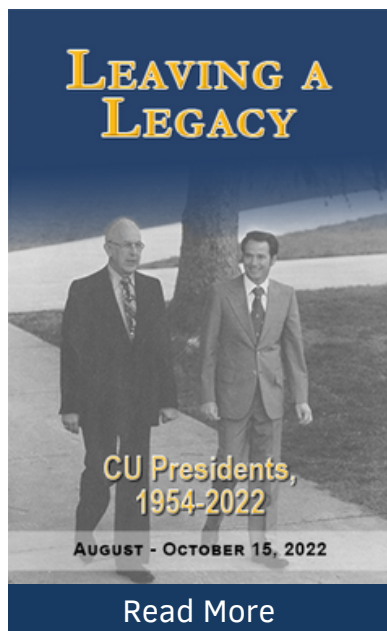
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Centennial Library E-News

Biblical Heritage Gallery Exhibit



The Biblical Heritage Gallery in the Centennial Library presents the first exhibit of the 2022-23 season: "Leaving a Legacy: Cedarville Presidents, 1954 to 2022." Using items from the University Archives, the exhibit highlights the milestones and events of the university during the last 70 years, as Cedarville grew from 100 students in the fall of 1953 to the current record enrollment, under the vision, leadership, and ministry of four presidents:

James T. Jeremiah, 1954-1978

Paul H. Dixon, 1978-2003

William E. Brown, 2003-2013

Thomas White, 2013-present

Stop by the Gallery, located at the upper-level main entrance of the Centennial Library, on your way across campus, going to or from chapel, or after eating at Chick-fil-A. The exhibit is open during regular library hours until October 14.

Recent Hires in the Library

Two new employees joined the library staff over the summer. Katelyn Hannah began work as the Circulation Services Manager in July. Katelyn is a 2015 graduate of Cedarville who has spent the past six years working in the Dayton Metro Public Library System. Her responsibilities include overseeing the library's Service Desk, managing the delivery of circulation services, and supervising the 18 students who work in Circulation.



Nancy O'Neel started work in August as our Public Services Assistant. Nancy splits her time between staffing the Service Desk in Circulation and staffing the MediaPlex in the library's lower level. Prior to joining the library, Nancy worked in healthcare for Greene County. Her husband, Dr. Roger O'Neel, serves as Associate Professor of Worship at Cedarville.

Mark your calendars!
The library's fall book sale
is scheduled for the week of
October 24-28!



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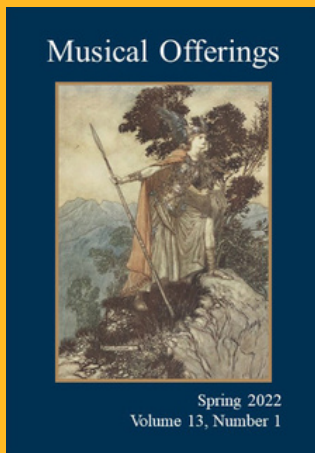


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Recent publications by the Digital Commons include three Spring 2022 journal issues. Musical Offerings, published by the Department of Music and Worship, is now in its 13th year and has garnered over 229,000 downloads of its content during that time. The most recent [issue](#) includes articles on the Fisk Jubilee Singers, Richard Wagner's Ring Cycle, and the political affiliations of Aaron Copland.

Articles in Channels, the university's inter-disciplinary undergraduate research journal published by the Department of Communication and the Centennial Library, have been downloaded at over 3200 institutions in 186 countries. The Spring 2022 [issue](#) includes articles on the Conway-Norton monstrous moonshine conjecture and on immune responses to Adenovirus-26 based vaccines.

The Cedarville Review, Cedarville's annual undergraduate literary and arts journal published by the Department of English, Literature, and Modern Languages, has now provided our students an opportunity to showcase their creativity since 1996. The spring [issue](#) includes student poetry, fiction, non-fiction, and photography.



Library Careers Program: Fall 2022 Internship



The Centennial Library internship provides undergraduate students with an opportunity to discover if a library career and graduate school for the Master of Library & Information Science degree is a good fit for their skills and interests. Interns engage in a variety of activities, projects, and presentations with the Centennial Library staff and librarians, as well as taking field trips to a professional conference and other libraries.

The 2022 interns are Professional Writing & Information Design major Morgan Rupp and English major Hannah Smith. 50 students have participated in the program since it was created by instructor Julie Deardorff in 2007. The 3-credit internship course is offered in cooperation with the Department of English, Literature & Modern Languages.

Library Annual Report Released

CENTENNIAL LIBRARY
CEDARVILLE UNIVERSITY

2021-22
ANNUAL
REPORT



Yes, We Assess!

The library's annual report includes a section dedicated to assessing our operations and services.

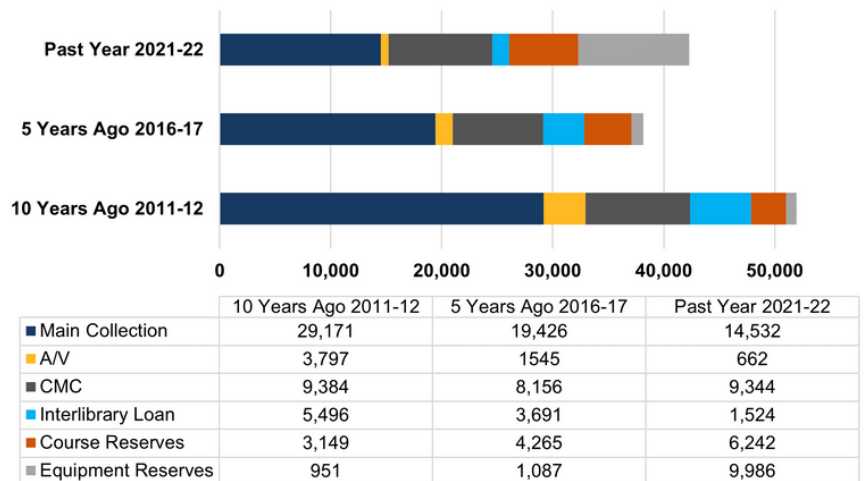


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So, Do Students Still Use Books?

Usage of library print materials has been declining for about a decade, but this decline is not evenly spread across library collections. In fact, usage of our reserve materials has been on the rise while other collections like the CMC materials have remained steady. This indicates that physical holdings still play an important role for many students, even as digital resources and curricular changes affect usage patterns.

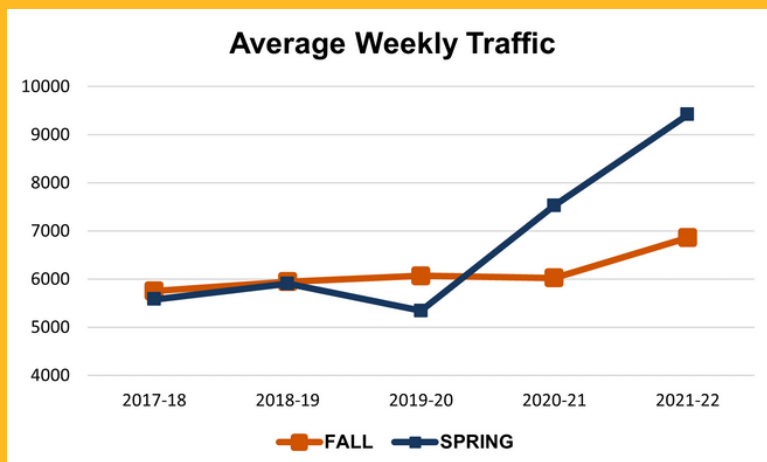
Use of Physical Materials Over Time



Total Checkouts Over Time

10 Years Ago 2011-12: 88,715
5 Years Ago 2016-17: 68,256
Past Year 2021-22: 65,965

Record-setting Library Traffic



Library facilities received very high use this year, with patron traffic increasing nearly 30% over last year's record highs. Spring 2022 even increased 35% over Fall 2021. Unlike in recent years where increases were primarily felt during weekday afternoons, volume of student use increased across nearly every time of day, though the increase was smallest on Sundays. This likely reflects the availability of Chick-fil-A next door to some degree, but the large increase in Spring compared to Fall suggests that research and study needs are also driving the high rates of library use.



Spotlight on Faculty Publishing

Faculty in Print

Matthew Bennett, Assistant Professor of Missions and Theology

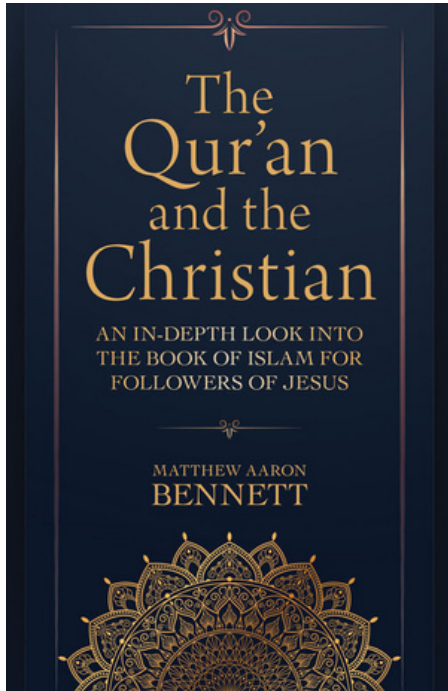
The Qur'an and the Christian: An In-Depth Look into the Book of Islam for Followers of Jesus, Kregel Academic. 2022.

Understanding Islam's sacred text is integral to understanding your Muslim neighbor, Cross-cultural missionary and scholar Matthew Aaron Bennett blends the insights of Islamic believers, secular Qur'an scholars, and missionaries to Muslims, making *The Qur'an and the Christian* like no other resource for Christian ministry to Muslims. Combining these perspectives in one guide better equips Christians to communicate the biblical gospel to friends and neighbors who are adherents to Islam--both in and out of majority-Muslim cultures.

The Qur'an and the Christian addresses issues both simple and profound, such as:

- How the Qur'an came to be, including Muhammed and the Qur'an's textual precursors
- The major themes of the Qur'an and how these shape the practice of Islam
- The presence of Bible characters, Jews, and Christians in the Qur'anic text
- Whether and how a Christian should read the Qur'an
- Avoiding miscommunication with Muslims when the Qur'an and Christian teaching seem to overlap

This book will help Christians learn how to explore Islamic faith with missiological wisdom and biblical precision. *The Qur'an and the Christian* will give believers the insight to deepen friendships, promote understanding, and clarify the biblical gospel among Muslim friends and neighbors.



Glenn Duerr, Professor of International Studies

Patriotism and the Cross: A Theology of Nationalism, Resource Publications, 2020.

Every follower of Christ has a coterminous sense of citizenship—(s)he is at the same time a citizen of a country (or countries) on earth, but also has a heavenly allegiance through faith in Jesus Christ. How then should Christians live in light of these tensions? What does the Bible teach about issues of nationality, nationalism, and patriotism?

Designed around seven chapters, this book investigates the issue of national identity for the follower of Christ. Specifically, this book delves into more than the binary of whether a Christian can be patriotic or not. Or, whether a Christian can be nationalistic or not. What should a Christian do in light of differing political conditions around them because, in this situation, Christians still need to share the gospel and make disciples of all nations? As a result, answers are proffered by the author, based on Old and New Testament examples, on national identity, free trade and supranational groupings, secessionist agitation and independence referendums, as well as transnational linkages that connect followers of Christ around the globe. This book ends with sixteen conclusions on how Christians should live in the modern world with respect to nationalism and patriotism.

