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## New institutional digital repository, *DigitalCommons@Cedarville*, now live on web



For almost a year, a small Library team has been populating an institutional digital repository with the scholarly output of faculty and students in addition to other items representing the intellectual and publishing output of the University. The new library service, *DigitalCommons@Cedarville*, has been live on the web since March and went live on campus websites in October. The project began with a priority of showcasing faculty scholarship, but a wide range of other digital resources are already part of the service. Several academic departments are early adopter participants, and the DigitalCommons includes faculty publications, presentations, research, reports, and video and audio productions. Also being developed are individual scholarship web pages for each faculty member called SelectedWorks. Where the library has copyright and access rights, full-text for the resources is provided. Part of the project also includes publishing e-journals designed by academic departments. The first e-journal, *Musical Offerings: An Undergraduate Journal of Musicology*, was published on the site in October, and Digital Commons staff are in negotiations to publish a second campus e-journal in the near future. A very popular project underway is the digitizing of University yearbooks, funded initially by the department of Alumni Relations. Additional University publications, like *Cedars* and *Inspire*, are available digitally in the repository. Student scholarship is currently represented in the posting of senior capstone projects and the theses written by those completing the Master of Education program.

Resources available on the website are growing rapidly and downloads resulting from Google searches are over 14,000 from users in over 70 countries. The scholarly world is becoming aware of Cedarville University. The [DigitalCommons](#) can be accessed on the Library website or under the Resources tab on the University faculty and staff website. The project team includes **Jan Bosma**, *Associate Library Dean*, serving as Project Manager, **Greg Martin**, *Collection Services Librarian*, serving as the Director of the Digital Commons, and **Tricia Clark**, *Library Digital Services Specialist*, providing web and IT support.

## Library Director of Public Services presents at state library conference

**Brent Etzel**, *Director of Library Public Services*, joined librarians Jennifer Donley and Kathleen Baril of Ohio Northern University to present a workshop at the 2012 Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Annual Conference on the creation, promotion, and use of library mobile apps. Both the Centennial Library and Ohio Northern University's Heterick Memorial Library worked with the software company Boopsie to launch mobile apps in the spring 2011 semester, and both institutions have seen similar patterns of use in the product.

Their presentation, "Bridging the Gap with Boopsie: How a Mobile App Can Help Keep Your Students



Connected," was sponsored by the Technical, Electronic, and Digital Services Interest Group of ALAO. The presentation emphasized that as mobile technologies become more prevalent, academic libraries must adapt information delivery platforms to their users' needs. By adopting mobile apps, libraries are better able to provide access to information for their patrons via smart phones and tablet computers. Both Cedarville and Ohio Northern have observed a steady increase in the use of their library mobile apps. In September 2012 alone, the Centennial Library mobile app, known as "CULib2Go!," was used for over 4,000 queries, a 44% increase in use over September 2011.

The ALAO Conference took place at the Roberts Conference Centre in Wilmington, Ohio, in October. The event attracted over 300 attendees from academic libraries throughout Ohio.

## Library cardboard canoe team has disappointing outing

The canoe team representing the Library during the Engineering department's annual cardboard canoe race held on Friday, October 5 ended in the water rather than on the water, falling short in their attempt to win back the departmental trophy. The canoe, paddled by Jacob Coleman and Amy Spranger, started taking on water soon after leaving the starting line. The design of the canoe had been a winner before, but a leak developed soon after launch that doomed the canoe, and the paddlers ended up swimming the course. Though disappointed that the goal of winning was not achieved, the team was still positive and enthusiastic about their effort. Thirteen student library assistants under the direction of **Carol Bliss**, *Circulation Services Manager*, designed and built the library's canoe. Our thanks to Rob Hinks and Cody Hall, team leaders and canoe designers, the paddlers Jacob Coleman and Amy Spranger, Rebecca Brumbaugh, Crysta Hutchison, Michelle Gingrich, Courtney Raymond, Will Hinks, Josiah Clemons, and Megan Bernstein, for the time and effort committed to the design, construction, and piloting of this year's Library entry.



## Library operating system upgraded



The Centennial Library moved its library integrated system into the 21st century by becoming an early adopter for migration to new open-source and cloud-based software called **Sierra**, provided by the library's system vendor, Innovative Interfaces. The migration to the new system and a new server was completed during the week of

November 5th, replacing the Millennium system, which was over 10 years old and had its roots in the late 20th century. The Innovative Interfaces library system integrates into one platform the management and delivery of a wide range of library operations and services including the library catalog, circulation services, interlibrary services, acquisition of resources, management of the journal collection, cataloging, and the management of electronic resources. Sierra combines the best of library work-flow management software with many options to make library technology use easier for staff and library users alike. This allows the library staff to make better decisions to shape collections, streamline library operations, improve the analysis of library resource budgets, and increase patron satisfaction through more effective delivery of services. The project was overseen by **Jan Bosma**, *Associate Library Dean*, and implemented by **Linda Divan**, *Library Systems Coordinator*.

## Library staff and operations under scrutiny in a workplace audit

In order to assess the Library's operational and service effectiveness, a workplace audit was completed in November using an outside consultant. The audit, initiated by the Academic Vice President, focused on four areas: 1) Organizational and operational structure and efficiencies, 2) staffing patterns and job roles, 3) priorities and strategies for future resources and services, and 4) resource development in the digital transition. Serving as the consultant was Steve Baker, Dean of the Warren Library, Palm Beach Atlantic University in West Palm Beach, Florida. In addition to reports from and evaluative exercises by the Library staff, the process also included a campus visit by the consultant on November 29 and 30. The final report and recommendations are due by January 15, 2013.



## Library faculty host annual library science career dinner

The Centennial Library's 7th Annual Library Science Career Dinner took place on Monday, November 19, in the Stevens Student Center Event Rooms. Forty students, librarians, and alumni attended the event, which provides Cedarville students with the opportunity to learn about career options in library and information science and about the master of library science (MLS) degree.



The keynote speaker was Elizabeth (Libby) Shortt, a 2005 Cedarville graduate and a 2006 graduate of the University of Kentucky Graduate School of Library and Information Science. Libby is currently working as an Archives Technician and the Member Services and Event Coordinator at the Woodrow Wilson Presidential Library in Staunton, Virginia. Libby shared about her journey to and through her library career and her current work at the Wilson Presidential Library. Attendees also enjoyed a presentation by the 2012 Centennial Library interns, seniors Karynn Lorenzini (Management major), Kirsten Setzkorn (History major), and Lillian Stevens (History major), giving their perspectives on the library internship program and its benefits to them.

If you know of any students who might be interested in learning about a career as a librarian, please contact **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services*, for more information. Students from all undergraduate majors are eligible to apply to graduate school for the Master of Library Science. Applications for the Centennial Library's Fall 2013 internship course will be accepted in January.

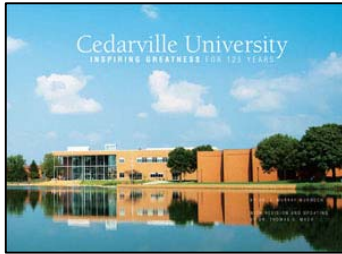


## Centennial Library Scholarship Award in Library Science available

The Centennial Library is again seeking applicants for its scholarship award in Library Science. This Award, presented annually at Honors Day if applicants are available, was established by the Centennial Library faculty to encourage and actively support the next generation of library and information specialists, and especially to encourage those who seek careers in library service and also those who will fill the future library faculty ranks of Christian colleges and universities. The cash award is available to senior applicants, and is made directly to the institution in which the recipient is enrolled for graduate study in Library and information science. The first award was presented in 2000, and a total of eleven scholarships have been awarded, the most recent in 2012. The Award brochure can be accessed on the library [website](#). Applications are also available on the website with a submission deadline of February 15, 2013. Faculty are encouraged to identify students who might be interested in a Library science degree and direct them toward this opportunity. Questions can be addressed to **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services*, who provides oversight to the Library career development program.

## University Faculty in Print

### Recognizing Faculty Scholarship



**Thomas S. Mach, *Professor of History***

**J. Murray Murdoch, *Senior Professor of History***

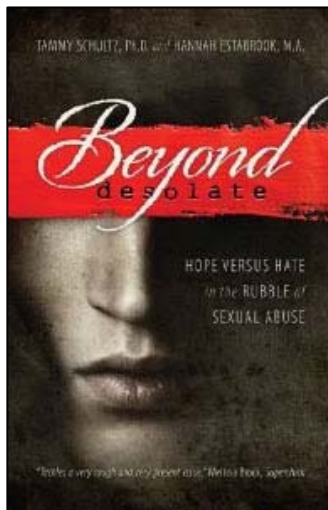
*Cedarville University: Inspiring Greatness for 125 Years.*

Virginia Beach, Virginia: Donning Company Publishers, 2012. 240 pages.

Tom Mach has revised, updated and expanded the 1987 centennial history of Cedarville University, written by Dr. J. Murray Murdoch. Expansively illustrated with period pictures, the 125<sup>th</sup> year history of the University captures the unique and God-directed events of Cedarville College and now University, starting with its charter in 1887, the first classes in 1894, the challenges of the Great Depression and World War II, the decision to close in 1953 which was thwarted by the assumption of control by the Baptist Bible Institute of Cleveland, and then the steady growth under three long term presidents, Dr. James T. Jeremiah, Dr. Paul Dixon, and Dr. William Brown. The book well captures the stories of those who made Cedarville possible in the beginning and nurtured its progress over the years. As the second president, Dr. Wilbert McChesney, said “Cedarville College was founded in prayer, has been maintained in faith, and supported by sacrifice...”

## University Alumni in Print

### Carrying the Torch to Their World



**Hannah Estabrook (Class of 2005) and Tammy Schultz**

*Beyond Desolate: Hope Versus Hate in the Rubble of Sexual Abuse.*

Winona Lake, Indiana: BMH Books, 2012. 343 pages.

Written by two trained and practicing counselors, *Beyond Desolate* was written for all who are concerned for the survivors of abuse: therapists, medical professionals, family members, friends, and the survivors themselves. The writers trust that when survivors read this book, they might shed the rags of being defined by their perpetrator's evil deeds and instead be clothed in God's power, perspective, and love. One reviewer shared that the book provides encouragement to abuse survivors, as well as education to loved ones and professionals by reflecting on personal journeys through scripture, life experiences, and God's love. Hannah Estabrook is the co-founder of AVAH! Ministries, an organization that provides seminars for women on a variety of topics such as body image, sexuality, prayer, and friendship. As a trained counselor, she assists survivors of sexual abuse and sexual trafficking.

## Library Semester break hours

The following are the public hours for the semester break. Please plan your schedules accordingly.

### Semester Break

<b>December 14</b>	Close at 5:00 p.m.
<b>December 15-16</b>	Closed
<b>December 17-19</b>	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>December 20 – January 1</b>	Closed
<b>January 2-4</b>	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>January 5-6</b>	Closed
<b>January 7</b>	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
<b>January 8</b>	Resume regular hours

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