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Winter 2016

# FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

Friends of the Otterbein University Courtright Memorial Library

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## FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY COMMON BOOK EVENT



The Friends of the Library's annual Common Book event was held on Wednesday, October 26th to a packed and diverse audience of students, the Lifelong Learning Community, faculty, staff, and community members and Friends of the Library. Kristen Iversen's story about growing up near the Rocky Flats of Colorado, under the deceptive guise of a nuclear weapons plant, proved a fascinating and eye-opening account for many. The award winning Iversen enthralled and captivated the audience with a reading from *Full Body Burden* providing detailed accounts of life-threatening accidents including how volunteer fighters and employees risked their lives working side-by-side on a roof of the plutonium igniting building. Following the reading, the audience had several questions for Iversen ranging from her family, to working at the nuclear weapons plant, and what has become of the land today, to which many were surprised to hear that it is being developed. The event was closed by Friends president Nancy Smith (pictured above with Kristen Iversen) who thanked guests for attending and reminded everyone that Kristen would be signing books.

# Guests Enjoy Common Book Author Kristen Iversen



Above, Bill Merriman, former Otterbein President Thomas Jefferson Kerr IV, and wife Donna Kerr.



Students are first in line!



Above, Kristen and FOL board member Mary Pat Knight.  
Below, Kristen poses with Common Book frame soon to be hung on wall.



Becky Smith happy to have an autographed copy and pictured below Dave Stucci, Otterbein Math Professor, is pleased to meet the Common Book author.





## THANK YOU JANE HORN



Jane Horn was born in Dayton Ohio and came to Otterbein College in 1946 to major in education. Jane met the 'Love of her Life', Bert, in Spanish class. They enjoyed talking with each other, but it was not until he needed a date for a fraternity function at Buckeye Lake, and spied her walking towards him on the campus, that things started happening. Even then, it took him three months to ask for a second date! They married and moved to Cincinnati where Jane taught first grade for two

years, until a call came from President Dr. J.G. Howard asking Bert to become Assistant Treasurer at Otterbein. Finding a Westerville house was a problem for Jane and Bert. When Bert learned that a charming white house was in the way of the King Hall expansion and needed to be torn down, he asked for it and had it moved to West Street, across from the Turner home (where the Presidents of Otterbein live!). Jane raised three sons and taught in the Westerville school system. Lois Szudy asked her in 1996 to join "Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library." Jane has been a loyal and hardworking member serving in various capacities since then. She and Bert were in the creative skits that the "Friends" put on to raise money for the library. Jane retired from the Friends Council this past summer.

## THANK YOU JUDY CHRISTIAN

Come to Otterbein from Louisville, OH in 1957 Judy says she looks back fondly at her four years as a student where she gained a good education (majoring in Biology and English), made life-long friends, and met her husband, Mike. She spent many long hours in various labs, enjoyed dorm life and campus activities, and is grateful to the



many professors she studied under. After leaving Otterbein Judy pursued a Masters in Science in Bacteriology at the University of Wisconsin. She and Mike married in 1963 and while he attended the seminary in Dayton she worked in the microbiology lab at Good Samaritan Hospital. Mike served in several different churches, but in '85 they returned to Westerville where Mike worked in Development and Judy returned to Otterbein working in the Life Sciences Department. Judy worked at Otterbein for 19 years retiring in 2004, but she and Mike always found time to attend events on campus. Judy always enjoyed libraries and reading so joining the Friends of the Library was an easy decision. Judy retired from the Friends this past summer and states, "There were and are so many people on the Board that I admired, it was a pleasure to be part of the organization."

*I want to be your favorite hello*

## Friends Welcome New Officers

**T**he Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library board members appreciate the long-standing dedication and work of recently retired board members Jane Horn and Judy Christian. Their departure makes room for new talent to the board. Replacing Judy as the FOL secretary is Becky O'Neil. Becky is a Collection Development Librarian at the Westerville Public Library, where she has worked in various capacities since 1999. She received her MLIS degree from Kent State University in 2006 and her Bachelors from Otterbein in 2001. Her interests include art, visual storytelling, and searching for a dash of magical realism in everything. Having served on the Friends Council, Becky is excited about her new position with the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library and looks forward to meeting Friends members at various events over the years.



**G**erman Vargas Ramos is the new member-at-large. German is an Instructional Designer for the Center for Teaching and Learning at Otterbein University. He studied English Literature at the University of Puerto Rico, Mayagüez as an undergraduate, and then received an M.Ed. in Learning Media & Technologies from the University of Massachusetts Amherst, where he is also currently a doctoral student. Born and raised in Hormigueros, Puerto Rico, he now lives in Delaware, Ohio with his wife, Glenda and their two cats, Maya and Koji. He is an avid reader, a regular member of Otterbein's Common Book selection committees, and a frequent patron of the Courtright Memorial Library. Always willing to assist and help out, German was ecstatic about the opportunity to become a Friends of the Library board member. Please join us in welcoming and congratulating both Becky and German.



*...and your hardest goodbye*

**I**t is with heartfelt sorrow that the Friends bid farewell to a longtime member and dedicated supporter Thomas A. Szudy. Szudy, 64; was the beloved husband for 29 years to Otterbein's former Courtright Memorial Library Director, Lois Francis Szudy. An avid reader, lover of libraries, and collector of lighthouses, Tom was dedicated to family and faith. Tom was a graduate of Ohio University and Case Western Reserve University. He worked as a Librarian for the State Library of Ohio and several public libraries. He was also an adjunct instructor for Kent State University where he taught their popular grant writing workshop. Tom enjoyed teaching and helping others and as a dedicated Methodist, he often taught grant writing workshops through the church. When Tom wasn't teaching or reading he loved to travel and play a few rounds of golf. He is survived by his loving brother Ronald W.; wife Lois F. Szudy; sister-in-law Beth Deinlein (Terry), brother-in-law John Francis (Tonda); and uncle of Robert (Heather) and Rodney Reisinger. Tom was an uncle and cousin to many and a friend to all.



Preceded in death by parents Walter and Blanche Szudy and grandparents Frank and Katherine Szudy and Orval and Mary Lewis. Over his 64 years of life Tom impacted the lives of many and he will be missed by all those who knew him.

Pictured left to right are Ron (Tom's brother and a Friends member), Tom, and their mother Blanche.

## FRIENDS AND LIFELONG LEARNING COMMUNITY MEMBERS ENJOY BENEFITS



Friends and Lifelong Learning Members with library borrowing privileges enjoy many benefits. Listed below are a complete list of benefits afforded to members.

**BORROWING PRIVILEGES AT THE COURTRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY (CML)** – You will receive a CML card, guaranteeing you the ability to check out library materials.

**ACCESS TO MATERIALS BORROWED THROUGH OUR CONSORTIUMS, OPAL AND OHIOLINK** – This gives you the ability to request materials from academic and public libraries throughout the state of Ohio.

**ACCESS TO INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICE** – You will be able to request materials that are not held by the Courtright Memorial Library or any of our consortium member libraries.

**SUBSCRIPTION TO THE QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER, *FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE*** – The newsletter will keep you up-to-date on events and news pertaining to the Friends and the CML.

**SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO FRIENDS-SPONSORED EVENTS** – Be the first to know about author talks, musical events, and other special occasions sponsored by the Friends.

**VOTING RIGHTS AT THE ANNUAL FRIENDS BUSINESS MEETING AND THE ABILITY TO SERVE ON THE FRIENDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES** – You will have a say in what the Friends of the Library do to help promote and support Otterbein's Courtright Memorial Library, students, and the Otterbein Community.



**WIRELESS ACCESS** – Your wireless-enabled devices will be able to utilize our OtterbeinGuest network on all levels of the library.

**INTERNET ACCESS** – A librarian will be able to give you a guest log-in that will allow you to utilize the many computers located within the library, including both Apple and PC devices in the First Floor Learning Commons.

**ON-SITE DATABASE ACCESS** – Once you are logged into a terminal inside the library you will have access to over 120 research databases, including Ancestry.com and the Naxos Music Library.

**ON-SITE BOOK, PERIODICAL, AND GOVERNMENT DOCUMENT ACCESS** – All print materials located in the general stacks are available for your perusal within the library.

**RESEARCH SERVICES** – Set up an appointment with a research librarian when you need help with your projects or assistance with any stage of research.

**ACCESS TO COPIERS, PRINTERS, AND SCANNERS** – The library has available (for a small fee) a public copier and public printers in the Learning Commons.

**ACCESS TO THE UNIVERSITY ARCHIVE** – Learn more about the history of Otterbein University and the United Brethren Church by making an appointment to see the historical materials held in this special collection.

**REDUCED MEMBERSHIP RATE FOR THE FRIENDS OF THE COURTRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY** – Members of the LLC can become a member of the Friends of the Library for **only \$5**.



## AN EVENING WITH MINDY



**Fr**iends of the Library welcomed special guest and author alumnus Mindy McGinnis for “An Evening With Mindy McGinnis” on Tuesday, November 15th. Mindy is an Edgar Award winning author with four titles to her credit and she left the audience hungry for more as she read chapter one of her latest novel, *The Female of The Species*. To the fan-filled audience, McGinnis, a former librarian, shared writing tips, talked about working with editors, and the importance of meeting deadlines. Mindy also spoke about her inspiration and from where she gets writing ideas.

The Otterbein bookstore was on hand selling Mindy’s books and many guests waited eagerly for a special signature. Above, Mindy reads to the audience and answers questions. Pictured right, with her former English professor, Mindy and Jim Gorman.



Above, community members also attended the event and pictured right an Otterbein student was excited about meeting one of her favorite young adult authors.







## ONLINE VOTING HUGE SUCCESS

**F**riends recently voted via Survey Monkey, a free online, customizable survey, for the slate of officers comprising the board of the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library. Friends members not having a listed email address were mailed the survey. Overall, more than 33% of Friends voted for the slate of officers who will serve a four year term. The elected officers are:

President— Nancy Smith  
Vice President— Mary Pat Knight  
Treasurer— Tiffany Lipstreu  
Secretary— Becky O'Neil  
Members-At-Large— Barbara McKenzie and German Vargos Ramos

Congratulations to the newly elected board members and thanks to everyone who participated in making the online vote a huge success.

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## MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Otterbein Singers  
Sunday, March 19, 2017 @ 8:00 pm  
Church of the Master



## GIFT GIVING

**W**ith the holidays just around the corner why bother fighting crowds for retail sales deals or trying to decide which online bargain is the best? The perfect gift is right here in your hands. That's right, you can give the gift of a Friends membership. A Friends membership is the perfect gift regardless of location for family, neighbors, alumni, and yes, your friends. Help alumni reconnect with their alma mater and keep up with what's going on at one of their favorite hangouts—The Courtright Memorial Library. And introduce friends, alumni, and neighbors to new books, outstanding authors, and year-round Friends of the Library events.

A friends gift membership can be purchased for as little as \$20.00 for the year. Interested? Just complete the membership form on the next page including the "giving friends as a gift" at the bottom of the page and return it with your payment. The gift recipient will receive a Friends welcome packet including the completed certificate and enjoy a wonderful holiday season!

## PR CLASS HELPS FRIENDS

**T**he Friends of the Library recently received assistance from a Public Relations class taught by Dan Steinberg, Public Relations professor at Otterbein University. Steinberg's COMM 1500 (*Principles of Public Relations*) class is offered each year and students are challenged in various ways with aiding organizations, non-profits, and small businesses. The class of 24 students studied the Friends organization, reviewed Friends materials (brochure and newsletters) and interviewed Nancy Smith (FOL President) and Tiffany Lisptreu (FOL Treasurer). After 15 weeks of research the class, which was divided into six groups, gave presentations (which were recorded) on their findings and presented the Friends with Strategic Plans consisting of surveys, comparisons with other Friends organizations, and possible goals and objectives for the Friends. Once materials are reviewed, information will be shared in an upcoming newsletter, at first glance however, the assignment appears to be a win-win for both students and Friends. The project was made possible due to the hard work and dedication of Elizabeth Zeitz and Stacie Walker-Ladson who met and worked with Steinberg over the summer and met his class early in the fall term. Additionally, Steinberg teaches a PR practicum course this spring in which students select and organization from a list to work with over the course of the term. If chosen, the Friends would certainly welcome the assistance. The Friends are grateful to Dan and his students for their diligence and zealous in creating the strategic plans!

# FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FORM

One form per membership and all memberships are valid for one year.

☐ Renewal

☐ New Member

☐ Gift Membership

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One benefit to being a Friend is access to limited borrowing privileges at the library.

Are you interested in receiving borrowing privileges?

☐ No, I do not need borrowing privileges.

☐ Yes, I would like to have borrowing privileges.

If yes, please provide your drivers license number above (required)

By signing (below) I agree that I will abide by the loan policies of the Courtright Memorial Library as stated here, <http://www.otterbein.edu/Library/about.aspx#policies>. I understand that the Courtright Memorial Library reserves the right to take collection actions if my account is over 60 days past-due.

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Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Giving Friends as a gift? Complete YOUR information below and it will be sent to Gift Recipient with the welcome packet.**



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☐ Individual Friend (\$20)

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