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FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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NEW DIRECTOR, NEW VISION

Tiffany Lipstreu wasted no time when she hit the ground running as the new Library Director of the Courtright Memorial Library. Tiffany previously worked at Franklin University as the Library Director and prior to that as the Assistant Library Director, and she brings to Otterbein an extensive background working in electronic resources and the library field.

Tiffany is excited to become better acquainted with the Library staff, the Friends of the Library, and its patrons. Understanding students and their needs is a vital component to operating a library. During the Library's Open House on August 20th, the class of 2019 was surveyed and some of the nearly 200 shared responses included charging stations, rooftop gardens, and production/collaboration spaces like gaming rooms, listening stations and art and recording studio space. Tiffany believes when, "...students let us know what they need and how they will use their library space - your job is to listen and take action. To that end, the library will be working to develop a strategic plan in the short term – for long term goal setting and achievement."



Pictured from Left to right: Rich (spouse), Shepherd, and Tiffany Lipstreu

Being a new mom and a child-at-heart, Tiffany is also enchanted by Sarah's Corner. "I have loved seeing and hearing stories of this area being a refuge for so many—from a summer reading clinic to a finals nap zone." Sarah's Corner has already implemented safety measures and has a surprise in the works. The Library will be celebrating the 150th anniversary of Alice's Adventures in Wonderland, with an art reveal thanks to the collaboration of Janice Glowski and Chaz O'Neil of the Art Department. All of this as a build-up to a crescendo of event planning and activities hosted by the Friends of the Library in honor of an even more dear-to-the-heart anniversary that will take place in 2016, the 10th anniversary of Sarah's Corner. Sarah's Corner was dedicated in 2006 through the generosity of The Class of 1956. Be on the lookout for "save the date" information!

When away from work, Tiffany enjoys spending time with her family (pictured) and volunteering. She recently rode in the Pelontonia as a member of the OhioLINK (120 member library consortium, and yes, Otterbein is a member!) peloton team, which she describes as a "life-changing" event! She and her family are huge explorers be it through books, exhibits, museums, and other venues, and they enjoy taking adventures to new destinations and learning new cultures. We are pleased she has decided to take a new adventure at Otterbein as the Director of the Courtright Memorial Library, welcome Tiffany!



OTTERBEIN INVITES YOU TO HAVE A SEAT!

If you've been on campus lately you've no doubt noticed the sixteen Adirondack Chairs strategically located under trees, near the rock, in the shade and the sun, in front of Towers, and elsewhere. The chairs are a welcome, inviting treat for Otterbein and its neighbors, but then Richard Gilbert knew they would be.

While attending a summer writer's workshop at another university, Gilbert was immediately taken with the Adirondack chairs sprawled across the campus. He shared his dream and vision of having Adirondacks at Otterbein with his wife, President Kathy Krendl. She agreed that the chairs would add an engaging and welcoming atmosphere to the campus; however, there was no money in the budget for Adirondack chairs. While truly never letting go of the idea, over time the chairs had less significance as other priorities came and went. Realizing there was only one way to make Adirondack chairs a reality for Otterbein, President Krendl and Richard Gilbert decided to make the chairs a gift to the university.

From the moment the chairs arrived and were placed around the campus, Gilbert was pleased with the decision. The chairs have been used by faculty, staff, community members, and students. People are seen using the chairs for reading, napping, lunching, studying, meetings, and much more. Gilbert also believed the chairs would offer more flexibility than the benches as the chairs can be moved into the sun or the shade, and they can be grouped into seating for two or more.

One of the main concerns Richard had regarding the chairs was their impact on the grounds crew. The chairs have to be moved for mowing. Troy Bonte, Facilities Management Director and Rebecca Vazquez-Skillings, VP for Business Affairs assured Richard that the chairs would not pose a problem. Additionally, Richard sees the chairs as a win-win and he hopes the grounds crew does as well, "There's a benefit to seeing the chairs being used by those who maintain the grounds and seeing that the campus is truly being appreciated."

Richard is not far off from the thinking of Thomas Lee, creator of the Adirondack chair, when he states that its an "evolved technology that really works! It's great for holding a drink, book, iPad, and its comfortable and relaxing." Lee simply wanted a relaxing and sturdy chair for his family vacation home that was comfortable and would hold a drink and a book.

President Kathy Krendl and husband Richard Gilbert (below) with their dog Belle, take a moment to read, relax, and enjoy the Adirondack chairs that can be seen across Otterbein's campus.



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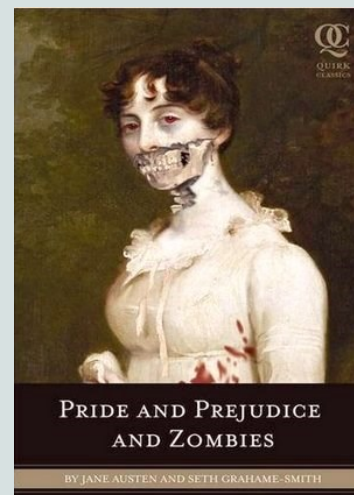
Common Book Author Visits Otterbein

Jeanne Marie Laskas (pictured left) will talk about her book, *Hidden America* at the Common Book Convocation on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at 3:00 PM. The convocation will be in Cowan Hall and everyone is welcome to attend.

The Friends of the Library will have a discussion followed by a Q&A and book signing with Laskas on **Thursday, October 22, 2015 at 7:30 PM** on the 2nd Floor of the Library. Refreshments will be served and everyone is welcome to attend.

Pages to Film Series

Mark your calendars now for the return of our day-long reading extravaganza, Pages to Film. On Thursday, November 12, 2015, we'll be reading the popular satire, *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* by Jane Austen and Seth Grahame-Smith from 9:00 AM - 7:00 PM. Sign-ups coming soon, but you can beat the rush by emailing EZeitz@otterbein.edu today! We are proud to feature a special faculty-led discussion with Patti Frick at 7:30p touching on "Our Monsters, Ourselves" and themes from the novel itself. All are welcome to attend as Readers or Listeners or both!



A FRIENDLY WELCOME



Friends of the Library are pleased to welcome Kate Billy. Kate, Director of Donor Relations, works in Institutional Advancement and replaces Candace Brady as the Friends of the Library Liaison. Employed at Otterbein since 2013, Kate comes from Franklin University where she's worked in Advancement since 2009. As the Friend's Liaison, you'll see Kate at various Friends events—so be sure to introduce yourself. She also is available to assist Friends with donations and large gifts.

Kate can be reached at KBilly@otterbein.edu or via phone (614) 823-1952.



SPIRITS IN STONE



Learning sculpted by Zimbabwe artist Shamu Musandi.

On Monday, August 31, the Courtright Memorial Library hosted a Reception & Consecration Ceremony to welcome home the beautiful stone sculpture titled “*Learning*” by Zimbabwean artist Shamu Musandi. The ceremony began at 5:45 on the first floor and welcomed guest with a short video featuring Musandi as she spoke of her inspiration in creating the sculpture along with the Learning Village and its outreach. The Mid-Ohio Food Bank video can be seen at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNCAvOKL7k0> and more information is available at <http://www.kufunda.org>.

Learning is very much at home in the Library as it features an adult and child with an open book. The stone sculpture, from the exhibition *Spirits in Stone* is housed on the 1st floor of the Library so stop by soon to see this stunning sculpture for yourself.

The well-attended event was sponsored by the Otterbein Art Department and the Courtright Memorial Library.

Autumn BLISS: Art @ Otterbein

Just when you thought Brownbag Lunch Informational Summer Series (BLISS) only occurred in the summer. We’re bringing you *Art @ Otterbein: Opening Doors to the World: A Special Fall BLISS!* featuring Janice Glowski & Chaz O’Neil from Otterbein’s Galleries and Art Department. Everyone is welcome to attend and learn about the spectacular multi-year program, “Opening Doors to the World.” The door opens first in Chile this term with the Chilean Festival. To find out more, join us at 12 noon on Wednesday, Sept. 16, in Library 126 and learn about the multi-year program, Opening Doors to the World, and Chilean Festival. As always with BLISS, don’t forget your lunch!

BECKER GALLERY WELCOMES NEW ARTIST



Dandelion Farm

The beautiful rolling hills and farmland of Champaign County have inspired a new series of paintings by artist Leigh Ann Inskeep-Simpson. She is interested in the interplay of the organic and ever changing forms of clouds contrasting with the geometric forms of barns, silos and fields.

Leigh Ann received a B.A. in Art Education from Otterbein College, and a M.F.A. in Painting from Miami University. Why paint clouds, silos and farms you wonder, because “I believe people still want to look at beautiful things. These are the landscapes, the rural vistas, I find most appealing. My paintings reveal a simple, honest, and direct beauty.”

Inskeep-Simpson teaches Art and Photography at Urbana High School.

The Becker Gallery is named for John Becker '50 and Marian (Havens) Becker '50. John Becker served as University Librarian from 1954-1985, most of those year serving as Director of the Courtright Memorial Library.

A reception featuring the works of Leigh Ann will be held on Thursday, October 15, at 4:00 in the Becker Gallery, lower level of the Library.

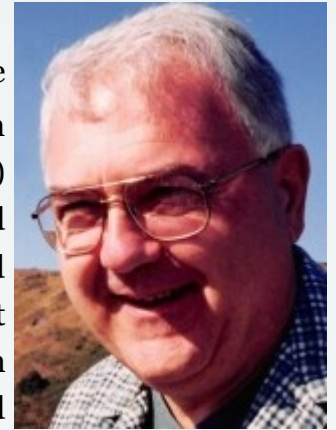


Kirby Farms



Gone, ...but Not Forgotten

Floyd C. Dickman, 76, of Ostrander, passed away late Sunday morning, June 14, 2015 at his residence. Floyd was born May 15, 1939 in Cloverdale, OH to Hubert and Loretta (Kamphaus) Dickman and later resided in Kalida, OH. Floyd attended Kalida schools and Bowling Green State University. He graduated from Miami University and received an MLS from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. Floyd taught elementary school, worked for Worthington Public Library, retiring from the State Library of Ohio after many years of service. He received the Friend of Family Literacy Award in 1999 from the Department of Education. He was concurrently a part-time instructor at Ohio Dominican University, Otterbein University and 20 years at Kent State University School of Library and Information Science, Columbus campus. Floyd was an active member of Ohio Library Association serving on various committees. He was awarded OLA Librarian of the year in 1990. He was an active member of the Ohio Educational Library Media Association and was awarded the OELMA Presidential Award in 2007. He was a member of the American Library Association and several of its divisions, including the Association of Library Services for Children, and in that division he served as a Board member of the 1986, 1994 and 2002 Caldecott Award Committees and the 2009 Newbery Award Committee. Floyd was a lifetime member of REFORMA and served on the Pura Belpre Award Committee in 2011. Floyd was proud to serve as a member of the Visitors Board of the MAZZA Museum at Findlay University, Findlay, OH. He established the MAZZA Museum Children's Book Center, 2010, donating thousands of books there and to many other schools and groups. He presented many workshops for teachers and librarians in Ohio over the years and demonstrated the riches in children's literature and children's illustration to numerous educators and children, encouraging them to view the latest offerings of talented authors and illustrators in the field. Floyd was a member of St. Mary Church, Delaware, OH for the past eight years. There he was an active in the St. Vincent de Paul Society. He was a former member of the Delaware Arts Castle Board. Buckeye Valley Schools awarded him the President's Council, Baron Award of Excellence for 2012-2013. Floyd is survived by his best friend and wife of 48 years, Stella; his wonderful children will miss their dad who texted them daily, Laura (Terri) of Pataskala, Todd of New Albany and Nathan (Joetta) of Mansfield; grandchildren, Jacob, Liam, Alex, Kylee and Kinley Dickman and RJ and Kiersten Denney will miss their Pop Pop; mother-in-law, Margaret Todd; brothers include Roger, Gary (Lois), Gene (Terry); and numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many wonderful supportive friends and extended family.





Woodrow Russell Macke died at peace on July 14th after 91 years of work, play and adventure in Ontario, Nigeria, Ohio and Minnesota. Sixty of those years were shared with Wilma, who he found in Africa. Loved by his sisters, children and their families. Blessed his whole life by the help, care and love of friends that he accumulated up until his final months. Woodie had a twinkle in his eye, a kind word for all, and the strength of his convictions. Family and friends celebrated Woodie's life on Saturday, July 18th at White Bear Lake UMC in Minnesota. A second memorial service will be held this fall in Westerville, Ohio for family and friends unable to travel on short notice. In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in his name to Church of the Master United Methodist Church or to Otterbein University, both in Westerville, Ohio. Woodie was born on June 29, 1924 in Mildmay, Ontario. Preceded in death by his wife Wilma (Vandersall) Macke, parents William and

Louella (Becker) Macke, and bother-in-law William Amy. He is survived by his sisters, Lorraine Kaiser and Floral Amy; and brother-in-law, Ward Kaiser. Woodie is also survived by his children, John Macke (Katie), Mary Buchanan (Stuart), William Macke (Nancy) and Robert Macke (Yoonhee), nine grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His career of service and work began after graduating in 1947 from the University of Toronto, as a Civil Engineer. In March of 1949 he headed to Nigeria as a missionary for the EUB church (now Methodist). It was there that he met the love of his life, Wilma, and they married on December 11, 1949. Together they served in the mission field until 1964 and began raising a family of four children. Woodie moved the family to Westerville, Ohio in 1965. From his first arrival until 1988 he served at Otterbein College, retiring as the Vice President for Business Affairs. He was very active as a member of Church of the Master UMC and the Rotary. After Wilma passed away in 2008, Woodie moved to Mahtomedi, MN where he lived with his son John and daughter-in-law Katie. He became a member of White Bear Lake UMC and was active in the community. Over the years, Woodie had many varied interests. Family and friends always came first but service was a close second. The church and service were a foundation that guided him throughout life. He was born a Canadian and was proud of his heritage, going back for visits every year, keeping close contact with family and childhood friends. He and Wilma enjoyed traveling together and took trips regularly driving across country. They often went to auctions where he would pick up the antique hand tools he loved and would restore to working condition. He is loved, cherished and remembered by the many whose life he touched.



ALUMNI AUTHORS FEATURED DURING HOMECOMING

If you'll be on campus for Homecoming this year, don't forget to stop by the First Floor of the Library and check out the Alumni Author Display! The display, well into its third year, is designed to not only feature the works of one particular alumni author, but also share a glimpse into their life – where are they now, what have they done since leaving Otterbein, and what they hope to accomplish. Library staff work with the Alumni Office to keep up with our busy alumni and to ensure their works are part of the Library collection. The Homecoming display is a tribute to all the talented alumni featured during the course of the last academic year, so come in and check it out!

Are you an author, or know an alumni who is? Email Elizabeth (EZeitz@otterbein.edu) or let Alumni Relations know about your book today!

TIME TO UPDATE YOUR INFO

Some Library events may be marketed within a short window not leaving ample time for postal mailings. In these cases every attempt is made to reach our Friends via email. To ensure that your contact information is up to date, please send an email to sladson@otterbein.edu and include your preferred email address and mailing address. Thank you!

All Friends are welcome to attend the renaming ceremony of the West Study to Lois' Study. The ceremony will precede the Common Book author visit on **Thursday, October 22, at 7:00 PM** on the 2nd floor of the Library. Lois Szudy retired on June 30, of this year after 25 years of dedicated service to the Library and Otterbein University.

The West Study is a popular meeting place within the Library and is also used for small classroom meetings. After the first floor summer renovation of 2013, the Friends funded replacing the 12 chairs in the West Study giving the space a more formal, elegant look. The ceremony is open to the public and light refreshments will be served.



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