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FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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The Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

History of the Underground Railroad



Many of us know that slaves escaped the harshness and brutality of slavery in the South by running away to seek freedom and a better way of life. Some slaves looked to Northern states including Ohio for their freedom, but they could not have made it and survived without the help of Abolitionists and the Underground Railroad. To learn more about Ohio's role in the Underground Railroad, join the Friends of the library as we welcome Cathy D. Nelson, Ohio Humanities Council and Founder/President Emeritus of the Friends of Freedom Society. Ms. Nelson, an expert on the Underground Railroad, has been speaking about and raising awareness to the bravery of fugitive slaves on the Underground Railroad for more than twenty years.

During her discussion, Ms. Nelson will talk about the significant role Ohio played with its many trails and homes (more than 1,000 documented Underground Railroad sites) and the vital role some of the trails and homes had in assisting escaped slaves.

Come discover Ohio's Underground Railroad right in your backyard on **Sunday, February 10, from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the Battelle Hall Riley Auditorium. The cost for this event is \$10.00 for adults and Free for students. This event is sponsored by Otterbein's Friends of the Library and refreshments are being served. The Hanby House will be open for tours immediately following the program (3:00-4:00 p.m.) and is free for program participants.

The Freshman Musical Theatre Ensemble

Directed by Lori Kay Harvey and Choreographed by Stella Kane the Freshman Musical Theatre Ensemble is proud to announce an evening of entertainment for your pleasure. Everyone is welcome on Sunday, March 3, at 7 PM at the Battelle Hall Riley Auditorium. Refreshments will be served and this event is free to the public. Free-will donations will be accepted.



WELCOME

The Courtright Memorial Library is pleased to welcome our new Reference Coordinator, Jessica Crossfield McIntosh. Originally from Florida, she received her Bachelor's degree in Photojournalism from the University of Florida in 2005. After working for four years in newspapers and educational publishing, she decided to pursue her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Kent State University. Jessica worked as a reference librarian at Columbus State Community College before being hired at Otterbein. In her spare time, she cooks vegan food, plays the ukulele, knits, reads, and enjoys live music.



Friends Membership Has Its Privileges

Becoming a Friend of the Courtright Memorial Library is fast, easy, and beneficial. Since 1995 alumni, faculty, staff, students, parents, community members and extended Otterbein families have become members of the Friends of the Otterbein University Courtright Memorial Library. Friends receive borrowing privileges to the Otterbein Library, including access to OhioLINK and OPAL materials. Use of library databases are only available to Friends members who visit the library in person due to licensing agreements with the publishers. Friend's donations have helped to fund book purchases, acquisition of databases, library renovations, restoration of historic paintings, and library events. Donations from Friends also help foster and maintain Sarah's Corner, The Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcome Space, and the Alice G. Salt Reading Room to name a few. Donations allow the library to provide Otterbein students, staff, faculty, and administrators with the resources and services they need. Friends participate in various library and campus activities such as the Common Book Convocation and author book signing that follows (see photo below). To make a donation, renew membership, or become a Friend of the Courtright Memorial Library complete the membership form on page three.



Friends of the Library Board Members, from left to right (Jane Horn, Nancy Smith, Mary Pat Knight, Candace Brady, Marge Trent and Lois Szudy), take a moment to pose during the Common Book Author, Rebecca Skloot's, book signing. Several copies of the Common Book, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* are available for checkout at the library for those with borrowing privileges.



America's Music: A Film Discussion Series

January 6—February 10, 2013

The America's Music series will feature one hour documentary films covering a vast array of music which includes blues & gospel, Broadway jazz, bluegrass & country, rock & roll, and mambo & hip-hop. Each documentary film screening will be followed by a 45 minute discussion led by a musical field expert. (There will also be musical performances and events for children. All events are free and open to the public. An online registration is required at westervillelibrary.org or by phone at (614) 882-7277 ext. 2103.

NEW ELEVATOR and NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION

Construction is currently underway in the library for a new elevator. The project is expected to take at least a month and should be completed by the end of January. If your New Years Resolution is to shed a few pounds, we can help, if and when you plan to visit the library, be prepared to use the stairs.

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