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## FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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The Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

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### Common Book Author Visits Library



Friends of the library are invited to attend Otterbein's Common Book author presentation. This year's Common Book author is Tom Piazza, author of *City of Refuge*. He will be presenting in the Courtright Memorial Library on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 at 7:30 PM on the second floor. The bookstore will be available selling copies of *City of Refuge* and following the presentation the author will sign books. This is a Friends sponsored event and refreshments will be served. Tom Piazza is the author of ten books, including *City of Refuge*, which won the Willie Morris Award for Southern Fiction. He is currently a writer for the HBO drama series *Treme*.

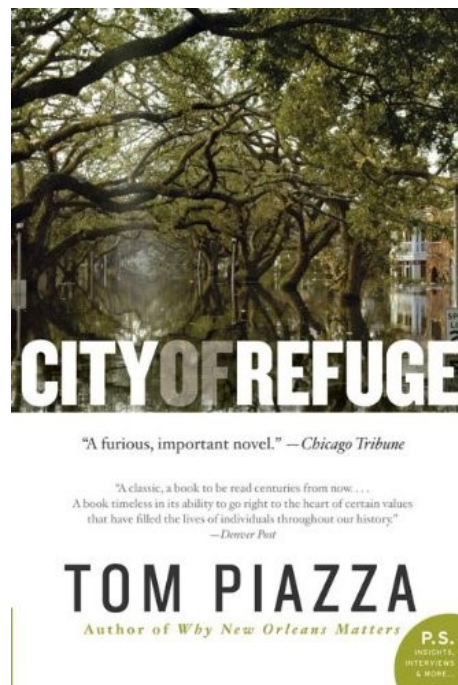
#### *About the book...*

*City of Refuge* is a panoramic novel of two New Orleans families, one black and one white, whose lives are torn apart by Hurricane Katrina and then stitched back together.

SJ Williams, a carpenter and a widower lives in the Lower Ninth Ward where he was born and raised. Living nearby is his sister Lucy and her son Wesley, who SJ tries to keep out of trouble. Craig Donaldson is an editor for the city's alternative paper and relocated to New Orleans with his wife, Alice, who is uncomfortable raising their two children in New Orleans.

*City of Refuge* is a modern masterpiece that is a must read as it touches on family and community, trial and resilience, and is told with a deep understanding of American life in our time.

Visit <http://www.tompiazza.com> for more information.





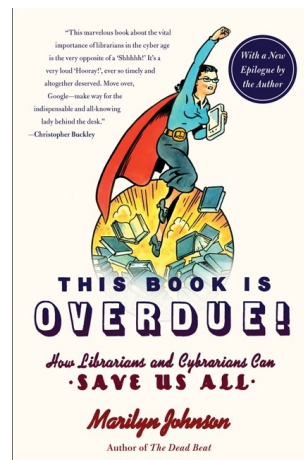
## Book Author @ Courtright Memorial library

April 12, 2011, Marilyn Johnson, the author of *This Book Is Overdue* visited Otterbein library and shared with Friends of Library her thoughts about the importance of librarians in the age of Google.



"In addition to *This Book Is Overdue!*, I also wrote *The Dead Beat: Lost Souls, Lucky Stiffs*, and the *Perverse Pleasures of Obituaries*, which was a finalist for the Barnes & Noble Discover Prize and selected as a Borders Original Voice. I recently recorded the book for a digital download edition. Both books have also received the Washington Irving Prize. After studying poetry at the University of New Hampshire, I was an editor for *Esquire* and *Outside Magazine*, and a staff writer for *Life* magazine."

[http://www.thisbookisoverdue.com/This\\_Book\\_Is\\_Overdue/About\\_the\\_Author.html](http://www.thisbookisoverdue.com/This_Book_Is_Overdue/About_the_Author.html)



## Seven Legends Visited Courtright Memorial Library!

A fun filled afternoon with seven great legends was brought to life on Sunday, January 9, 2011. Seven Legends was an original production and has been designed, written, produced and performed by Petie Dodrill, Pat Kessler, Stephen Grinch, Candy Canzoneri, Richard Gilbert, Marge Trent, Jim Gorman, Mary Pat Knight, and the mystery guest — Dr. Kathy Krendl.

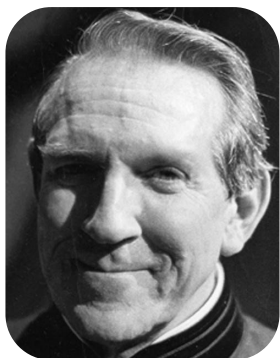


## It's Just Life...

The annual Freshman Musical Theatre production occurred on March 10, 2011 in Riley Auditorium, Battelle Fine Arts. It was a chance to see the very talented freshman musical theatre students perform together for the first time.



## [ Friends' Stories ]



Paul Bierley, the winner of Lifetime Achievement Award conferred by the Society for American Music. "Bierley is being honored for his many contributions to American music research and scholarship, particularly for his books on the life and works of John Philip Sousa and Henry Fillmore, and for the outstanding series of books on the history of band music released by his publishing company, Integrity Press. Bierley now resides at Oakleaf Village on Karl Road in Columbus."

*Westerville News & Public Opinion*, March 9, 2011



The Nation's new children's poet Laureate— J. Patrick Lewis, of Westerville was named to the two-year post on May 11 by the Poetry Foundation in Chicago. Lewis' first children's book, *the Tsar and the Amazing Cow*, was published in 1988. He has written more than 70 books—55 of them poetry— including *Spot the Plot: A Riddle Book of Book Riddles* and *A Hippopotamusn't: And Other Animal Poems*.

His 74th children's book, co-written with Jane Yolen and set for publication in the fall, is *Self-Portrait With Seven Fingers: A Life of Marc Chagall in Verse*.

The poet-laureate position, Lewis said, "gives a face to children's poetry."

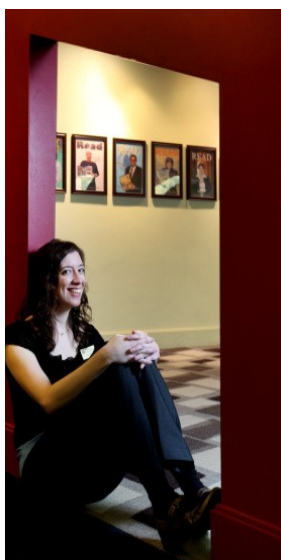
*The Columbus Dispatch*  
May 12, 2011

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Becky O'Neil is a teen librarian at the Westerville Public Library. She helps create a fun and friendly environment at the library by hosting themed parties for the patrons, such as an "anti-Valentine's Day" party last February. Becky also runs a Facebook page for volunteers and customers, and she blogs about teen books on the library web page.

In addition to being a great librarian, Becky O'Neil is also an artist. She participates in the graffiti-centric Urban Scrawl and the sidewalk-chalk gathering Via Colori.

More in *The Columbus Dispatch*, March 13, 2011





## Friends Bookmark

Each year the Friends hold a contest for an annual bookmark design with the Art 2-D Design Class. The winning bookmark is chosen by the library staff and Friends Executive Board. This year's winner was Dani Hanlin, a freshman who plans to dual major in Art and Math Education. Her bookmark, shown on the right, is being given out to Friends as an appreciation gift upon joining or renewing membership for the 2011-12 academic year.



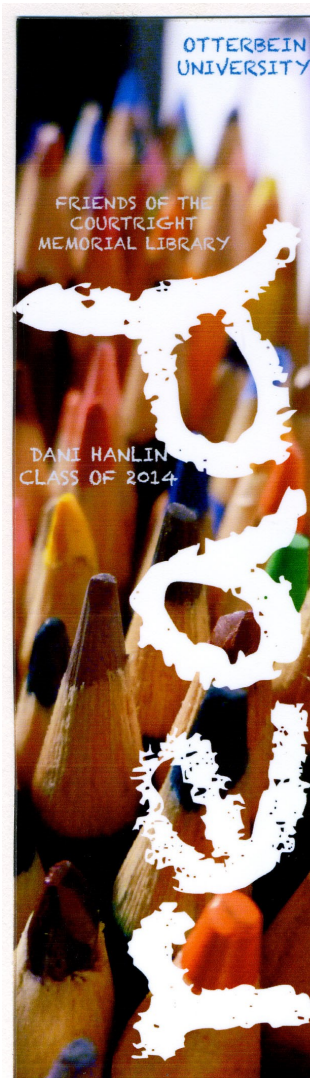
More than 50 bookmark designs were entered by Otterbein students for the 2011 contest.

### Designer's Words



"I chose to use a lot of color for this bookmark. In order to do that, I decided that a picture of colored pencils would do the job. Reading should not be a simple black and white concept. Reading is a time when the imagination can flow freely without limits. I also used a font for the word 'read' that looked as if I had written the word with a pencil to show that reading is a way to create and expand your thoughts, vocabulary, and life."

— Dani Hanlin '14



### Meet Library Elf.

This little service will send you a text messages when items are almost due or overdue. Elf will also tell you when requested items are ready to pick up.

- Go to <http://library.otterbein.edu>
- Click the Elf logo on the right.
- Fill out the information in four easy steps.

### Tips for Screen 2:

**Sign Up**  
Add Library Card

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Specify the library from the 'Library' dropdown box. Libraries are listed alphabetically by state (US), province (Canada), country

**Step 2 of 4**

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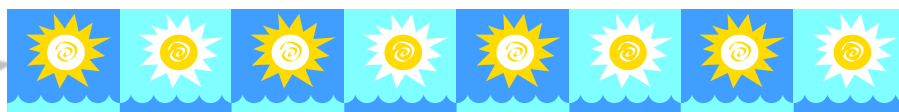




## Staff Updates



A belated welcome to Judy Carey Nevin who started in August of 2010. She came to Otterbein from Charlottesville, Virginia, where she worked for 6 years as the Reference/Instructional Librarian for Piedmont Virginia Community College. Prior to “graduating” to the college level, Judy was a librarian at a high school in Charlottesville. She has also worked as an editor for Viking Children’s Books, a division of Penguin Putnam. She has her Bachelor’s degree in management from SUNY Geneseo and a Master’s in library studies from Rutgers. Judy is an avid knitter, plays the flute, and has a mild obsession with her dog, Henry.



Welcome Farris Sheikh as the Courtright Memorial Library Graduate Assistant. Farris is currently pursuing his Masters in Teaching and will graduate in May of 2012. Prior to Otterbein, Farris was the Assistant Men’s Soccer Coach for 4 years at Capital University. Farris is also completing a one-year service learning program in Upper Arlington Schools through AmeriCorp.

Farris was recently wed on July 16th in Cleveland, OH and he and his lovely wife spent their 16-day honeymoon in Italy. Please join us in welcoming Farris to the Courtright Memorial Library

Not pictured is Stacie Walker-Ladson. Stacie comes to the library from Otterbein’s Center for Continuing Studies. Stacie fills a newly appointed position Assistant to Library Director and will utilize her marketing skills with the Friends of the Library Newsletter, the Courtright Memorial Library e-newsletter, assisting with the campus-wide United Way Campaign, and much more. You’ll be hearing from Stacie in the future as she helps organize events for the Friends of the Library.

Next time you’re in the library stop by and welcome all the new staff members – they’ll be glad you did!



## OBITUARIES

**Lawrence Lee Pryfogle**, 73, of Westerville, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly, February 10, 2011. A Funeral Service was held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at Moreland Funeral Home. Larry was born on April 16, 1937, in Columbus, Ohio, to the late Kenneth Leroy Pryfogle and Harriett Bowers Pryfogle. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Ann Elizabeth (Cherry) and son, Scott (Robin) Pryfogle. Larry was known for his wide ranging interests, knowledge and dry wit. Larry graduated from Columbus North High School, Otterbein College and received his Masters from Ohio University and a veteran of the Army and Marines. He retired from Columbus Public Schools after 30 years. He spent his retirement through community involvement, serving as a Columbus Zoo Docent, member of the Westerville Lion's Club, Hanby House Docent, graduate of the Westerville Citizens' Police Academy and pursuing his interests in Tai Chi, swimming, history, music, old time movies and reading. He regularly attended the American Baptist Church of Westerville. Friends may contribute to the Westerville Lions Club or the American Baptist Church of Westerville, in his memory.

**Esther May (Loxley) Barnhart** passed suddenly on October 7 at 1:00 a.m. following no illness. Married June 10, 1951 to Philip E. Barnhart, Esther was a 1974 graduate of Otterbein College. She carved a career for herself when it was not yet cool for women to work outside of the home. She worked at OSU's Main Library, Physics Library and retired from the Science and Engineering Library. She is survived by her husband of 60 years, son Eric, and several grand and great-children. Esther loved nature, traveling and working with her hands. She was an avid reader and sought adventure across the globe.; and while she did not embrace technology, she enjoyed the benefits it afforded her. Ester was fascinated to

E. M. Barnhart cont.

discover parts of her heritage undreamt of until a project in genealogy prodded her curiosity. Ester and her Phil were founding members of the Friends of the Library. In lieu of flowers donations to Courtright Memorial Library Children's Book Fund "Sarah's Corner are welcome. A memorial service will be held at Friendship Village on Sat. Nov. 12 at 11:00 am.



**Patricia "Pat" Kessler**, age 74, passed away on Thursday, April 28, 2011. She is preceded in death by her son John Benjamin

Kessler, husband John "Jack" A. Kessler, brother Bernard Paladino, and father Benjamin Paladino. Pat is survived by her devoted daughters, Lisa and Tracy Kessler; and her loving mother, Donna (Jones) Paladino; brother, James Paladino; and many, nieces, nephews and family as well as her long time friends. Pat received her B.A. from Penn State University in Theater Arts and her M.A. from the Ohio State University in Journalism. She was an accomplished actress, director and play writer. Pat was involved in the Columbus Community Theater, Players Theater, Curtain Players and Emerald City Players. While acting Pat also had a strong work ethic in her career, retiring from Otterbein College after over 20 years of service as their P.R. Director. Pat was very active in her condo association, where she was involved in their hospitality committee. She was a member of an Otterbein Book Club, Movie Club and Euchre Club. She made many lasting friendships throughout her life and was grateful for her longtime friends. Pat will be remembered for her outgoing personality and the love she had for her family, especially her grandson, Jackson.





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