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# FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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*Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library*

## Jonathan Mooney Presents:

*An Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space Event*

### The Short Bus

**A Journey Beyond Normal**



Jonathan Mooney is a dyslexic writer and activist who did not learn to read until he was 12 years old. He is a graduate of Brown University's class of 2000 and holds an honors degree in English Literature. Jonathan is founder and President of Project Eye-To-Eye, a mentoring and advocacy non-profit organization for students with learning differences. Project Eye-To-Eye currently has 20 chapters, in 13 states working with over 3,000 students, parents and educators nationwide.

A winner of the prestigious Truman Scholarship for graduate studies in disability studies and social change, Jonathan was also a finalist for the Rhodes Scholarship. With the publication of *Learning Outside The Lines* (now in its 14th printing) when he was 23, Jonathan has established himself as one of the foremost leaders in LD/ADHD, disabilities, and alternative education. His second book, *The Short Bus: A Journey Beyond Normal*, is a memoir, published by Henry Holt in June, 2007. Lauded as "a heartfelt rebuke to the rigid definitions of normality," by Kirkus Review, the book is Jonathan's journey across the United States, in a converted short school bus, as he seeks to celebrate cognitive and physical diversity through profiles of people who have been labeled abnormal their entire lives. His work on behalf of



**Sunday April 13th at 2:00pm**

students with disabilities was recognized by the LD Access Foundation in 2003 when he was awarded the Golden Advocacy award.

Jonathan has been featured and quoted in The New York Times, USA Today, NPR, ABC News,

New York Magazine, The Washington Post, The Boston Globe and numerous other local and regional papers in the cities, states, and countries where Jonathan has traveled.

[www.jonathanmooney.com](http://www.jonathanmooney.com)

Pictures by Sarah Small

Due to illness, we re-present:

## A Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space Event

# Building Communities from the Inside Out



John McKnight

*“Powerful citizen-centered local democracy that solves problems, welcomes all neighbors and creates a community of genuine care is possible when we discover our personal capacity to connect ourselves to the riches that surround us. We are, after all, not people half-full. We are a people whose cup runs over.”* John McKnight

John McKnight is a Professor of Education and Social Policy and Co-Director of the Asset-Based Community Development Institute of Northwestern University. For three decades, John has researched social service delivery systems, health policy, community organizations, neighborhood policy, and institutional racism. He currently directs research projects focused on asset-based neighborhood development and methods of community building by incorporating marginalized people. [www.northwestern.edu/ipr/people/mcknight.html](http://www.northwestern.edu/ipr/people/mcknight.html)

**Monday October 1, 2007  
3:00 to 5:00 PM  
Courtright Memorial Library**

**- There is no charge to attend -**



Erin McKenzie

Erin McKenzie (August 9, 1984 - August 24, 2004) attended Westerville South High School where she enjoyed being involved in all the traditional high school activities. She was very involved with the theater department at Westerville South and regularly assisted the Otterbein College Theatre department by serving as an usher for both summer and main stage productions.

In honor of Erin McKenzie, the

Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library has created a virtual welcoming space on the Library homepage at the web-address: <http://library.otterbein.edu>.

The Virtual Welcoming Space is a website to promote learning, discovery, and to confirm and challenge old notions with new ones. It pulls together materials in a variety of formats, on a variety of subjects, that can be easily located and used. Links to materials purchased in Erin's

memory are included. Erin McKenzie's life mirrored the lofty goals of this virtual space.

The Erin McKenzie events are proudly co-sponsored by the Otterbein College Courtright Memorial Library in connection with the Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space, the Otterbein College Center for Community Engagement, and Ohio TASH—promoting equity, opportunity, and inclusion for people with disabilities.

# Otterbein Musical Theater

**- MARK YOUR CALANDER -**  
for  
**The 2007-08 Freshman Musical  
Theater Presentation**

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**Sunday March 16th, 2008  
7:00 PM**

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**Riley Auditorium  
Battelle Fine Arts Center  
Directed by Dennis Davenport**



Students from last year's Friends musical event pose for a celebration photo after the performance.

## Archives Preparing for Move to New Location

The move of the WOCC-TV station is almost complete from the lower level of the Courtright Memorial Library. Only a few more pieces of equipment and furniture need to be transferred to the new Communication Building. Once the final move occurs, the Service Department can begin removing the stages and the carpet, repairing and repainting the walls, and cleaning and repairing the floors.

Sometime during fall term, the plan is to have the renovation completed and begin moving the Archives from its present location on the third floor to the lower level. Stephen Grinch, Archivist, has created the plans for moving the valuable collection and is eagerly awaiting this move.

How can you help? Please keep your donations coming. Your wonderful generosity is very appreciated! We do need additional funds to purchase new display cases, furniture and compact shelving to help preserve and promote the history of Otterbein College. Too much of our history is often lost in trashcans, paper shredders, hot attics, leaky basements, and with the delete button. Your generous donation can make a difference to scholars of today and in the future.

Any questions, please contact:

Stephen Grinch, Archivist  
E-mail: [SGrinch@otterbein.edu](mailto:SGrinch@otterbein.edu)  
Phone: 614 823-1761

## Current Officers

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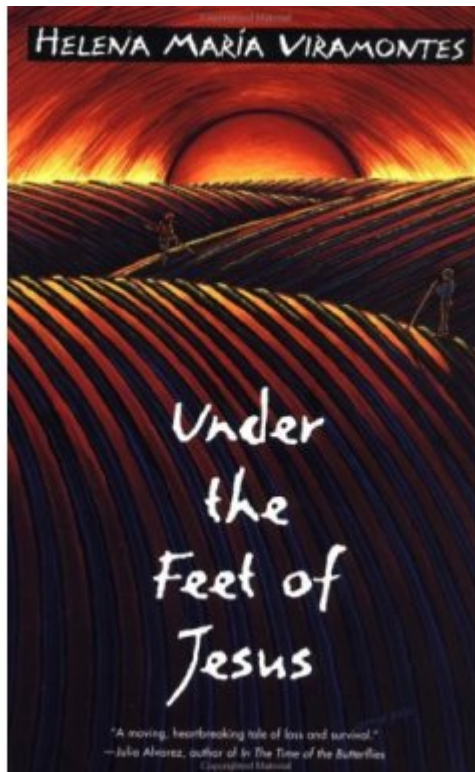
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## 2007-2008 Common Book

Published in 1995, *Under the Feet of Jesus* is a novel of cultural clashes, social injustice, and love amongst the migrant farm workers of contemporary California, as seen through the eyes of a young Mexican-American woman.

Otterbein College has established a common reading experience for new students through a gift from an alumna, Mary Thomas '28. The selection of books for the common reading experience reflects Otterbein's resolve to add an academic component to new student orientation and to present itself to incoming students as an intellectual community willing to grapple with significant contemporary issues.

Since 1995, the series seeks to stimulate a year-long discussion of an



academic theme derived from common book issues by exploring it in classes, residence halls, and co-curricular programming. This common reading experience involves all incoming first-year students, faculty, many staff members, and student leaders.

The selected book is distributed to first-year students free of charge during orientation sessions in the summer and New Student Weekend.

Faculty and staff also receive a free copy of the book so they may prepare for the upcoming year's events. Program organizers encourage all faculty members to use the book in their classes, take part in the year-long programming related to the book, or discuss the book with first-year students in informal ways.

Visit [www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/cmbome.htm](http://www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/cmbome.htm) for this and more information about the Common Book.

### About the Author: Helena Maria Viramontes



Picture by Marion Ettlinger

Helena Maria Viramontes was born in 1954 in East Los Angeles, California, where her parents were migrant workers. She started writing while attending college and won numerous awards for her work. In 1981 Viramontes began her studies for the Master of Fine Arts Creative Writing program at the University of California at Irvine.

The major themes of her stories can be traced to her childhood experiences as she grew up in East Los Angeles. Also, the work of Cesar Chavez and the United Farm Workers influenced her life and her art. In 1995 Viramontes' powerful novel, *Under the Feet of Jesus*, was published. She dedicated this work to the memory of Cesar Chavez and her

parents who met while they labored in the fields of California.

Ms. Viramontes has won a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts to collaborate on a workshop with Gabriel Garcia Marquez at the Sundance Institute. Also, her work has appeared in the anthology, *Cuentos*, and in 1985 her book, *The Moths and Other Stories*, was published. In 1993 she began to teach creative writing at Cornell University where she is presently an Assistant Professor of English.

Helena Maria Viramontes will be visiting Otterbein College from the 18th to the 20th of October, 2007. Stay tuned for information on how to meet this dynamic author.

### Did you Know?

Benjamin Franklin and a group of friends founded the Library Company of Philadelphia in 1731 when Franklin was 25 years old. It was America's first lending library and can lay claim to being the predecessor of the free public library. For a brief period (Dec. 1733-Mar. 1734) Franklin actually served as the librarian for the Library Company. *The Columbia Encyclopedia*

# Friends Roster

Listed are all those who have made a donation to the Courtright Memorial Library from July 1st, 2006 to June 30th, 2007. We thank our Friends Members whose donations support every facet of the Otterbein College Library -- from enriching our holdings and expanding our resources, to preserving our collections and improving our services with advanced technology.

## Life

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*Please note:* While we have made every effort to include all those who have donated to the Friends from July 1st 2006 to June 30th 2007, we wish to mention that there might be someone who we have missed. If so, please accept our apologies and do drop us a line to let us know of your participation so that you are properly credited.

## Treasurers Report



As of July 30, 2007 the Friends of the Library has a total of \$9,349 in our Friends membership account. The money currently being raised will be used to support the relocation and renovation of the Archives. In addition, the library has \$5,689 remaining in the Sarah's Corner fund. This money is being used to purchase books and other materials for the children's collection.

**Don't forget to renew your membership!** The mailing label on the back cover of the newsletter indicates when your annual membership expires. Something new - now you can use a credit card to donate money to the Friends!

# A Farewell to Friends Lost

## Gertrude Reid Knight

Gertrude Reid Knight, age 96 years, passed on June 11, 2007. She is survived by her husband J. Robert Knight; sons Robert (wife Carol); and, Douglas (wife Mary Pat); and many grand and great-grand children. Gertrude graduated from Dayton Steele High School in 1928 and Miami Jacobs Business College in 1930. She was an active member of Summit United Methodist Church, the Sorosis Literary Club, and the Summit Sewing Guild of Riverside Hospital.

Contributions may be made to the General Scholarship Fund of Otterbein College, Development Office, 1 Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch  
Sunday, June 17, 2007

## Sherrie Snyder

Sherrie E. Snyder, age 59, of Westerville, OH passed away on March 1, 2007 after a brief illness. Sherrie was a retired Librarian. She graduated from North Canton Hoover High School and received a BA degree from Otterbein College in English and History in 1968, followed by a MS degree from Philadelphia's Drexel University College of Information Sciences and Technology in 1975. She was a member of EAT Sorority at Otterbein College. Sherrie was a long-time member of the American Library Association (ALA). She was elected to ALA Council and became President of ALA's Continuing Library Education Round Table. She began her career at Cleveland Public Library's branch in the inner city in 1969. She followed her husband to Youngstown, OH in 1969 and continued her public information service as Children's Librarian at Mahoning County Library. She moved to Reading, PA and traveled 120 miles

## Alice Gretchen Salt

Alice Gretchen Salt, age 81, formerly of Bexley, OH and Westerville, OH passed on April 13, 2007. Alice was born in Columbus, OH on May 14, 1925 to Paul and Alice (Stoehr) Schacht, who preceded her in death.

She was a graduate of Western College, Oxford, OH, Class of 1947, where she was a member of the Alumnae Association and Trustee Emerita. Throughout her life, Alice generously gave her time to many organizations including Bexley United Methodist Church where she served as Church Librarian, Secretary of the *cont.* →



She was then hired by Lancaster County, PA Library to head their extension services including the expansion of the counties library geared to the rural poor, aged and institutionalized, Hispanic, Black, and Vietnamese. She then moved to Columbus, OH as consultant to Northeastern Ohio for the State Library of Ohio.

She moved to Salt Lake City, Utah as Assistant Director of Reference for the State of Utah and served as the Vice-President of Utah Library Association and was coordinator for the 1984 Utah Library Association's Annual Conference. She then moved to Bettendorf, Iowa, where she become

Administrative Board and the Food Pantry coordinator for 20 years, the Bexley Historical Society, and the Hanby House in Westerville. Alice was a longtime visitor to Mohonk Mountain Sanctuary, the Mohonk Preserve. Alice and her husband were founding members of the Friends of the Library. Alice is survived by husband, Charles F. Salt, children, Betsy Salt and Jeffrey (Brenda) Salt; grandchildren, Megan Salt, Colin Salt, and Jeanne Metzger; sister, Emily LeBaron; and several nieces and nephews. The family suggests that contributions be made to the Bexley United Methodist Church, or the Salt Family Endowment at the Mohonk Preserve, PO Box 715, New Paltz, NY 12561.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch  
Tuesday, April 17, 2007

the Director of City of Moline's Public Library.

Sherrie then returned to Ohio to become an independent consultant and was contracted by OSU's Cooperative and Extension Services. She became project consultant and coordinator of their 4-H Youth Development Project which was published and installed as "Ohio 4-H Kids Stuff in 1992". Before retiring in 1996, she was contracted by a major medical provider doing medical information system searched for new clinical methods. She is survived by her husband, Lee Snyder.

Donations may be made in her name to Courtright Memorial Library  
Otterbein College  
Development Office  
1 Otterbein College  
Westerville, OH 43081.

Source: The Columbus Dispatch  
Sunday, March 18, 2007



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