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Friendly Correspondence



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Mark your calendars now! **Long Lost Literary Loot** is coming on Friday April 19, 2002 at 6:00 PM

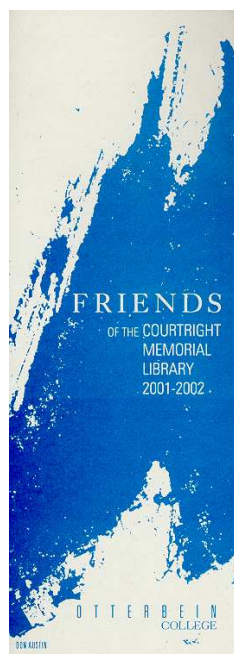
Here is your chance to join in the fun and bid on unique and rare artifacts and treasures from antiquity and literature recently discovered from archaeological digs, private collections, and museums around the world. We've searched high and low for literary loot. The items available may include Medusa's Curlers, Tom Sawyer's paint brush, Edgar Allen Poe's raven, Virginia Woolf's lighthouse, the Great Gatsby's pink shirt, and even Harry Potter's magic wand! For only pennies, nickels, and dimes (and other loose change) you could obtain an interesting, but inexpensive treasure. Start saving your pennies now!

Arrive at 6:00 PM on Friday April 19, 2002 and stroll around the library, enjoying hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and beverages, while literary and historical characters try to convince you to bid on their special items. The cost is only \$10.00 for this enjoyable evening. A short business meeting will be held immediately following the auction.

Money raised will be used to purchase additional tables and chairs for the library porch, such as these pictured below.



In addition to literary loot, you can participate in a silent auction of catalog cards signed by the authors (which were left over from the previous card catalog auctions). Take this opportunity to obtain the autographs of such authors as: Arthur C. Clarke, Ed Emberley, James Earl Jones, Russell Baker, Nelson DeMille, and many, many more.



Don Austin Creates 2001 - 2002 Friends Bookmark by John Wells, President

Friends of the Otterbein College Library enthusiastically thank Professor Don Austin for the design of our 2001-2002 bookmark that made its debut at the April Annual Meeting. Professor Austin describes the design as a brushstroke, chosen to be compatible with printed materials he designed for Otterbein's Admission Office publications now being used.

Don Austin is an Associate Professor in the Department of Art, now in his third year at Otterbein. He previously taught for eleven years at Coker College in South Carolina.

A native of Florida, he completed his undergraduate work in studio art at The College of Wooster in 1980, and received a Master of Arts in graphic design from Western Carolina University in 1986.

He moves easily between academia and the business world, bringing abundant and valuable experience in commercial art. He was art director of Soto Associates, as well as Thielen and Associates, and then free-lance creative director of Solutions by Design, all in Fresno, California.

After going to Coker College to teach in 1989 he became, and continues as, president and creative director of Austin-Lemke Associates, Hartsville, South Carolina. His work was exhibited annually at Coker College, and he had a solo exhibition in Otterbein's Dunlap Gallery in 1999.

Professor Austin has received many awards for his design of signs, annual reports, brochures, an outdoor board campaign, and newspaper ads. He produces graphic design in architecture, landscaping, mechanical engineering, industrial design, and city planning.

In his spare time he belongs to the Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association and is currently building his own airplane.

Thank you, Don Austin!



Treasurer's Report

As of December 1, 2001, the Friends have \$2,003.93 available to spend. So far this year we have spent \$17,784.99.

- The largest expense was due to a special gift by Al and Jean Burris of \$13,500 to purchase JSTOR, an electronic journal archives.
- Purchased 4 tables and 16 chairs for the overhang of the library.
- Purchased the appropriate supplies to archivally preserve the Otterbein Room collection of photographs.
- Purchased a digital camera.



JSTOR Gift of Al & Jean Burris

Colonel Al Burris, '57 and his wife, Jean Reed Burris, '53 generously donated the funds to enable the library to purchase a unique collection of archival electronic journals from sixteen fields of study. JSTOR provides our students, faculty, and staff with a wealth of information not able to be accessed through other means. It allows the library to obtain backfiles of at least 124 journals, thereby saving the library in Interlibrary Loan costs, staff costs, and storage space. The use of JSTOR continues to grow, from 43 searches in July to 490 searches in November. Students, faculty, and staff thus far have viewed 584 articles, looked at 1,353 pages, and searched 1,303 topics. The use will continue to grow, as more people become aware of this exciting new service.

We are extremely grateful to Al and Jean Burris for their generosity and welcome them as members of the Friends of the Library. Thank you!



Try out the Friends Web Page

You can use the Friends web pages by going to <http://www.otterbein.edu/learning/libpages/Friends/index.htm> or you can access it from the library's home page (<http://www.otterbein.edu/learning/library.htm>). Our web page has information on membership, officers, volunteer opportunities, bylaws, and fund raising, and includes copies of previous newsletters and pictures taken at various events. The web pages will be updated during the 2001 December

Interterm Break. Any comments or suggestions are welcome – please let Lois Szudy know (LSzudy@otterbein.edu).



A Penny for your thoughts ...or your Library!!

The furniture for under the overhang arrived in June and immediately became very popular with students, faculty, staff, and members of the Friends of the Library. The furniture is heavy duty black round tables and armchairs. Due to the generosity of the Friends and the Otterbein College community, we were able to acquire four tables and sixteen chairs.

The more money we collect, the more we can buy! Therefore, the library is still accepting your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars. A plaque honoring your gift will be created and proudly displayed. Please send your donation (of any size) for this worthwhile project to Lois Szudy. Checks should be made out to Otterbein College. Donations also can be delivered to the circulation desk of the library.



Fund a "Book" (or video, CD, DVD)

Would you like to give a special gift this year? Then please consider Fund a "Book," an ongoing library fund raising project to help supplement the library materials budget. You have the opportunity to fund the purchase of a book, video, or other type of material for the Courtright Memorial Library at Otterbein College. The minimum donation is \$25.00.

If you so choose, you can specify your donation to be used to purchase items on a particular subject or topic. Your donation can be given in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or in honor of a special occasion or anniversary. A special bookplate will be placed inside the item.

To participate in this fund raising opportunity, you can go online to the Friends' web page and fill out the Fund a Book form or you can contact Lois Szudy for more information.



Purchase your 2002 Book Lover's Calendar.

The cost is only \$9.95 for each calendar and they can be mailed (for a small additional fee). They make great gifts! Order calendars for yourself, your friends, and your family. Call Lois Szudy @ 823-1414 or stop by the library to purchase your calendars. Hurry, they are going fast!



A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost



Dr. Paul H. Ackert, age 88, died Sunday, September 23, 2001 at Doctors Hospital West. Dr. Ackert was a professor in the Otterbein College Religion & Philosophy Department from 1955-1978. He served in numerous United Methodist Churches in New York and Pennsylvania.

Paul is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Jeanne; sons, Daniel Paul (Kelly), Danville, CA, Matt (Sharon), Galloway; grandchildren Michael, Joshua, Joseph; sisters, Clara Sikstrom of Parma, Martha Jones, Ruth Ebbert, both of Warren, PA; sister-in-law, Martha Ackert of Dallas, TX.

His memorial service was held on Wednesday September 26, 2001 at the Church of the Master. Friends may (if they wish) contribute to the John Milton Society for the Blind, in memory of Dr. Paul Ackert, 475 Riverside Dr., Rm. 455, NY, NY 10115. (www.jmsblind.org).

Earl C. Hassenpflug, 75, of Westerville passed away Sunday, November 25, 2001 at home. Earl was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, U.S. Navy veteran, former Chair of the Art Department at Otterbein (he served the College from 1955– 1991), beloved teacher, and accomplished artist. Earl created the photographic montage that hangs in the stairwell of the library for the college's sesquicentennial celebration in 1996-97.

Earl is survived by wife, Joy; children, Beth Stillwagon, Jane (Jeffrey R.) Johnson, Eric (Jackie) Hassenpflug and Amy Hassenpflug; grandchildren, Rachel and Sean Johnson, Luke and Greg Hassenpflug, brother, George, sister, Mary (Don) Good; sister-in-law, Lela (Roland) Mehl; many nieces, nephews and friends.

Earl asked that there be no calling hours or funeral. He greatly appreciated the love from family and friends during his illness. Otterbein College is planning to plant a tree in his memory. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Earl C. Hassenpflug H'91 Endowed Award, Development Office, Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081.



Dr. Kenneth Foltz Displays Artwork in Library

Thank you to Dr. Kenneth Foltz, '48 for allowing us to display some of his wonderful wood sculptures. Come see his excellent work. The wood sculptures are located on all floors and are being enjoyed by everyone who visits the library.

“Official Summons For Jury Duty”

The Friends enjoyed serving as jurors on Friday April 20, 2001 for the annual spring Friends meeting at the Courtright Memorial Library and Courthouse. The Honorable Judge Joanne VanSant, presided, assisted by Bailiff Phil Barnhart and Prosecuting Attorney John Ludlum.

Criminals on trial were: Robin Hood (Larry Cox), Hester (Mary Pat Knight), Professor Harold Hill (Jim Grissinger), Lady Macbeth (Pat Kessler), Falstaff (Stephen Grinch), Aunt Polly (Alison Prindle), Fagin (John Wells), Scarlett O'Hara (Susan Wilson), and Sherlock Holmes (Rick Dorman).



Afterwards, a group of Friends stayed for our annual meeting.



Mary Doria Russell presented “Jesuits in Space and Other Absurdities” to a capacity crowd on Monday October 15, 2001.



The Friends Fall Event was a huge success!

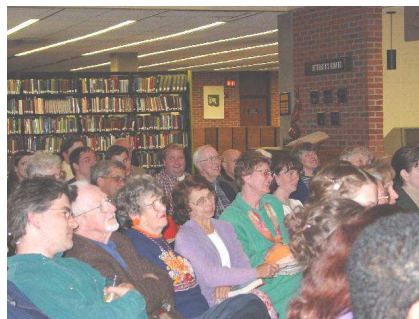
Mary Doria Russell, the 2001-2002 Common Book Author, is a paleoanthropologist with specialties in bone biology and biomechanics. She has done extended fieldwork in Australia and Croatia.

Her novels, including *The Sparrow* and *Children of God*, have struck a deep chord with readers for their respectful but unblinking consideration of fundamental religious questions.

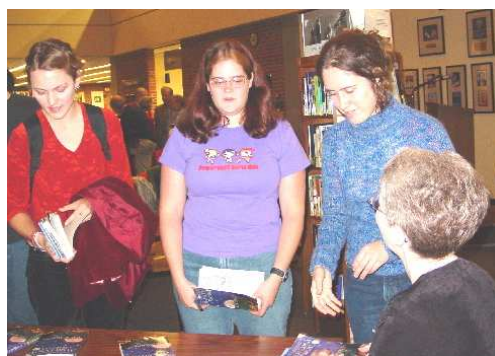
Dr. Russell is currently at work on *A Thread of Grace*, a historical thriller about the Jewish underground in Genoa during the Nazi occupation of Italy.



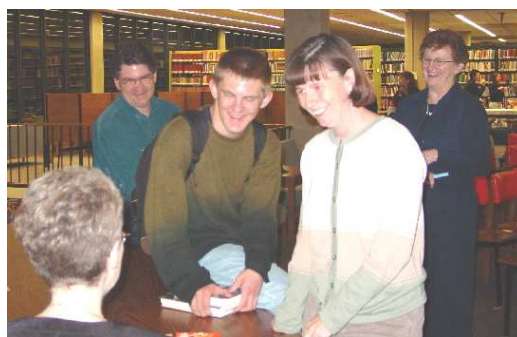
Only a few empty chairs in the front (of course).



The audience doesn't want Dr. Russell to quit and asks numerous questions after her talk.



Students eagerly wait their turn to talk with the author.



Everyone enjoyed talking with the author!

The Friendly Correspondence is published 3 or 4 times per year. Please send any submissions for articles to Lois Szudy.

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To insure proper gift credit, please make **checks payable to Otterbein College**. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with Internal Revenue Service rules.

One benefit to being a friend is borrowing privileges at the library.

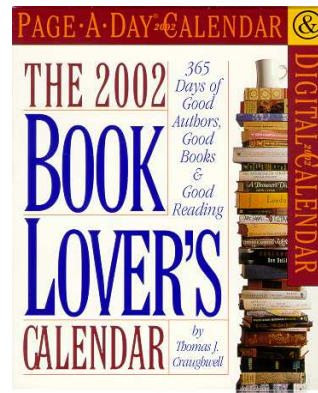
Are you interested in receiving borrowing privileges?

Yes, I would like to have borrowing privileges. Please provide social security number(s) for name verification.

No, I do not need borrowing privileges.

Please return form to Circulation desk or mail to:

**Lois F. Szudy, Library Director
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Order Form for 2002 Book Lover's Calendar

Name: _____

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I wish to order _____ (number) calendar(s) @ \$9.95/calendar.

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Total cost _____ (Checks to be made out to Otterbein College).

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*Enclosed is your latest
“Friendly Correspondence,”
The Newsletter of the Friends
of the Courtright Memorial Library!!!!*