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Friendly Correspondence

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How We Can Make Textbooks More Affordable

Textbooks. They're the one thing that all students have in common. Every student will, at some point in their college career, purchase a textbook. And they are *always* expensive.

What you may not realize, however, is just how expensive they've become. According to a report created by the Student Public Interest Research Groups, the cost of textbooks has increased by 1041% since 1977. Individual textbooks can cost over \$200, and some are as much as \$400. The impact these costs have on students cannot be overstated. Already burdened with tuition costs, living costs, meal costs, and the stress of studying, textbooks can be the straw that breaks the camel's back.

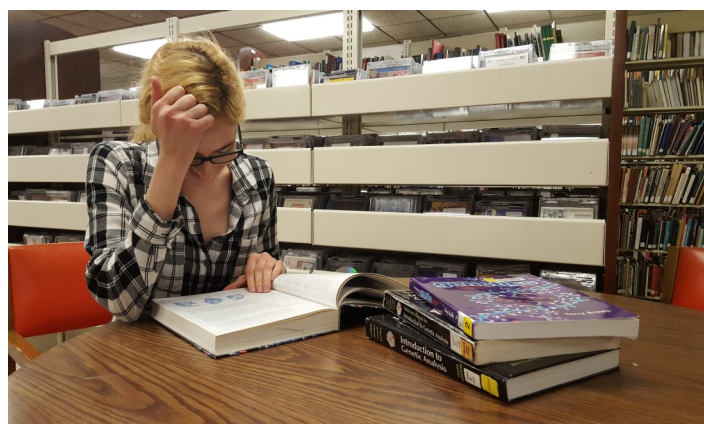
The Courtright Memorial Library is working to

help alleviate costs, through Course Reserves (which can now be taken out of the library during the reserve period, a feature added this semester) and digital copies available through our online catalog. The Friends of the Library have chosen to take an additional step.

In 2016, the Friends of the Library began work on fundraising to create a Textbook Affordability Endowment. Though we've raised \$2500 so far, we need \$25,000 before the endowment will be officially created and begin to pay out. The proposed endowment would allow

the Library to purchase high-cost, high-use titles for our Course Reserves, as well as potential future projects.

Students are struggling to afford their much-needed textbooks. If you would like to help fund the Textbook Affordability Endowment, please send a check made out to Otterbein University to the Treasurer of the Friends, with a note saying you want to direct the money towards the endowment. Every little bit can help ease the burden.



Source: Senack, Ethan and Robert Donoghue. "Covering the Cost: Why We Can No Longer Afford to Ignore High Textbook Prices." Washington, DC: Student PIRGs, 2016. <http://www.studentpirgs.org/sites/student/files/reports/National%20-%20COVERING%20THE%20COST.pdf>

Since 2006, the cost of textbooks has increased by 73%— over four times the rate of inflation.

Local Friends: are you looking for a one-hour opportunity to serve? We are searching for people to participate in the Courtright Memorial Library (CML) community focus groups, to help us craft a strategic plan for the future. If you're interested, please contact CML Director Tiffany Lipstreu at: tlipstreu@otterbein.edu

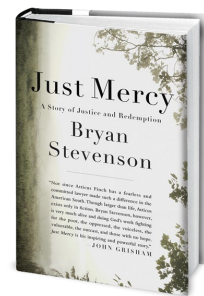
Common Book Author to Visit Campus

"I wasn't prepared to meet a condemned man." So begins Bryan Stevenson's book, *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption*, Otterbein's Common Book for 2017. As a young lawyer, Stevenson founded the Equal Justice Initiative, a group committed to ending mass incarceration, challenging racial and economic injustice, and protecting basic human rights in the United States. The case of Walter McMillian, a young man sentenced

to die for a crime he didn't commit, was one of Stevenson's first. *Just Mercy* documents Stevenson's defense of the wrongly condemned, his coming of age as a lawyer, and where the criminal justice system fails. It is a powerful, moving, and courageous book; more than that, it is a call to action.

Mr. Stevenson will be visiting Otterbein on October 25th. There will be a convocation at 3pm in Cowan Hall, followed by a book

signing and reception at the Courtright Memorial Library at 4:15pm. Due to Mr. Stevenson's schedule, the Friends will not be hosting an event in the evening this year; we encourage you to attend the University convocation and/or the book signing.



Above: Bryan Stevenson giving his TED Talk, "We Need to Talk About an Injustice," available at: https://www.ted.com/speakers/bryan_stevenson

About the Author

Bryan Stevenson is the executive director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, and a professor of law at New York University Law School. He has won relief for dozens of condemned prisoners, argued five times before the Supreme Court, and won national acclaim for his work challenging bias against the poor and people of color. He has received numerous awards, including the MacArthur Foundation "Genius" Grant.

Thank You and Farewell to Marge Trent and Alison Prindle



Above: Marge Trent as Erma Bombeck. "I wore a lobster apron and lobster hot-pad mitt, but to this day I can't remember WHY I wore that!" says Marge.

Marge Trent

Marge Trent has served on the Friends of the Library Council since 2004, first as President (2004-2012) and then as a general council member serving on a variety of committees. "What a joy to work with the Friends of the Library!" she says. "This is not a group that just 'warms a seat' at a board meeting. This group works!" Marge was key to a number of fundraising initiatives, including the concerts by the musical theater students and silent auctions, but she confesses, "of all the projects

undertaken the plays were the most fun for the participants." She fondly remembers playing a hypochondriac on an airline flight in one play, and Erma Bombeck in another. "I want to give my personal thanks to these leaders [former Director Lois Szudy and current Director Tiffany Lipstreu] and to each of the FOL Board Members with whom I have had the honor to serve." The honor was all ours, Marge. We wish you well!

Alison Prindle

Alison Prindle served on the Friends Council from 2015-2017, but she was no stranger to the Friends before that. A longtime member and supporter, Alison could be seen participating in many Friends events, such as the Friends of the Library plays.

Dr. Prindle was a popular professor. She was the Chair of the English department for many years and had a strong interest in Shakespeare. In the book, *Reimagining Shakespeare for Children and Young Adults*, Dr. Prindle contributed a chapter about adaptations of Shakespeare for children. After her retirement in 2010, Dr. Prindle returned to the University to serve as the Interim Provost of Academic Affairs, and is noted to have been an amazing resource for the Library during that time. The Friends have benefited greatly from having Alison as a leader, and we will miss her steady guidance. Thank you, Alison, for all you have done!



Above: Dr. Alison H. Prindle (photo from the Otterbein Archives)

Are you passionate about libraries? Do you have ideas for us? Is community service something you believe in? Do you love... cookies?

Join the Friends Council today! We're looking for 1-2 dedicated people (especially faculty members, retired or current!) to join the Council. If you're interested or have questions, please contact Kirsten (peninger@otterbein.edu) today!

Right: Tiffany Lipstreu prepares to ride for a cure.

Welcome, Cathy Carson!

Welcome, Cathy Carson! Cathy is our new Institutional Advancement liaison. She takes over the position from Lucy Cryan. Cathy is the Director of Donor Relations and Stewardship and has been with the University since April. She comes to us from The Ohio State University. We are very excited to have her join us!



Welcome, Kirsten Peninger!



Kirsten Peninger is “the new Stacie”, as she is known around the office. Joining the Courtright Memorial Library staff as the new Assistant to the Library in May, Kirsten is an Otterbein alumnae (class of 2010) and has been a member of the Friends since 2011. She is very excited to work with the Friends in a new capacity. Welcome, Kirsten!

Tiffany Rides Again With Pelotonia!

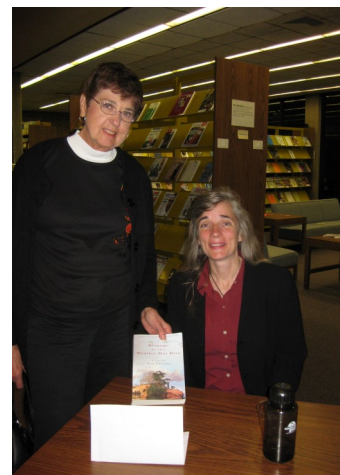
On August 5th, library director and Friends treasurer, Tiffany Lipstreu, with the OhioLINK Pelotonia team, rode her bicycle to raise funds for cancer research. The OhioLINK Pelotonia team consists of riders, virtual riders and volunteers who together have raised over \$8,000 towards this year's Pelotonia total of \$16,929,500. “Since 2009, Pelotonia has raised over \$130 million for innovative cancer research” – with 100% of money raised going to cancer research. If you would like to contribute to curing cancer and saving lives, consider giving. Tiffany says, “While the ride is over, the mission One Goal- End Cancer wages on.” Contributions are being accepted through October 6th at pelotonia.org/ohiolink



In Memoriam: Elizabeth Glor Allen

Elizabeth Ida (Glor) Allen, a former Friends of the Library Board member and a long-time Friend, passed away on June 27, 2017 in Houston, Texas. She was born in Batavia, New York and came to Ohio to attend Otterbein College, along with her three sisters (Bernice '61, Barbara '62, and Ellen '69). She graduated in 1964 with a degree in elementary education and married her husband Hugh, also an Otterbein graduate (class of '62).

After many years away from Otterbein, Elizabeth (Liz) returned in 1988 and soon began what would be a long commitment to Otterbein, first by co-chairing a planning committee for Dean Van's "Forty Years and Still Going!" celebration. Liz also helped organize the Cardinal Migration; first served as president-elect and later president of the Otterbein Theatre Advisory Board; served as the vice president of the Otterbein Alumni Association from 1992-94 and president from 1996-1998; served a two-year term on the Otterbein Board of Trustees; and served on the Friends Council as the Membership Committee Tri-Chair (along with Larry Cox, Jane Horn, and Gary Tirey) from 2006-2009.



Top Right: Liz Allen with Common Book Author Ann Pancake

Right: (From left to right) Bernice Pagliaro; Liz Allen; Mary Pat Knight; Ora Glor; Petie Dodrill; and Jane Horn.



In Memoriam: Phil Barnhart

Phil Barnhart, a charter member of the Friends, passed away on June 19, 2017. A former professor and chair of physics and astronomy at Otterbein, Phil was described as "colorful and popular." He was one of the founders of the Science Lecture Series at the University, and is recognized as one of the original creators of the Integrative Studies program. He was a member of the Quarter Century Club, which honored faculty, staff, and retirees who worked at Otterbein for 25 years or more. In 2012, he published *Creative Science*, a history and philosophical survey of science.

As a charter member of the Friends, Phil joined in 1996 and was present at the very first annual meeting on June 21, 1997. He served as Secretary on the Council for many years (1997-2000), bringing a quirky humor to the Council minutes; he also contributed a great deal to the Friendly Correspondence newsletter, occasionally serving as editor. And of course, he participated in the Friends plays. Phil was a character, and he will be greatly missed.



Above: Phil Barnhart as Samuel Pepys in "Mystery Literary Characters" (April 1999)



Join the Friends of the Library

Friends with library borrowing privileges enjoy many benefits. Listed below are a complete list of benefits afforded to members.

BORROWING PRIVILEGES AT THE COURTRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY (CML) – You will receive a CML card, providing you the ability to check out library materials.

ACCESS TO MATERIALS BORROWED THROUGH OUR CONSORTIUMS, OPAL AND OHIOLINK – This gives you the ability to request materials from academic libraries throughout the state of Ohio.

ACCESS TO INTERLIBRARY LOAN SERVICE – You will be able to request materials that are not held by the Courtright Memorial Library or any of our consortium member libraries.

SUBSCRIPTION TO THE BI-ANNUAL NEWSLETTER, *FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE* – The newsletter will keep you up-to-date on events and news pertaining to the Friends and the CML.

SPECIAL INVITATIONS TO FRIENDS-SPONSORED EVENTS – Be the first to know about author talks, musical events, and other special occasions sponsored by the Friends.

VOTING RIGHTS AT THE ANNUAL FRIENDS BUSINESS MEETING AND THE ABILITY TO SERVE ON THE FRIENDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES – You will have a say in what the Friends of the Library do to help promote and support Otterbein's Courtright Memorial Library, students, and the Otterbein Community.

...More Benefits To Come

Growing Partnership with Westerville Public Library

The Westerville Public Library recently hired new library director Erin Francoeur, who shortly thereafter became a Friend! Erin's membership continues the partnership between CML and WPL exemplified by former WPL librarian Nancy J. Smith (Friends President), WPL Collection Development Librarian Rebecca O'Neil (Friends Secretary) and WPL Program & Community Engagement Coordinator Erin Huffman (who is working with the Friends on a joint event for National Library Week). Welcome, Erin!



From Left to Right: Tiffany Lipstreu and Jessica Crossfield-McIntosh (CML) meet with Erin Francoeur and Belinda Mortensen (WPL) to discuss upcoming projects.

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