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An Evening to Remember: Broadway Gospel

The Otterbein Singers annual performance, which is a benefit for the Friends of the Library (FOL), took place on March 18th, 2018, at the Church of the Master United Methodist. This vear the theme was Broadway Gospel. Dennis Davenport and Joyce Stonebraker directed. They were also joined by the Otterbein Gospel Choir, directed by LaJoyce Daniels-Cain, which celebrated its 30th anniversary this year.

"Wow!" was the general consensus from the

audience, who were blown away by the talents of the 36member Otterbein Singers and the 20member Gospel Choir.



FOL President Nancy Smith talking about the Endowment.

Donations were collected towards the goal of creating a Textbook Affordability Endowment. After a record-setting number of donations last year, with \$1,496 collected, the Friends were stunned to yet again break their donation record. This year \$2,078 was raised for the Endowment. These funds will be made available to buy high cost, high enrollment text and course books for Otterbein students.

Afterwards, the Friends hosted a reception for the choirs and guests, with a number of tasty treats. It was a truly phenomenal evening, and not one people will likely forget anytime soon.



Right: Margaret Doone, Mary Pat Knight, and Barb McKenzie (FOL Council Members) pause in their duties to take a picture. This night wouldn't have been possible without FOL volunteers! Thank you for your hard work!

Left: Hungry singers and audience members ate up the food at the reception, generously provided by the Friends. Everyone loved the delicious treats!



Meet Karen White: A Collaborative Event

The Courtright Memorial Library (CML), the Friends of the Library (FOL), and Westerville Public Library (WPL) presented, for the first time in recent history, a collaborative author event. The three groups arranged for Karen White, a New York Times bestselling author, to speak at Otterbein, in Riley Auditorium, on April 9th, 2018. This event was the kickoff for National Library Week.

As about 200 guests entered the auditorium, they were greeted by two Otterbein student musicians playing jazz, country, and folk music. Owen Hopper, '18, and Eric Stratton, 19, were well-received by the crowd.

Ms. White talked about the recent paperback release of her novel *The Night The Lights Went Out.* She was an immensely engaging speaker, evoking much laughter from her rapt audience. Ms. White mentioned how important libraries were to her, both as a child and as an author. After Ms. White spoke,
she signed copies of
her books, which were
provided free of charge
from WPL. She spent
time with each person,
talking to them and

getting to know them a little bit. Afterwards, she remarked on how much fun she had meeting everyone who came through the line. After eight months of planning, we are proud to say the event went incredibly well. "We (CML and FOL) have now established a solid collaboration with WPL and another such event in the future might bring in even more audience," Nancy Smith, President of FOL, said.



Above: Karen White on stage. **Below**: Eric Stratton, left, and Owen Hopper, right, before the performance.

The collaborative author event also debuted the second Friends of the Library Pop Up Shop (see page 4 for more details).

Overall, the event was a big success; ongoing collaborations between CML and WPL are being discussed with the ultimate goal of a strong partnership between the two libraries.



The Social Justice Week flyer for 2018, designed by James Prysock of the Office of Social Justice and Activism.

SOCIAL JUSTICE WEEK A SUCCESS

Social Justice Week at Otterbein was January 22nd-January 26th this year. The theme was "Silence is Not An Option". Barb McKenzie, FOL council member, was invited to present as part of the week long event. Her presentation, "All Means All: Gathering Resources and Allies to Take Action" focused on the importance of remembering to include all identities in the struggle for social justice, especially in the areas of disability, which is often forgotten. Barb shared many important stories about her own fight for inclusion for her

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daughter, Erin McKenzie, and talked about her ongoing work with disability activists.

Joining Barb were Kirsten Peninger, FOL council member and Assistant to the Library, and Elizabeth Zeitz, library staff member, who presented on how the Courtright Memorial Library can assist young activists in making connections and finding important resources to aid them in their work.

Thanks to Barb, Kirsten, Elizabeth, and the Office of Social Justice and Activism for their work.

NEW EQUIPMENT FROM FRIENDS

The Friends of the Library recently authorized the purchase of new equipment for the Courtright Memorial Library. The largest purchase was a new laptop cart, which replaced two older models. The new laptop cart allows both sets of laptops, the 3-day loans and the 7-day loans, to be stored together. It takes up a third of the space as well. The new laptop cart update was posted on Facebook, with the staff's thanks to the Friends.

In addition to the laptop cart, the Friends purchased 14 new easels and easel attachments for the library. There had been a number of requests from different departments to have a large number of easels available to them for presentations. The Friends' generosity will allow the Library to circulate these easels to all the departments that have need of them, while also having enough for other patrons.

The Courtright Memorial Library is deeply grateful to the Friends for purchasing this equipment. The contributions of the Friends truly makes a difference in our patrons' lives.



Circulation Supervisor Becky Gale with the new laptop cart, purchased by the Friends of the Library.

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!

2018 LIBRARY AWARD WINNERS

Thanks to the generosity of the Friends of the Library, we presented four students with library awards.

John Becker Memorial Award (\$100)

To the graduating senior who has worked **no less than 3** years at the library, has a GPA of at least 3.2, and has the strongest record of service to the library.

• Taryn Chudo, Technical Services

Harold Hancock Memorial Award (\$50)

To the student who has completed at least one complete year of employment and has built an outstanding record of service.

• Kasun "Malinda" Mallikarachchige, GA

Alberta Messmer Award (\$50)

To the first year student who has shown the best work ethic (punctuality, attendance, job performance) in their first year of employment.

• Madilynn Jackson, Circulation

Robert Price Award (\$50)

To a student assistant who has a cumulative GPA of 3.95 - 4.0 and who has performed in an excellent manner as a student assistant.

• Madelyn Chennells, Archives



Taryn Chudo, winner of the John Becker Memorial Award

Debuting the Pop Up Shop!



FOL President Nancy Smith (center) selling Pop Up Shop items at the Karen White Author event in April.

To support the creation of a Textbook Affordability Endowment, the Friends have debuted a Pop Up Shop! The FOL Pop Up Shop, which sells unique items for a brief length of time, premiered in December, selling holiday cards and notepads. It made a profit of \$268 (factoring in donations totaling \$120). The second Pop Up Shop appeared during National Library Week and generated a profit of \$198. It featured cards, window clings, and keychains. Many thanks to Jessica Crossfield-McIntosh, librarian, and Claire Lamb, research tutor, for designing most of the items. Keep an eye out for the announcement of the next Pop Up Shop and remember, these items exist for only a short time!

Friends of the Library Bookmark Contest 2018-19

Thank you to all the Friends Council members for voting on this year's bookmarks. There were a number of excellent entries, making the decision a tough one, but only one bookmark can be chosen! This year's winner is:

Mia Brady, 2021

As always, the annual Friends of the Library bookmark, which is gifted to each member, would not be possible without faculty and student support. This year we give special thanks to Amanda Kline's 2D Design course for participating in the annual contest.

Other Top Entries:

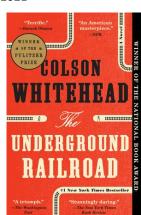


Maddie Nicolette, 2021

Sarah Weber, 2021

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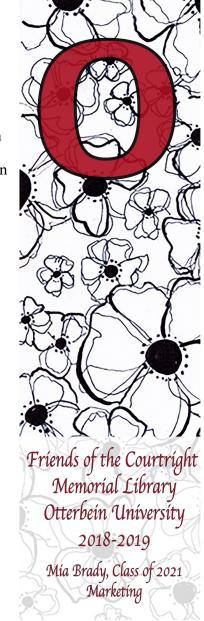


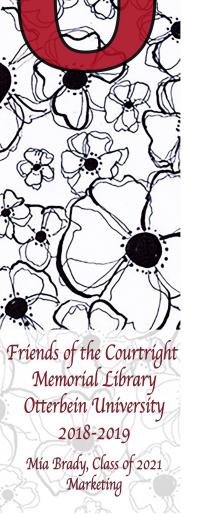


Katie Cahill, 2021

Sara Bowman, 2021

Winner!





Common Book 2018-19 Announced

The 2018-19 Common Book is The Underground Railroad by Colson Whitehead. From the publisher, "In [this book] the Underground Railroad is no mere metaphor: engineers and conductors operate a secret network of actual tracks and tunnels beneath the Southern soil."

Mr. Whitehead will be on campus Tuesday, October 23rd and Wednesday, October 24th. Please save the dates!

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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.

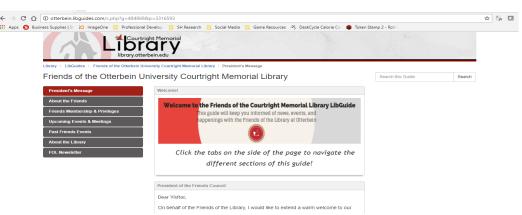
VOTING RIGHTS AT THE ANNUAL FRIENDS BUSINESS MEETING AND THE ABILITY TO SERVE ON THE FRIENDS BOARD OF TRUSTEES – You will have a say in what the Friends of the Library do to help promote and support Otterbein's Courtright Memorial Library, students, and the Otterbein Community.

...More Benefits To Come

Friends of the Library Website!

The Friends of the Library website is finally here! Add us to your bookmarks bar or favorites list; this is your one-stop shop for everything Friends related!

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