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# Friendly Correspondence

Friends of the Otterbein University Courtright Memorial Library

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## Otterbein Singers Sing the Songs of the Heartland

The Otterbein Singers presented their annual concert in March, with a theme of "Music from the Heartland". The Singers performed works from musicals such as *Waitress*, *Big River*, *Music Man*, *Bright Star*, and more.



The Otterbein Singers performing "Ya Got Trouble," the famous patter song from *The Music Man*.

The concert, which serves as an annual fundraiser for the Friends, had over 130 people in attendance, including Otterbein's new President, John Comerford. The Friends continue to raise money for the Textbook Affordability Endowment, which was talked about by Library Director Tiffany Lipstreu in her opening remarks, and Friends Council President Nancy Smith after the concert. President Comerford also spoke, praising the Singers for their talents and again mentioning the importance of the Textbook Affordability Endowment for Otterbein students. As the Singers headed to the Friends-hosted reception, baskets were passed and donations were collected. The Otterbein Singers concert raised an astonishing



President Comerford talks about the importance of affordable textbooks and an affordable college experience.

**\$3,131** this year for the Textbook Affordability Endowment, a new record. The Friends remain grateful to everyone who contributed, and donations for the Endowment are accepted all year long simply by mailing a check to the Treasurer of the Friends of the Library, the same address to whom you send your membership renewal.

# Social Justice Week

For the past several years, the Otterbein Office of Social Justice and Activism has held a Social Justice Week in the spring, bringing in speakers and programs to educate the Otterbein community. Barb McKenzie, a member of the Friends of the Library Council, led a screening of segments from *Intelligent Lives*, a documentary about people with intellectual disabilities. After the screening, Barb facilitated a discussion with the attendees.

The Library also participated in Social Justice Week, hosting a Wikipedia Edit-a-Thon around the themes of Art + Feminism. Attendees were taught the basics of how to edit a Wikipedia article and then a list of potential people and topics were given to them for exploration. Art + Feminism is a nationwide campaign that takes place during March, and the Library was pleased to bring it to campus for Social Justice Week.



## New Look for Sarah's Corner

The Courtright Memorial Library received capital funds from the University to replace the carpet in the entire Lower Level of the Library, a project which took place over winter break.

In addition to getting lovely new carpet everywhere, it gave Sarah's Corner, located in the Lower Level, an opportunity for a facelift. The books were rearranged to better suit the users,



University Archivist Stephen Grinch reads *Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs*.

and the area received brightly colored, geometric sections of carpet to help differentiate the area. In April, the Library celebrated the new look in Sarah's Corner by hosting a readaloud for the people who benefit most from the updated space - children! The Education Department, Lifelong Learning Community, Friends, and the Class of 1956, who contributed the original funds for Sarah's Corner, also received special invitations.

# Friends of the Library Bookmark Contest 2019-20



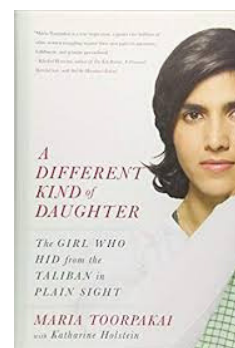
The annual bookmark contest was held, with the generous assistance of Don Austin's 2D Art course. There were 32 excellent entries, but when the voting was done, Alaina Reher's bookmark had come out the winner! Alaina is an Art major with a minor in Educational Studies. Of her bookmark design she writes, "I went for a simple design that has a few underlying meanings. I chose to use Otterbein's signature Tan and Cardinal colors as the base of the design and used white as an accent because it really makes those aspects pop. Otterbein is an extremely diverse community, but these colors unify our campus. [...] I used the tan "beam" design in the background to emphasize the knowledge that we gain here on campus. [...] The next aspect is the open book. This book represents a few things. The first one is our professors and their wisdom and their willingness to be of help and be literal "open books." [...] The blank open book can also represent our story when we arrive on campus for the first time in the fall of our freshman year. We have the opportunity to write our own Otterbein story."

The bookmark will begin to be sent out starting in July as people renew their Friends memberships or join for the first time. We hope you look forward to getting yours!



## Common Book 2019-20 Announced

The 2019-2020 Common Book will be *A Different Kind of Daughter: The Girl Who Hid from the Taliban in Plain Sight*, by Maria Toorpakai. Maria will be on campus on Tuesday, October 22nd, and Wednesday, October 23rd. There will be an evening Friends event on October 22nd at 7:30pm, so be sure to mark your calendars!





## 2019 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.

- **Emmanuela Bean, Resource Sharing**

### 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.

- **Audra Chaffin, Technical Services**

### 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

- **Nikki McCullough, GA**

### 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.

- **Katherine Clifford, Circulation**

## Library Rugs Find New Home



When Sarah's Corner was revitalized this winter with new carpet, a question arose: what should we do with the rugs, so generously provided by the Friends of the Library? Unfortunately, the rugs couldn't be placed on top of the carpet due to sustainability issues. Not wanting to throw them out, a search went on to find them a new home. And a new home was found! The rugs now reside in Shelby Middle School. The Friends' kindness lives on, now making a bright new area for fifth graders. "My sister's fifth grade class loves the rugs, it provides them a lot more flexibility and seating for their group work," said Cathy Carson, Director of Donor Relations & Stewardship, and Institutional Advancement liaison to the Friends, who helped find them a new place to live. Thank you, Friends of the Library!

## In Memoriam: Mark Peters

Mark Peters, a long time Friend, passed away on December 5th, 2018. Mark was a 1970 graduate from Otterbein, having received a bachelor's degree in Speech, English, and Theater Technology. He returned to Otterbein in 1972 to work with the theater technology program. He eventually became one of the main volunteers in the Library, specifically working with the archives. "Most of the old Otterbein photos you see on the social media pages are now digitized because Mark would come in two or three times a week and spend the afternoon scanning, labeling, and organizing these previously unknown images," said Stephen Grinch, University Archivist, in his remembrance of Mark. In addition to his twenty years of volunteering in the Otterbein archives, Mark worked for AEP as a computer information technologist, served as a member of the Otterbein Theater Advisory Board, and served as lighting and sound designer for numerous Curtain Players' productions, eventually winning their volunteer-of-the-year award. Mark was a wonderful man, and he will be missed.



Mark with his wife, Betty, in 2012. Betty passed away in 2017.

## In Memoriam: Rev. John F. Wells, '48



Rev. John F. Wells passed away on January 5, 2019. John began his college career at Indiana Central but was drafted into World War II, serving in Germany with the Fourth Armored Division of Patton's Third Army. After the war, he returned to college at Otterbein, graduating in 1948 with a BA in English. He eventually returned to Otterbein to teach Psychology and Religion for six years. He was married to Mary Cay Wells '47, who was a professor of Education at Otterbein from 1979-1992. He was active with the Church of the Master in Westerville. "He was a talented artist and created wooden toys for children of all ages," said Lois Szudy. John was instrumental in the creation of the Friends of the Library. He also served as President of the Friends, and, when the Friends put on short plays for fundraisers, he wrote and acted in several. We will miss John, and would not be who we are today without him.

# 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 may 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



## Election Results

This winter the Friends had the election for the Council. The proposed slate was voted in, and your officers for 2019-2021 will be Nancy Smith, President; Mary Pat Knight, Vice President; Becky O'Neil, Secretary; Tiffany Lipstreu, Treasurer; Barbara McKenzie, Member-At-Large; and German Vargas Ramos, Member-At-Large. Thank you to everyone who voted!

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