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## FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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### **The Otterbein Singers 2015 Concert: “THE COLE PORTER PROJECT” Sunday, March 22, 2015 @ 7pm**



**T**he Otterbein Singers, under the direction of Joyce Stonebraker, will perform their spring concert in tribute to the great composer and songwriter Cole Porter. As Porter is credited with having written more than 900 songs (300 of which were written while attending Yale University) deciding what to perform could not have been easy. The audience however, will not be disappointed as this musical treat promises something for listeners of all ages. The musical selection includes *Anything Goes*; *Blow Gabriel Blow*; *Don't Fence Me In*; *It's DeLovely*; and *Let's Do It, Let's Fall in Love*. In addition to the full choir there will be solo, duo, and trio performances of selected Porter favorites. A few to listen for are *Be a Clown*; *Buddie Beware*; *Friendship*; *Let's Behave*; and *You're the Top*. You will certainly want to treat yourself to this musical event! The concert is **Sunday, March 22, at 7:00 PM at Church of the Master** (corner of Main & Grove St.) and is a Friends of the Library co-sponsored event. The concert is free to attend, though a freewill offering will be collected to support the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library.

## Library Events

### Back by Popular Demand, ...PADDY BE EASY



**L**IVE IRISH MUSIC IN MARCH - “Paddy Be Easy” returns to the Courtright Memorial Library on **Friday, March 20, from 6:30 PM– 8:00 PM.** Come hear Otterbein’s own Michael Yonchak (center) from the Otterbein Music Department and the rest of his Irish music group for some toe-tapping tunes! Taking place on the second floor of the library, everyone is welcome to attend this free event!

### BECKER GALLERY FEATURES REBECCA O’NEIL

**J**oin us in welcoming Rebecca O’Neil, Friends’ Executive Board Member, as our current Becker Gallery Alumni Artist! You can view Rebecca’s art, including the lovely piece below, in the Becker Gallery, located in the Lower Level of the Courtright Memorial Library from January 12 until March 15, 2015. A reception to honor Rebecca will be held in the Becker Gallery on **Wednesday February 25 at 6 pm.**

Rebecca works in several media, always gravitating toward bold colors, rich textures, and a bright, whimsical storybook style. Her interests include children’s literature, visual storytelling, and searching for a dash of magical realism in everything.





## It's Been A Wonderful 31 Years!

After 31 years as a librarian at Otterbein's Courtright Memorial Library, Elizabeth (Betsy) A. Salt retired from her role of Cataloger/Metadata Librarian on December 31, 2014. Over the years, colleagues came to know Betsy very well. When asked, if they could use one word to describe her, one might hear: traveler, generous, gardener, musician, avid reader, teacher, volunteer, and friend, to name a few.

### THE TRAVELER



Having completed her Masters in Anthropology from The Ohio State University, Betsy had a desire to learn more about people and places. It is not unusual for Betsy to take lengthy vacations to travel to exotic locales such as China, Myanmar, England, Peru, Greece, or Egypt. Betsy once shared that she has had the pleasure to visit over 70 countries! There's no doubt she'll add to that now that she's retired; in fact she is currently traveling to such exciting places as Oman, Nepal and Bhutan!

### THE VOLUNTEER

In 1995 when volcanic eruptions destroyed the Montserrat public library's collection in the West Indies, Betsy aided the library in rebuilding its collection. Once the collection was rebuilt, two smaller academic libraries were built in 2005. On occasion, Betsy would assist via email answering cataloging questions for the three libraries.

The gardener in Betsy is what drew her to volunteer at Innis Woods Metro Park. A long-time volunteer, Betsy seldom misses special events or the opportunity to showcase Innis Woods beautiful gardens to visitors or lead guided tours.



### FRIEND AND CO-WORKER

Within the workplace Betsy will always have a special place in everyone's heart for all that she gave, taught, shared, and accomplished over the years. Regardless how large or small the gift, it has always been appreciated. Betsy's travel journals have been a refreshing and welcoming email sent to family and co-workers as her descriptive writings took many on special journeys. Students in Religion and Anthropology courses welcomed Betsy's knowledge, insight, and expertise as she assisted them with various assignments. Betsy often baked and donated brownies for student organization bake sales to help students raise money for travel, rent, books and other causes.



Betsy with family at her retirement party on December 12, 2014.

Betsy's impact at Otterbein, the Westerville community, and around the world have been generous and touching to say the least and to Betsy we wish a wonderful and happy retirement!

## Comings and Goings...

### Meet Courtright's New Graduate Assistant

**T**he Courtright Memorial Library is proud to introduce our newest circulation Graduate Assistant (GA), Zane Smith. Zane has taken over the late night shift, staffing the circulation desk from 10:00 PM – 2:00 AM during the semester. Zane started this Spring Semester in the post-bac education degree program, coming from The Ohio State University where he graduated with a Bachelors of Arts in English.

Zane has two siblings, a brother and a sister, and hails from Lima, OH, where he grew up surrounded by his family and their numerous pets. While his family has had many dogs over the years, including several German Shepherds, and even a few horses, Zane declares his 2-year old calico cat, Tulip, “the light of my life.”



Zane chose Otterbein, not only because it tops the list of the few schools in Ohio that offer a post-bac Education degree, but also because of the personal touch and encouragement he received from his advisors in the transfer admissions office. He chose the Education degree because of the influence of two of his favorite high school teachers, men who left such a positive and lasting impact on Zane that he has found himself mirroring their career paths.

Zane loves writing poetry, reading, and films, especially those by Quentin Tarantino and David Lynch. Zane's literary period of choice would be 20<sup>th</sup> Century American Literature, mostly pre-WWII. The themes of meditational noir, other person/self romances, and facing the oncoming storm speak to him and bring that genre alive. When pressed, he names “Ulysses” by Joyce and “The Great Gatsby” by Fitzgerald as his favorite books. Zane also enjoys sports, including football and cricket. “Yeah, my friends and I will play [cricket] on a baseball field; we're a bit obsessed with it,” he explains.

“I'm excited to work the night shift because I think it's going to be a blast!” Zane shared, and we're excited to have him! Welcome to Otterbein and to the Library, Zane!



## COURTRIGHT MEMORIAL LIBRARY

### DIRECTOR TO RETIRE

After 25 years of service as Library Director to Otterbein University, its students, and the Courtright Memorial Library, Lois Szudy is retiring at the end of June, 2015. While this decision was difficult to make, Lois will leave behind a legacy of service, support, and dedication that has inspired and motivated so many.

Over the years, Lois has seen many changes to the library, both in terms of service delivery, technology, and even in the physical layout of the building. It was under Lois' tenure that the library began using its first integrated library system and Lois spearheaded transitions away from paper processes whenever possible. Her focus was on bringing the Courtright Memorial Library into the future, always looking to engage students and faculty on their terms and as fully as possible. Even the building looks much different now from when she began – with the addition of the Otter Bean Café, the Café Classrooms, and the 2013 introduction of the Learning Commons space on the first floor, the Courtright Memorial Library has seen and embraced great changes in the last 25 years.

Since arriving at Otterbein in 1990, Lois has been an active influence on campus, serving on many institutional and academic committees, everywhere helping to guide the University to a brighter future. She engages the students as well, serving as chapter advisor for ALD/PES (Alpha Lambda Delta/Phi Eta Sigma) Honor Society, which more than doubled its membership under her direction. She has served as an officer for the Torch & Key Honor Society, led Otterbein's United Way Campaign, supports the Otterbein Gamer's Guild, and attends as many events on campus, from theatrical productions to sporting events, as possible.

Just as active outside the University, Lois has served on numerous library and civic community boards as well. Currently, Lois serves as a Board Member of OHIONET, a membership organization serving more than 300 libraries in Ohio, West Virginia, and Western Pennsylvania. She served on the board of PBJ Connections, an equine assisted therapy program, for 8 years and currently volunteers for the non-profit organization. Lois is also an active member and participant in OPAL (the consortium of 25 Ohio private academic libraries), ALAO, OhioLINK, and other professional organizations.

It can be said truthfully that Lois shaped the Courtright Memorial Library, making it the service-oriented, welcoming, supportive, and engaging place that students, faculty, and staff alike have come to know and love. She has created a library that seems to be a living organism, innovative and knowledgeable, ever growing and learning; even as it helps others do the same. If we asked what she would want people to remember from her tenure at Otterbein, the ever modest Library Director would probably simply say, all the successes the Library has had, all the ways our students have benefitted. What better legacy than that – our success is her success, and for that, Lois, we thank you.

Join the Courtright Memorial Library staff on **Friday, April 10, from 3-5pm** on the Library first floor as we host a reception to thank and honor Lois for all that she has done.



Lois Szudy accepting the MLK, Jr. Peace and Justice Award at Otterbein's 2013





## THE DIGITAL COMMONS @ OTTERBEIN



The Courtright Memorial Library is proud to announce that the Digital Commons @ Otterbein is ready for use. Each day more content is being added and that content is fully searchable in OneSearch (Otterbein's Discovery System), through Google, and through the Digital Commons itself.

But what is the Digital Commons? It's a "dynamic institutional repository system, based on the principle of open access, that enables us to collect, distribute to the broader community, and preserve the scholarly output of the faculty, students, staff, and their collaborators at Otterbein University." The Digital Commons @ Otterbein is our voice, our story, and our opportunity to share our scholarly and creative works with each other and with the world.

Everyone is welcome to explore the Digital Commons. The Digital Commons is a flexible tool that showcases the work of students, faculty, administrators, staff, and alumni. It provides for a way to preserve and make accessible the history of our university for future generations. All forms of media can be added to the Digital Commons—books, journals, articles, videos, music, scores, artwork, etc. Explore it today at <http://digitalcommons@otterbein.edu>.

Library Director, Lois Szudy (pictured right) is ready to greet guests at the Digital Commons Reception held Monday, February 16. While the Digital Commons @ Otterbein has been live since October 2014, the reception was held to formally announce the event to the campus community.



President Kathy Krendl, pictured on the left, is viewing a Prezi Presentation that explains the Digital Commons.

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