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The Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

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ALEXIS
WILSON

Speaks about her memoir, *Not So Black and White*
“Journey of Triumph Over Challenge”
on Sunday, June 22 @ 2:00 PM

The Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library are pleased to welcome author, artist, and speaker Alexis Wilson. Her memoir, *Not So Black and White*, focuses on Alexis' upbringing with her world famous dancer/director/choreographer father, Billy Wilson, after she and her brother, Parker, were abandoned by their mother, Dutch ballerina Sonja van Beers. *Not So Black and White*, takes readers backstage through Alexis' eyes into the world of dance, love, romance, heartbreaks, same sex relationships, and courage.

Alexis will be speaking and signing books on the second floor of the Courtright Memorial Library on Sunday, June 22, at 2:00 PM. This is a free Friends of the Library sponsored event that is open to the public. Refreshments will be served and good-will offerings will be accepted.



“It is my sincerest desire to inspire more understanding and support of family, in all its versions and variations. And to celebrate our many differences with bravery and love!”

Alexis Wilson

BLISS @ the Library - Returning this Summer

Back by popular demand, the Courtright Memorial Library is pleased to announce another summer of BLISS (Brownbag Luncheon Information Summer Session). This year's BLISS promises to be just as exciting as last year. Each of the three sessions will focus on learning opportunities that can be enhanced and expanded upon through resources at the library. One session will be offered each month in June, July, and August. So pack your lunch and get ready!

Wednesday, June 18 @ noon, Library 118 — *Integrating Metro Parks with your Library.* Join Sharon Woods Metro Parks Assistant Manager Bryan Knowles as he shares the numerous activities, educational opportunities, fun facts, animal updates, and more taking place this summer at the 17 metro parks in and near Franklin County. Also, learn how your library borrowing privileges can help enrich your metro park visits as well as create memories for years to come.



Wednesday, July 16 @ noon, Library 118 — *Can't we all just get along? Dealing with "difficult" co-workers.* All of us has had at least one co-worker we didn't like or weren't compatible with. So what do you do? In this luncheon talk, we'll discuss possible causes of friction with others, strategies to get beyond it, and ways to manage if nothing else works. Dr. Kerry Strayer of the Otterbein Communication Department will present on this very important topic.

Wednesday, August 13 @ noon, Library 118 — *The Story of Towers Hall.* Who spent their first night at Otterbein asleep in the basement? What was an outhouse doing on the first floor? Why is there a curved wall on the second floor? Were there really cows trapped on the third floor? Come hear the memoirs of a 142-year-old building, as told to (and by) Otterbein archivist Stephen D. Grinch.



All BLISS events are free and open to Faculty, Staff, Students, Administrators, and the Community. RSVP is requested due to limited space. To RSVP for one or all three sessions contact Rebecca Gale at RMMoore@otterbein.edu or Stacie Walker-Ladson at SLadson@otterbein.edu or via phone at (614) 823-1143. Oh, ...and don't forget your lunch!

NEW 2014-15 BOOKMARK FOR FRIENDS

Each year students in ART 1100 compete for the honor of creating the newest Friends of the Library bookmark. This year's talented class created bookmarks featuring animals, book titles, unique and clever designs, and of course books. The 2014-15 winning design was created by Kaycee Clark, a dual major in Equine Veterinary Technology and Art with a Studio Concentration. Kaycee's inspiration is described in her own words: "My creative process for this bookmark consisted of me brainstorming ideas of what a library is, and what it means to people; and when doing so I asked my peers which concept they thought out of my ideas was the most original and appealing to the eye. The one chosen came from the idea of words in your head teaching and exploring and expanding your horizons. I used the computer to create my idea, because I wanted it to look professional and readable. I changed it many times until I found it to be perfect."

Kaycee plans to graduate in 2016 with the hopes of combining her two loves, art and horses. To add Kaycee's bookmark to your collection simply make a donation to the Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library by completing the membership form enclosed within the newsletter. Be sure to make checks payable to Otterbein University.



Comings and Goings...

Goodbye Mr. Pierce



It is with bittersweet news that we announce the departure of Griffin Pierce (pictured). For the past two years Griffin was one of two Graduate Assistants (GA) at the Courtright Memorial Library. While employed at the library, Griffin assisted in Reference, Government Documents, and Periodicals. Griffin graduated on Saturday, May 17, with a MBA degree with a concentration in Information Management. He starts a new chapter in his life working at Arrow Electronics in Hilliard as a Quality Assurance Analyst. When asked how

working at the library has been beneficial, Griffin answered, "Working at the library and using programs such as Sierra on a daily basis has been instrumental in becoming familiar with programs and learning to check for errors. Also, learning to work with others (the staff and students) as well as the responsibility of opening and closing the library on Saturdays." We wish Griffin great success in all his future endeavors!

FAREWELL SENIORS

Each year the Courtright Memorial Library hires both Federal and Non-Federal Work Study student employees to assist in various departments of the library. Some of the departments that hire student workers are Circulation, Periodicals, Reference, Cataloging, Archives, and Marketing. Many of the students return year after year to work at the library, which often times leads to a student working all four years while attending Otterbein. This year, the Library said good-bye to seven seniors who graduated on Sunday, May 18:

Meghan Crawford — BA, Double major in English (Creative Writing concentration) and History

Natalie Gardner — BSE, Early Childhood Education

Kathryn McClain — BA, Public Relations

Rachel Puthoff — BS, Athletic Training

Samuel Ray — BFA, Theatre (Acting)

Lindsey Rowland — BA, Double major in English and Theatre

Teresa Taylor — BSN, Bachelor of Science in Nursing

On behalf of everyone at the Courtright Memorial Library, thank you for all your hard work over the years and congratulations on your commencement. We wish you all the best as you embark upon new adventures in your life.



WHAT OUR FRIENDS ARE READING THIS SUMMER

Summer can be a wonderful time of year to find a comfortable, cozy place, grab a cup of coffee or iced tea, and catch up on readings from that list you have been meaning to get to. Our Friends of the Library are no different, as some have been meaning to cross titles off their list like John Grisham's *The Racketeer*; some want to take a peek and see if *Gone Girl* by Gillian Flynn is worth all the hype; and while mystery tops the list for some, a light, humorous read of *The Dog Lived (And So Will I)* by Teresa Rhyne will be crossed off a list or two as well.

Colleen, a 1971 alumnus and Friend of the Library since 2008, said she is catching up with the latest installment of *The No.1 Ladies Detective Agency* by Alexander McCall Smith. Colleen is currently reading *The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party* and says that she can pretty much read anywhere although her bed is "always" the perfect location. During the summer however, she enjoys reading outside on her swing. Colleen taught and studied in Africa many years ago and has since developed a love for the continent. Aware of her mom's passion, the original book in the series was a gift to Colleen from her daughter and Colleen's been hooked ever since. When Colleen reads, she prefers physical books as she "...loves holding a book, smelling the paper, turning the pages, and marking my place with a real, physical bookmark!"

Like Colleen, Nancy also enjoys reading physical books even though she owns a Kindle. Nancy is a 1972 alumnus and has been a Friends member since 2007. Nancy is currently reading *Ordinary Grace* by William Kent Krueger and says "Krueger has a mystery series featuring a sheriff, but this is a stand alone title." *Ordinary Grace* was recommended to Nancy by a friend who has very similar reading taste, so Nancy knew she could not go wrong with this title. Nancy's favorite place to read is the serene setting of her front patio which faces a pond with a fountain, all while sitting in a rocking chair.

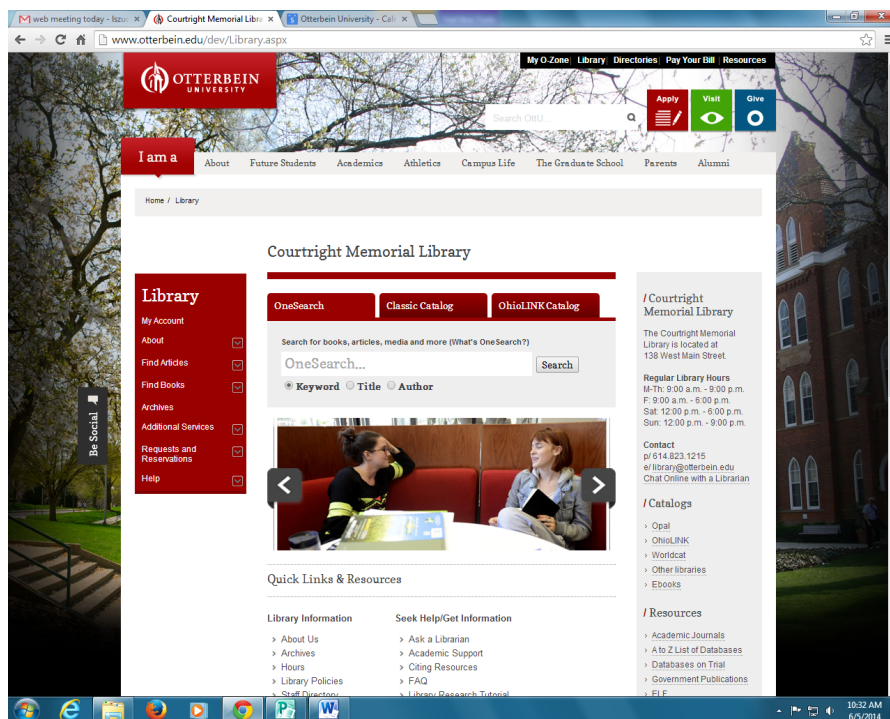
Regardless of where you like to read, what you like to read, and how you choose to read, enjoy your summer and happy reading!





Technology Changes Coming to Campus

The library's presence on the web will be changing to a new look in the fall. Jane Wu, Systems Librarian and the Otterbein Marketing and Communication Department, led by Jenny Hill and Michael Minite, have been working on updating and totally changing the library's webpage so that it better matches the other pages associated with Otterbein. The design has not been finalized, but will look something like the image below. So don't be surprised when you visit, <http://library.otterbein.edu> and find a brand new look and feel.



In addition, the university has contracted with Bepress (www.bepress.com) to create an Institutional Repository for the campus. A committee on campus led by Jane Wu, Systems Librarian, and assisted by Allen Reichert, Electronic Access/Government Publications Librarian, are working with the designers at Bepress to develop the look and feel of our Digital Commons Repository. The Institutional Repository will be live by the fall and will allow the library to highlight scholarship from faculty, students, and staff members at Otterbein. It will also provide a way to showcase such things as: events, creative works, multimedia materials, campus publications, archival materials, and campus governance information. While this project has been spearheaded by the library, it really is a campus wide initiative, which will benefit us all. Thanks to Alison Prindle, Interim Provost, for her support to help make this project a reality.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MEMBERSHIP FORM

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

Are you interested in receiving borrowing privileges?

- ☐ No, I do not need borrowing privileges.
- ☐ Yes, I would like to have borrowing privileges.

Drivers License Number (required) _____

By signing (below) I agree that I will abide by the loan policies of the Courtright Memorial Library. I will be responsible for all items I check out and their replacement costs should they become lost, stolen, or damaged. I understand that the Courtright Memorial Library reserves the right to take collection actions if my account is over 60 days past-due.

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Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library
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