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## FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

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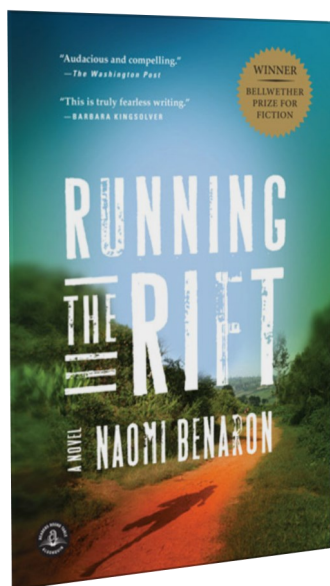
The Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library

### COMMON BOOK AUTHOR NAOMI BENARON TO VISIT OTTERBEIN

Having degrees from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and Scripps Institution of Oceanography, one would not guess that Naomi Benaron is a fiction writer and poet. Naomi however, is full of surprises; aside from her love of writing, and studying rocks and waves, Naomi is a marathon runner, an Ironman triathlete, a dog lover, and a teacher through the UCLA Extension Writers' Program where she mentors Afghan women online.

Naomi will be visiting Otterbein to discuss her novel *Running the Rift*, winner of the 2010 Bellwether Prize for Fiction. Friends of the Library are hosting a lecture and book signing on **Wednesday, October 22, at 7:30 PM on the 2nd floor of the library** (refreshments will be served). Other opportunities to hear Naomi speak include:

- Common Book Convocation on Tuesday, October 21, at 3 PM in Cowan Hall.
- Theatre Department's Presentation on Wednesday, October 22, at 10:50 AM in the Campus Center Theater.



*Running the Rift* follows Jean Patrick Nkuba, a gifted Rwandan boy, from the day he knows that running will be his life to the moment he must run to save his life, a ten-year span in which his country is undone by the Hutu-Tutsi tensions. Born a Tutsi, he is thrust into a world where it's impossible to stay apolitical—where the man who used to sell you gifts for your family now spews hatred, where the girl who flirted with you in the lunchroom refuses to look at you, where your Hutu coach is secretly training the very soldiers who will hunt down your family.

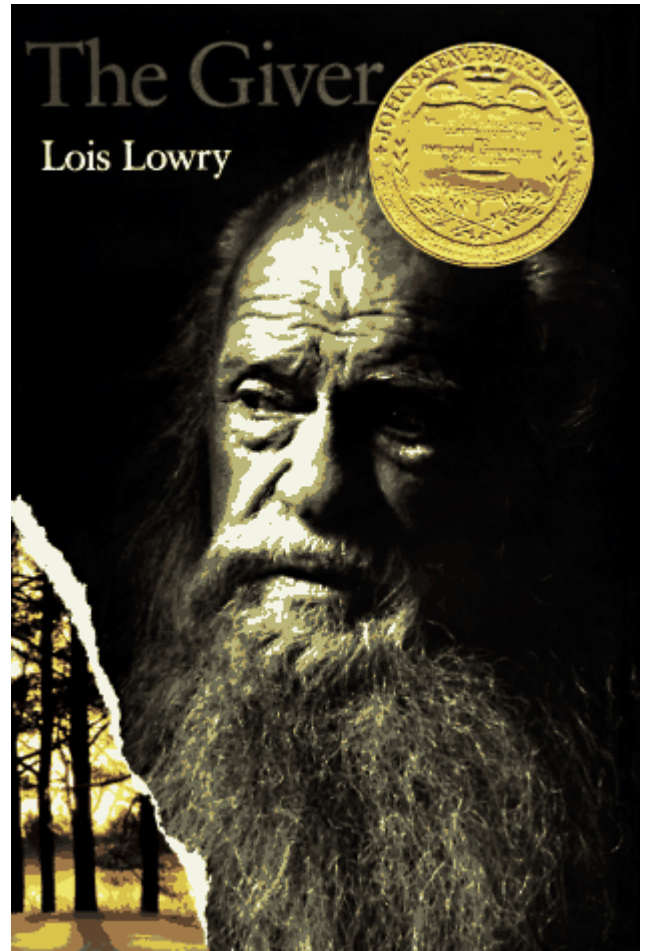
Yet in an environment increasingly restrictive for the Tutsi, he holds fast to his dream of becoming Rwanda's first Olympic medal contender in track, a feat he believes might deliver him and his people from this violence. When the killing begins, Jean Patrick is forced to flee, leaving behind the woman, the family, and the country he loves. Finding them again is the race of his life.

## Library Events

### Pages to Film Series

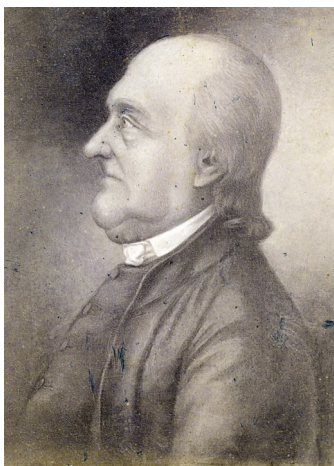
Each fall the Courtright Memorial Library recognizes a popular book that has or will be made into a feature film. Volunteers take turns reading the selected title in 15 minute increments to an audience. This year the library is proud to be reading Lois Lowry's 1993 novel *The Giver*. Set in a utopian society, 11-year old Jonas receives his community assignment as the Receiver of Memories. The training is intense and will isolate young Jonas from his family and friends forever. While training with the current Receiver of Memories, Jonas comes to realize that the utopian society in which he lives is indeed very dystopian in nature and this causes an uncertainty of thoughts and emotions.

*The Giver* will be read on Wednesday, November 12, beginning at 9:00 AM. If you would like to volunteer to be a reader, contact Elizabeth Zeitz by email ([ezeitz@otterbein.edu](mailto:ezeitz@otterbein.edu)) or phone (614) 823-1938. Everyone is welcome to join in and listen to the host of volunteers as they read.



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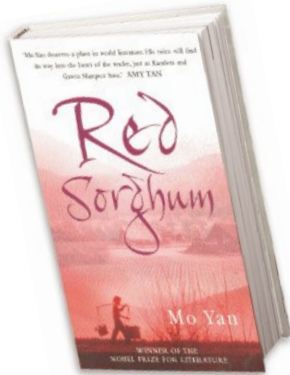
### Autumn BLISS



Otterbein. We know the name. We know the school. But just who or what is an Otterbein? Learn more from archivist Stephen D. Grinch at a Brownbag Lunch Information Summer Session (BLISS) on Monday, November 17, at 12 noon in the Seminar Room (lower level of the library). Come learn about the man for whom our University is named; and learn about the role he played in the founding of the first American Christian denomination, the United Brethren Church of Christ. All are welcome, RSVP to Becky Gale at [RGale@otterbein.edu](mailto:RGale@otterbein.edu) or call (614) 823-1799.

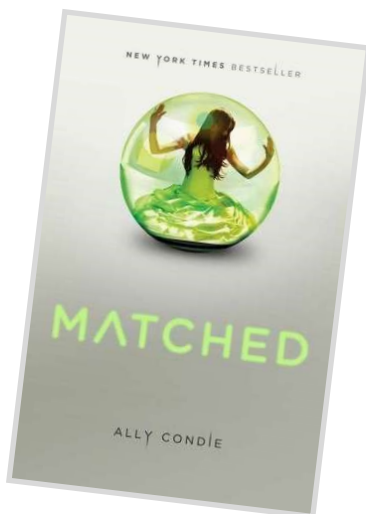


## Reading For Pleasure, Students Make the Time



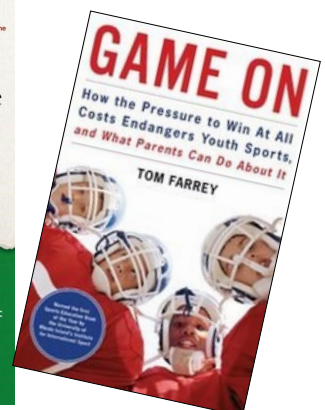
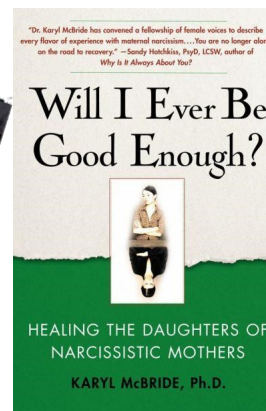
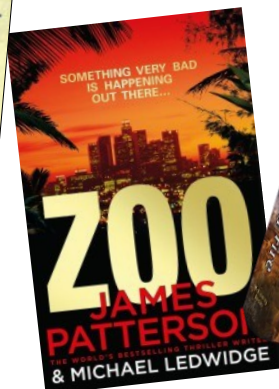
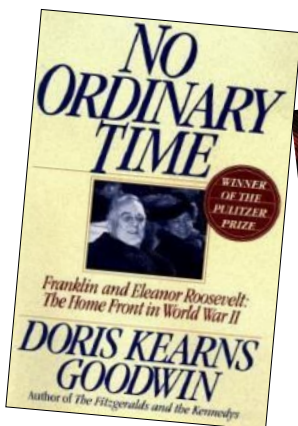
Despite their busy schedules Library student employees still find time to enjoy reading for pleasure. Not all of these titles are available at the Courtright Memorial Library, but we've discovered that students take advantage of Otterbein's collection as well as the services of OhioLINK, which provides access to materials from libraries statewide.

Several students shared what they're reading during the little down-time they have. Eva, a Circulation student, is finding *Will I Ever Be Good Enough* engaging, while Taryn (Acquisition) is enjoying a quick read with Patterson's *Zoo*. Kayla from the Center for Teaching and Learning is getting lost in Cassandra Clare's *City of Heavenly Fire*.



Often reading one book per day, June (Database Management) is currently reading *Red Sorghum* by Mo Yan. Molly, a senior Political Science major, is diving into the world of FDR in Kearns Goodwin's *No Ordinary Time*, while Liz, a Sophomore, is taking a deep look at the sports industry with *Game On* by Farrey. Janine, an Equine Business Management major, finds *Matched* by Condie to be the break she needs during Fall Semester.

A couple of the students use an eReader but many prefer reading books and turning pages; and one student boasted their preference to be, "Good old fashioned paperback!"



## Comings and Goings...

### Meet the New Graduate Assistant



Join the library staff in welcoming Ishara Guruge to the Courtright Memorial Library. Ishara is pursuing her MBA with a concentration in Human Resources Management. While at the Library, Ishara will be working in both the Reference and Government Documents Departments. She completed her undergraduate degree at Otterbein with a double major in Economics and International Business. Ishara hails from “the pearl of the Indian Ocean, Sri Lanka,” and she is “excited to be a Graduate Assistant for the Library and work with all of you.”

Next time you're in the library and you see Ishara, be sure to stop by and introduce yourself, she would love to meet you!

### A SAD FAREWELL

It is never easy saying goodbye, and this academic year the Courtright Memorial Library is saying farewell to not one but two members of its staff.

Betsy Salt, a Cataloger/Metadata Librarian at Otterbein University library, will be retiring on December 31, 2014 after 31 years of service to Otterbein. In addition to cataloging, Betsy has been teaching information literacy classes for her liaison departments and programs which are: Religion and Philosophy Department, Modern Languages Department, Anthropology minor, Deaf Studies program, and Administration. Betsy's retirement party will be held at the library on Friday, December 12 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM.

Retiring after 25 years of dedicated service to Otterbein and the Courtright Memorial Library is the Library's Director, Lois Szudy. Lois' last day will be June 30, 2015.



## Obituaries

### PAULINE JEANETTE BIERLEY

Pauline Jeanette Bierley, 87, of Columbus, passed away Tuesday, June 24 at Sunrise at the Scioto. She was born in Portsmouth, Ohio, in 1926, the daughter of Eugene and Verla Allison. As a long-time resident of Westerville, Pauline was a member of the Church of the Messiah, where she taught Peace School and was an active member of the Teammates Sunday School Class. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University during World War II, then worked at Martings Department Store in Portsmouth. She married Paul Edmund Bierley in 1948 and moved to Columbus, where they raised two children. Pauline worked at North American Aviation for a year, and later worked for Huntington National Bank where she retired in 1982. She was an avid gardener, a lover of all animals, and a sponsor of refugee families and adopted children in several countries. She took a keen interest in documenting her family history and was a great keeper of family records and photographs. She is survived by her husband of 65 years, Paul; a brother, Ralph (Helga) of Pelham, Alabama; a daughter, Lois Walker (William) of Polebridge, Montana; and son, John Bierley (Kathryn) of Hilliard; grandchildren, Elizabeth Walker (Jim) of Kalispell, Montana, and Melissa Christian (Matt) of Columbus, Ohio; great-granddaughters, Zia and Kaiya Walker of Kalispell, Montana; and numerous nieces and nephews. Her remains have been donated to the Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Published in the Columbus Dispatch on June 29, 2014.



### DONNA JEAN THAYER

Donna Jean Thayer, age 84, of Hilliard, formerly of Westerville, OH. Passed away peacefully August 9, 2014 at home. Born November 5, 1929 in Wayne, OH. Former elementary school teacher in Bloomdale, OH and Central College Pre-School and former employee of Lazarus Capri in Westerville. Graduate of Bowling Green State University. Proud Honorary Alumni of Otterbein College where she volunteered for many years. Member Church of the Messiah United Methodist. Survived by her children, Linda Thayer of Joshua Tree, CA, Greg Thayer of Boulder, CO and Steve (Tracy) Thayer of Hilliard; grandchildren, Maggie, Jessie, Alexandria, Janie, Zachary and Gabrielle; sister, Joyce (Ralph) Bressler of Findlay, OH; brother, Dale Wright of Cleveland, OH. Preceded in death by her husband Fred J. Thayer and parents Everett and Helen Wright.

Published in the Columbus Dispatch on August 13, 2014





## COURTRIGHT VOLUNTEERS



The Courtright Memorial Library would like to recognize three community members who volunteer at the library. Mark Peters, John Kalmbach, and Alan Borer (pictured left) come in weekly to assist on various projects or as needed.

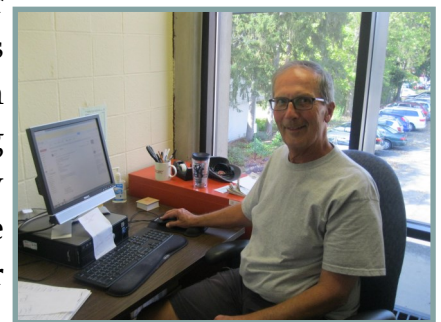
Since the summer of 2008, Mark Peters (pictured on right) has been volunteering and assisting within Archives working on various projects. Mark, a '70 alum, retired from American Electric Power after 26 years. Having a great attention to detail, working within Archives suites Mark perfectly. His current project is indexing and cataloging negatives, and scanning usable images. When he's not volunteering at the library, Mark enjoys photography, reading Science Fiction, and spending time with Betty, his wife of 30 years.



Alan Borer (pictured on left) is passionate about libraries and history. He's a retired librarian from Toledo, OH (Lucas County Public Libraries) and he was a history major at BGSU. At the Courtright Memorial Library Alan volunteers in Archives and is currently assisting with the Clippenger Papers. Alan stays busy when not volunteering at the library, he also volunteers at the Westerville Historical Society, enjoys spending time with his 10 year old son, Freddie, and he's an avid gardener.



John Kalmbach recently relocated to Central Ohio to be closer to grandkids. After 32 years at the University of Toledo, as the Director of Media Technology Services he retired. John came to the library this past summer and has been assisting within Administration and Archives. John and his wife, Judy recently celebrated 45 years of marriage. When not in the library John can be seen at various Otterbein sporting events or volunteering for the Westerville Senior Center Advisory Board.



The library is appreciative of the work and assistance of its volunteers over the years. Thanks for all you do!

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