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# FRIENDLY CORRESPONDENCE

*Friends of the Courtright Memorial Library*

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## Friends Annual Spring Event Coming Soon!



Don't forget to mark your calendars for this year's annual spring meeting to be held on **Friday, April 25, 2003 at 7:00 PM**. Come enjoy "Travel Tips by Two Titans of Travel: Not Your Mother's Travelog!" More information will be provided soon.

## Ozeki Lecture A Success

On Tuesday, October 29, 2002 novelist and independent filmmaker Ruth Ozeki presented a thought-provoking lecture on the her book My Year of Meats. She also discussed her early experiences in media production, using the themes of her book to highlight the issues that arise in this field. Afterwards, she signed autographs for the crowd in attendance. The crowd included faculty and students alike.



Friends members conversing after  
Ozeki's lecture



Ozeki signs a student's book after her lecture.



The audience enjoys Ozeki's presentation.

## New Albany Historical Pamphlet Published by Friends Members

John Saveson of New Albany and Richard Yanits of Westerville, both Friends of the Library, have collaborated to produce a comprehensive 40 page pamphlet on the "Founders of New Albany, Ohio." This pamphlet includes photos, documents, genealogy and even the original 1837 plat of New Albany.

Both men have an avid interest in genealogy, often working with local historical societies and writing publications. This led them to the discovery of ancestors who played an integral part in the formation of New Albany.

John Saveson, a retired professor, found a connection between his family and that of No-

ble London, a justice of the peace for St. Albans Township. He traced his family history to New Albany, where he bought a brick house built by his great-great-grandmother's husband, Noble Landon's niece. This pamphlet includes details about the personality of the founders as well as their family history. Landon, for example, was said to have "a persistent and sometimes curious association with hard liquor" only to convert later on in life, swearing off liquor permanently.

Richard Yantis, a retired mathematics professor at Otterbein College, likewise discovered he was a direct descendant of William Yantis. William Yantis was a farmer, originally from Maryland, who moved to Ohio in

search of quality land. He was said to be "an eccentric man, who claimed some knowledge of medicine. Good hearted, to one who was a friend he would give up most everything he possessed, but with one he disliked he would have nothing to do." While doing his research, Richard Yantis discovered the grave stone of the William Yantis' wife, Elizabeth, who was buried in the New Albany Founders Cemetery.

Their 40 page booklet is being sold by the New Albany Plain Township Historical Society for \$4 and can also be purchased at Out of the Ordinary a store in the Kroger Shopping Center, at New Albany and Fodor roads.

Source: This Week in Westerville,  
Jan 16, 2003

## Check out the Friends Web Page

<http://www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/libpages/friends/index.htm>

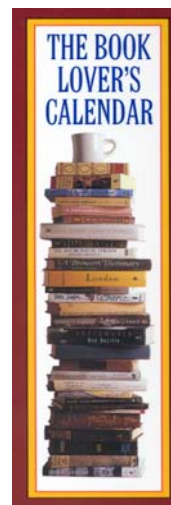


Visit the Friends of the Library Web Site for information, pictures, bylaws and past copies of this newsletter!

You can use the Friends web pages by going to <http://www.otterbein.edu/resources/library/libpages/friends/index.htm> or you can access it from the college's home page (<http://www.otterbein.edu>) by choosing the library link. Our web page has information on membership, officers, volunteer opportunities, bylaws, and fund raising, and includes copies of previous newsletters

and pictures taken at various events. Any comments or suggestions are welcome – please send them to: Lois Szudy (LSzudy@otterbein.edu).

## Purchase a 2003 Book Lover's Calendar



There are a few 2003 Book Lover's Calendars still available for purchase. The cost is only \$10.00 for each calendar and they can be mailed (for a small additional fee). They make great gifts! Purchase calendars for yourself, your friends, and your family. Call Lois Szudy, (614) 823-

1414 or stop by the library to purchase your calendars.

## Treasurer's Report



As of January 1, 2003, the Friends have \$7,596.73 available to spend. The Executive Committee of the Friends at their last meeting voted to spend \$2,000 on additional bookshelves and \$1,000 for comfortable couches. These items will be ordered soon.

Possible other uses of these funds include:

- ❖ Purchase additional tables and chairs for "under the overhang" of the library. Cost for a set with 1 table & 4 chairs is approximately \$750.00
- ❖ Convert front doors to allow for handicapped accessibility. This is needed to meet Americans with Disability regulations and to make our library easier to use for everyone. Approximate cost for entrance and exit doors is \$5,000.

Additional funds, beyond what is currently available, are obviously necessary to accomplish all of these ideas. Further donations will help us meet these needs. The library's top priority is currently to convert the front doors for handicapped accessibility.

## Fund a "Book" (or video, CD, DVD)

Would you like to give a special gift this year? Then please consider donating money to *Fund a "Book,"* an ongoing library fund raising project to help supplement the library materials budget. You have the opportunity to fund the purchase of a book, video, or other type of material for the Courtright Memorial Library at Otterbein College. The minimum donation is \$25.00. If you so choose, you can specify your donation to be used to purchase items on a particular subject or topic. Your donation can be given in memory of someone, in honor of someone, or in honor of a special occasion or anniversary. A special bookplate will be placed inside the item. To participate in this fund raising opportunity, you can go online to the Friends' web page and fill out the "Fund a Book" form or you can contact Lois Szudy (614) 823-1414 for more information.

## Notes from the Editor by Julie Smith

When I transferred schools, I chose Kent State University above the other, equally viable schools I toured for one specific reason: the library. The library at Kent is a towering structure, twelve stories high resplendent with entire floors dedicated to works of fiction, science, and government documents. It was, to me, an edifice representing the school's commitment to education.

The Courtright Memorial Library may be a smaller structure but as I return to Otterbein I notice no difference in the quality of my research. I attribute this to such wonderful resources as interlibrary loan (which I used at Kent as often as I do now), the high-tech computer labs and access to research databases. I do, however, notice more subtle differences. All other components being equal, the atmosphere at the Otterbein Library is simply more pleasant and considerate to the comfort of the students. The staff is patient and helpful. There are small upholstered couches that face the windows on the second floor (perfect for reading or waiting between classes) and beanbags on the third floor for exhausted students. There are even ironwork tables to encourage the congregation of students outside the library.

I want to take this opportunity as the editor to thank all those Friends of the Library who, through their hard work and benevolence, have made this library such a warm and wonderful place for students (such as myself) to study and learn.

## Johnny Appleseed Book Available For Sale

*Johnny Appleseed: Man and Myth* by Dr. Robert Price is once again in print! The third edition is printed by Urbana University Press of Urbana, Ohio, home of the Johnny Appleseed Society and Museum and available through the Appleseed Society (<http://www.urbana.edu/appleseedbook.htm>), or the Otterbein College Bookstore, which currently has two copies available for purchase. Look in the forthcoming edition of *Towers Magazine* for more information.

## *A Farewell to Friends We Have Lost*

**Susan Cohen**, age 46, died January 23, 2003 in her home after a courageous struggle with brain cancer. She is survived by her husband Ted, son Daniel, daughter Allison, her mother Marion Jablin and her brothers Louis and Peter Jablin. She was preceded in death by her father Maurice Jablin.

Susan was the archivist and curator of special collections at Ohio Wesleyan University's Beeghly Library for seventeen years .

An expert at researching Methodist history, she was the professional curator of the Methodist Historical Collection of the Church's History.



She reorganized it and improved upon its resources with her research into the lives of Methodist ministers and their churches.

She was also curator for the OWU Walt Whitman collection and the Wooley collection of South Seas artifacts. In 2000, she discovered a relationship between the Kwassui Women's College of Nagasaki and Ohio Wesleyan University. That historic sisterhood endures to this day, providing exchange opportunities for the students, faculty and staff of both colleges.

She will be fondly remembered for her generosity of spirit, personal warmth and wit.



***The Friendly Correspondence*** is published 2 - 4 times per year. Please send any submissions for articles to Lois Szudy, Library Director, 1 Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081 or [LSzudy@otterbein.edu](mailto:LSzudy@otterbein.edu).



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