Retirements from the Library staff are not common nor anticipated with excitement, but they do happen. During her 18 years with us, Dianne Seals, MediaPLEX Graphics Consultant, has in her own quiet way contributed to service excellence, demonstrated a servant’s heart to patrons and our own staff, and been willing to participate in the change necessary to keep us relevant in Media Services. Now she has decided to retire from service at the Library at the end of this academic year. In his tribute to Dianne, Carl Brandon, Director of Library Media Services said, “Dianne has always faithfully, humbly, and systematically shared her faith in Christ through many valley and hilltop experiences. Her life is a Christ honoring example which has blessed us all. When helping patrons, Dianne never lost the ability to leave the people she helped with a feeling that she cares, and is sincerely focused on meeting their production needs.” Dianne will officially retire May 31st. She plans to focus her time and energy on family with husband Greg, her father Stuart, her children Jessica and Mike, Janna and Jason, and globe trotting Hava. Five Grandchildren will keep Dianne occupied; Lauren and Morgan, Jessica’s children; and Jaden, Judah, Josiah, and Justice, Janna’s children.

Library scholarship awarded

The Centennial Library Scholarship Award in Library Science was established in 1997 by the Centennial Library faculty to encourage and actively support the next generation of library and information specialists, and especially to encourage those who will fill the future library faculty ranks of Christian colleges and universities. The award is available to seniors or graduates enrolled for graduate study in library and information science. Students apply for the scholarship and the selection process includes a faculty recommendation and an interview by the Library faculty selection committee. The first award was presented in 2000, and nine scholarships have been presented prior to this year. This year’s recipient is Lauren Kriss, currently planning to attend the School of Library and Information Science at the University of Pittsburgh. Lauren has been a Library student assistant for two years and completed the Library internship program during the Fall 2009 semester.
Library staff honored at annual recognitions dinner

The Library continues a tradition started over 30 years ago. On Friday, April 9, over 80 Library staff, family members, and guests gathered for the annual Library Recognitions Dinner. The purpose of the dinner is to honor all those on the Library staff who had received awards during the year, to honor staff for special achievements, to present service awards to the Student Library Assistants, to honor those Student Library Assistants who are graduating and to thank all the Library staff for a job well done during the academic year.

**S**taff Achievement and Recognition (StAR) Award

The recipient of the Staff Achievement and Recognition (StAR) Award, selected from nominations made by Library faculty and staff, is chosen by an award committee using one or more of the following qualities:

- provides quality service to staff and patrons with a spirit of Christian servanthood.
- presents a favorable image of the Library both inside and outside the University.
- demonstrates and encourages teamwork.
- promotes a constructive and congenial work environment.
- seeks to be creative and innovative in job performance.

The recipient of this year’s StAR award was Dianne Seals, MediaPLEX Graphics Consultant.

**S**tudent Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Award

The Student Outstanding Achievement Recognition (SOAR) Award, established by the Library Managers Council, recognizes a Library student assistant for exceptional service to the Library. The SOAR award is presented periodically to a student assistant who demonstrates leadership, creativity, service, initiative, or performance that exceeds the normal expectations of his or her job description. The recipient of this year’s SOAR award was Asherita Oana, a senior serving in the Curriculum Materials Center. She was recognized for performing her role as a student supervisor with integrity and excellence, for organizing and providing training for new employees, for a Christ-like attitude of compassion and service, and for serving as a superb role model.

**Top Scholar Award**

The Top Scholar Award goes to the graduating senior Student Library Assistant who has the highest grade point average. The award includes the presentation to the recipient of a study Bible, and the selection of a book, representing the major of the recipient, to be placed in the Library collection in his or her honor. To be eligible, a student assistant must have worked at the Library for at least 2 academic semesters, and the grade point average is calculated at the end of the Fall semester. This year’s Top Scholar Award was presented to Asherita Oana, an English major, who has worked at the Library for 6 semesters.

**Centennial Library Distinguished Service Award**

Certificates of Recognition for Distinguished Service are given for important achievements advancing Centennial Library services, for significant contributions to the service and reputation of the Centennial Library, for service to the Library in special ways, or for performance of tasks above and beyond the call of duty. This year a Certificate was given to Lynne Funtik, Senior Reference Librarian, in recognition of the faithful exercise of her gift of hospitality and her servant’s heart in assuring the provision of creative decorations for holidays and Library events and tasteful food for Library meetings and gatherings.
Special Recognitions

2009 Cardboard Canoe Race Team

The 2009 Library cardboard canoe race team was recognized for winning the department trophy during the Engineering Department’s annual cardboard canoe race, held on Friday, October 2nd. Since the Library won the department trophy in 2008, the team of builders and rowers was determined to retain it. Eleven student library assistants under the direction of Becky Hayes, Circulation Services Manager, designed and built the library’s entry. The canoe, expertly paddled by two student Library assistants, Michael Cox and Rachel Latario, not only completed the entire course but did it in only a few seconds short of the fastest time of the day. As well, the sturdy canoe was one of the last ones floating in the subsequent demolition derby. Our thanks to Becky Hayes, Staff advisor, Jill Conway, Brad Latario, Nate Dolan, Michael Cox, Kate Krizo, Kelly Wade, Valentina Blackburn, Samantha SanGregory, Rob Hinks, Erika Ball, and Rachel Latario.

Student Library Assistant Awards for Service

Non-Senior Service Awards

As part of the Library Service Award program, 32 non-senior Student Library Assistants received awards for various terms of service from two semesters to eight semesters. Awards include mugs for two semesters, engraved key chains for four semesters, and clocks for six semesters.

Senior Recognition and Service Awards

Ten senior Student Library Assistants were honored. In addition to the service awards mentioned above, each senior receives a leather portfolio engraved with his/her name.
Library faculty member assists with publication of book in China

While on sabbatical in China during the Fall 2009 semester, teaching at the Beijing Administrative College, Carl Brandon, Director of Library Media Services, was engaged to assist in the editing of the book, History Recorded in Stones: the 400 Year Story of the Cemetery of Matteo Ricci and Other Foreign Missionaries. Matteo Ricci, the first missionary to China, arrived there in 1610. This book, produced by the College, one of the oldest schools run by the Communist Party of China, was created to celebrate the 400th anniversary of Ricci’s arrival and to document the preservation of a cemetery on the campus of the College which contains 63 gravestones, including that of Matteo Ricci and other foreign missionaries. A wall surrounds the small Cemetery, and just inside the gate stands a commemorative plaque which reads, “the State Council declares that the Cemetery of Matteo Ricci and other foreign missionaries is a key cultural relic site under state protection.” Carl’s work on the book involved providing more appropriate English conversational text for the English version of the publication as well as proofreading the entire English version. Carl also contributed a number of photographs for the extensively illustrated volume.

Library faculty member returns to England for part of the summer

From May 17 to June 8, Julie Deardorff, Director of Library Collection Services, will be teaching a Cedarville University summer school course in England with her husband Don Deardorff, Professor of English. Offered through the Office of International Programs, Don and Julie will teach The English Novel (LIT 3310) to a group of Cedarville students while in residence at the University of Gloucestershire in Cheltenham, England. The course will focus on three novels: Pride & Prejudice by Jane Austen, David Copperfield by Charles Dickens, and Till We Have Faces by C. S. Lewis. The trip will include excursions to Bath, Stratford-upon-Avon, Warwick Castle, and Oxford. Students will also have the opportunity to travel individually on the weekends.
Library activities celebrate national library week

Since 1958, libraries around the United States have been CELEBRATING National Library Week! Generally this celebration is scheduled during the second full week in April. In the last few years the Centennial Library has developed a few NLW traditions. We began our celebration with our Annual Used book sale. A number of our regular customers were at the library doors at 7:45 am Monday morning! The book bargains continued through the entire week and for those willing to take a chance that their favorite book might be available on Thursday for 1/2 price or on Friday for free.

On Tuesday evening Cedarville Review authors returned after a one year absence to share their creative writing talents as they read their poetry, flash fiction, and fiction pieces. On Thursday, we continued highlighting the creativity of our students as Dr. Phipps’ Storytelling class entertained us with a variety of tales, including the story of Strega Nona with mandolin accompaniment and tall tales from Davy Crockett.

We also continued the tradition of inviting a YOUNGER group of students from CedarCliff elementary for some storytelling in the Curriculum Materials Center with Dr. Sweigard’s Children’s Literature students reading the books. The first graders are always impressed with the SIZE of the Centennial Library as they are welcomed by one of the librarians dressed as a story book character, this year Little Red Riding Hood.

This year we were invited to be a part of Resound Radio’s morning show, Wake Up Call with Marie and Dan, as library student assistants and staff were interviewed about NLW. The library trivia question each day came from the interview that morning.

The Centennial Library staff and librarians found a number of other ways to celebrate NLW with cookies, balloons, candy, and the delivery of Rinnova gift cards to departments with 100% participation in library collection development.

Celebrating National Library Week is a way of celebrating the important role the Centennial Library plays in the development and education of the Cedarville University students. The Centennial Library National Library Week committee responsible for planning the events includes Carl Brandon, Tonya Fawcett, Lynne Runtik, Becky Hayes, Greg Martin, and Tricia Clark.
University Faculty in Print
Recognizing Faculty Scholarship

Greg A. Couser, Professor of Bible and Greek


This book offers a deep collection of important essays by evangelicals about 1 and 2 Timothy and Titus, aiming to examine Paul’s theology in the pastoral epistles and inform readers on the current state of scholarship on these letters. The chapter authored by Greg Couser attempts to extend the discussion of the theological depth and creativity of these letters by focusing on the doctrine of God in these three epistles. He suggests that few have attempted a comprehensive discussion of the content and function of the statements about God in these letters. Thus he endeavors to lay out the main contours of the theology as well as to highlight some of the more incidental statements that contribute to a full understanding of the God of Timothy and Titus.

University Alumni in Print
Carrying the Torch to Their World

Donald L. Brake (Class of 1966)


Donald Brake, who is vice president of Multnomah Bible College and Seminary and dean of Multnomah Biblical Seminary in Portland, Oregon, takes the reader on an intriguing journey about how the Bible was transformed from the medieval manuscripts read only by the clergy to a bestseller today available in contemporary languages. From John Wycliffe to King James, from the King James Version to the American Revolution and the Civil War, the author brings to life the tortuous story of the translation of the biblical text into English. The book is richly illustrated, including many photos from the author’s extensive collection of rare Bibles and theological books. Donald Brake, considered an authority on the history of the Bible in English and Greek, also discusses principles of Bible translation and biblical interpretation, and presents a comparison of today’s major new English translations.
Summer 2010 at the Library

Projects

A number of changes will take place in the Library over the summer. The University Archives will be moved to a new location on the lower level providing much needed additional space for collections, staff, and patrons. Shelving, made available by the Archives project and the reduction of the print journal volumes, will be relocated to the lower level of the Library to allow more space for the expansion of crowded areas of the Library book collection. The Media Resource room and the lower level research carrels will be recarpeted, and the Library Computer classroom will be refurbished, rearranged, and outfitted with additional computers.

Service

The public hours for the Library for the Summer of 2010 are provided on the Library web site. The Curriculum Materials Center will be open during all the Library summer hours. However, MediaPLEX and AV Services will not be open during all the regular summer Library hours. Please check the Library web site for those variations. If you have questions about MediaPLEX services and hours, please contact Carl Brandon, Director of Library Media Services.

For those faculty needing assistance with media hardware, software, or classroom technology equipment during the summer school sessions, please contact Scott Deetz in AV Services at 7853 for scheduling and technical support.