

# Centennial Library E-News

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## Library staff members move on



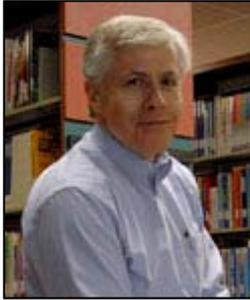
Two Library staff members are retiring at the end of the academic year. **Patty Stutes**, *MediaPLEX Graphics Consultant*, officially retired on April 20. Patty began her service at the Centennial Library in 1988 as the Media Resource Center [MRC] Supervisor, serving in that role for 19 years, until the MRC was re-engineered into the current MediaPLEX in 2007. Since that time she has served as a consultant specializing in desktop publishing, printing, and graphics. Patty loved assisting students, faculty, and staff in successfully integrating media into assignments, projects, and presentations. As the MRC Supervisor, Patty was responsible for hiring and training the MRC student assistants, taking personal interest in the well over 100 students who worked under her for those years. After 24 faithful years of service, Patty is retiring to Florida with her husband, Tom. As you are reading these words, they are already there.

**Rachel Johnson**, *Collection Services Technical Assistant*, began working at the Centennial Library in January 2002, following a few months in the university's Institutional Research office. Rachel has worked primarily with book acquisitions and processing, but has always been willing to help with activities outside her job description, such as OhioLINK, National Library Week, and freshmen library orientation. Her enthusiasm for doing inventory and shifting books are unmatched. For many of her ten years at the library, Rachel supervised the student assistants in the Collection Services Department and served on the Library's Managers Council.

Rachel was selected by her peers to receive the library's StAR (Staff Achievement and Recognition) Award in 2007. The reasons given by those who nominated her are still true today: there is no job at the library that Rachel would not willingly do; she is a true servant; she is always pleasant and has a smile on her face; she can't stand not to be busy; and she is very kind and concerned about people. Rachel is looking forward to a long and happy retirement devoted to spending time with her grandchildren, traveling, scrapbooking, and taking long walks in Cedarville with her husband of more than fifty years, Don.



## Current library faculty member moves to new Library position



**Greg Martin**, the *Curriculum Materials Librarian* at the Centennial Library for the last ten years, has been appointed as the new *Collection Services Librarian*. This position was approved and added for the 2012/13 academic year to address significant needs in the Collection Services department resulting from recent and expected future growth in the University and the impending expansion of graduate and on-line programs, all of which have increased demand for resources. In the last ten years, Library expenditures on resources have increased 54%, placing growing pressure on the staff necessary to select, secure, process, and provide those resources for students and faculty. In addition to cataloging and collection development responsibilities, Greg will also become Director of the new DigitalCommons@Cedarville, an institutional digital repository hosted by the Library with a purpose to highlight the intellectual and scholarly output of the University. This service was launched in January 2012 in response to the goals for national reputation which are part of the strategic plans of the University--**Vision 2020**--and the Academic division. Greg will begin his new duties on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Associate Dean's community work recognized

An article in the recent Spring 2012 issue of [Inspire](#), the University's alumni publication, recognizes the community work of **Jan Bosma**, *Associate Dean for Library Administration*. The story documents Jan's efforts to see a new community library become a reality in Cedarville. In 2001 in conversations with the librarian of the local public library, located for many years in the Cedarville Opera House, Jan understood the challenges faced by that tiny library in servicing a community like Cedarville. The [Inspire](#) article, entitled "It takes a Village" and written by Cheryl Brugel, is the story of how Jan's vision and passion benefitted a whole community, leading the effort to see the process to provide a new community library facility move from a recognition of the need, to formulating the plan, to raising the funds, and ultimately to constructing the new facilities. Brugel details how Jan mobilized community and regional leaders to raise the \$750,000 necessary to make that dream a reality. After 3 years of committed work, Jan saw the new Cedarville Branch of the Greene County Public Library, now one block off of Main Street, open its doors on February 25, 2005. Jan's community service would not end with that effort, as she would go on to become president of the Cedarville Opera House Society and a trustee of the Greene County Library Board.



## New addition to Library Dean's Honor Roll



The Library Dean's Honor Roll was established in 2007 to recognize those who are part of the Library staff when they reach 20 years of service to the University. The honoree receives a plaque that is placed in the Library staff lounge as a reminder to all of this achievement. To date eight have been added to the Honor Roll, the ninth being inducted this year. **Carl Brandon**, *Director of Library Media Services*, completes twenty years of service to the University and to the Centennial Library at the end of this academic year, and he is being added to the Honor Roll.

## 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 ten scholarships have been presented prior to this year. This year's recipient is **Hanna Olmstead**, who is currently pursuing her Master of Library and Information Science degree at Kent State [Ohio] University. Hannah, a 2010 Cedarville early childhood education graduate, is teaching pre-school in Springfield and working as a sub at the Cedarville Branch of the Greene County Public Library. During her years as a Cedarville student, Hannah was a student library assistant in the Curriculum Materials Center.



## Library staff honored at the annual Recognitions Dinner

### 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 **Tricia Clark**, *Public Services Technical Coordinator*.

### 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 **Rob Hinks**, a junior who has worked 6 semesters in Circulation services. Rob was recognized for his personal commitment to performing at the highest level without regard for praise or reward, for his industrious and accurate work ethic, for his positive encouragement for high quality work by his fellow student assistants and those under his leadership, and for his sacrificial spirit in taking on extra shifts when staff or weather emergencies require adjustments.



## 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 **Leah Robertson**, an international studies major, who has worked at the Library for 4 semesters.

## Student Library Assistant Awards for Service

### *Non-Senior Service Awards*

As part of the Library Service Award program, 25 non-senior Student Library Assistants received awards for various terms of service from 2 semesters to 6 semesters. Awards include mugs for 2 semesters, engraved key chains for 4 semesters, and clocks for 6 semesters.

### *Senior Recognition and Service Awards*

11 senior Student Library Assistants were honored. In addition to the service awards mentioned above, each senior receives a name-engraved leather portfolio.

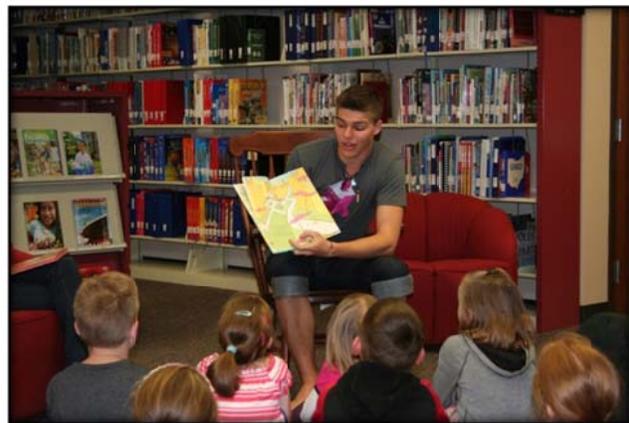


## National Library week celebrated April 9-13

Celebrating National Library Week, an event recognized by libraries around the United States since 1958, has recently become an annual event for the Centennial Library. In the last few years the Centennial Library has developed a few of its own NLW traditions. The celebration began with the annual used book and media sale. A number of our regular customers were at the library doors at 7:45 a.m. Tuesday morning to peruse over 5,000 items for sale! The bargains continued through the entire week and especially for those willing to take a chance that their favorite items might be available on Thursday for ½ price or on Friday for free.

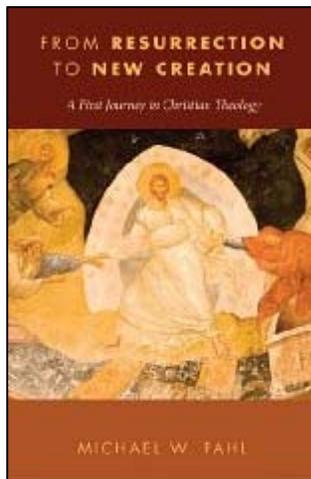
We also continued the tradition of inviting a younger group of students from CedarCliff elementary school for some storytelling in the Curriculum Materials Center with five students from Dr. Sweigerd's Children's Literature class reading their favorite picture books. The two classes of first graders 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 again as Little Red Riding Hood. The Centennial Library staff and librarians found a number of other ways to celebrate NLW including a staff lunch to celebrate National Library Workers day, and the delivery of Rinnova gift cards to faculty members, from three randomly selected academic departments, who had participated in library collection development activities during the year.

Celebrating National Library Week is a way of highlighting 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 included **Julie Deardorff**, *Director of Library Collection Services*, **Greg Martin**, *CMC Librarian*, and **Tricia Clark**, *Public Services Technical Coordinator*.



## University Faculty in Print

### Recognizing Faculty Scholarship



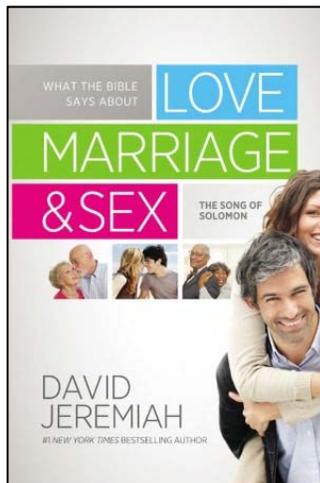
**Michael W. Pahl, Associate Professor of Theological Studies**

From Resurrection to New Creation: a first journey in Christian theology, Eugene, Oregon: Cascade Books, 2010. 132 pages.

This book addresses the questions of what Christianity is really about and what is at the heart of an authentic Christian faith and life. The author proposes that the heart of Christianity is not a set of rituals, beliefs, or behaviors, but an event, the resurrection of Christ. The structure of the book moves through the basic biblical doctrines, but does so beginning with the Resurrection and ending with Creation. In between are chapters on the Crucifixion, the Son, the Gospel, the Father, and the Spirit. Pahl says that "this unusual arrangement reflects the central contention of the book: that the resurrection of the crucified Jesus was both the ground and the center of earliest Christian theology and practice, and so should it also be for Christians today." He concludes that the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ transforms everything.

## University Alumni in Print

### Carrying the Torch to Their World



**David Jeremiah (Class of 1963)**

What the Bible says about love, marriage & sex: the Song of Solomon. New York: Faith Words, 2012. 284 pages.

David Jeremiah, in his trademark verse-by-verse tour of the Scriptures, leads the reader through the most beautiful love story ever told in the Song of Solomon. He addresses the love between a man and a woman from heaven's perspective, allowing the wisdom of King Solomon to reveal God's perfect plan for human intimacy, set within the bond of love, commitment, and sharing. In a world totally confused about the power, promise, and passion of marital love, the content of God's word is critical. The author says, "there are many common misconceptions about the biblical view of sex, love, and marriage. What God has wanted us to understand from the beginning is profoundly, breathtakingly beautiful.... In teaching the Bible, we should try to say what God says without apology."

## Library Summer schedule begins May 7

The Library ends the regular academic year by closing at 5:00 p.m. on May 4 and being open a few hours on Commencement Day, May 5, to allow departing students a last opportunity to return library materials. The Library summer schedule begins on Monday, May 7, and those hours can be found on the Library website. Regular academic year hours for 2012/2013 will resume on Wednesday, August 22. Have a great summer!