Saturday October 13th, 2007—WOW—what a great day! That was the overwhelming feeling of those who participated in the 2007 Otterbein College Homecoming activities. This year’s parade featured a “Do-Dah” concept that essentially means “anything goes!” Students and Staff of the Courtright Memorial Library participated in the parade showing off their Library spirit! In order to participate in proper “Doo Dah style”, Lois Szudy, Library Director, volunteered her car to be decorated and driven in the parade. Library staff and students helped turn the unsuspecting Saturn Vue into a “Bookworm.” And a good thing too - as there were times during the parade where everyone had to jump inside just to keep pace! As seen in the picture, the theme for the Library was “Don’t Doo Dah, Be a Bookworm!” Have you Doo Dah’d lately? If so, the Library is here for you.

Don’t get caught in the cold!
Visit the Courtright Memorial Library and find a book to warm the spirit.
Archives Looking Forward to Move

With plans in place, Archivist Stephen Grinch is looking forward to the opportunity to move into the larger space once occupied by the Otterbein WOCC-TV station.

The library had planned to relocate the Archives during December 2007, however technical difficulties with moving the TV station were encountered that have slowed progress in the short-term. After reviewing the current situation, the library is hopeful to move Archives during the summer of 2008.

The Archives wishes to thank the Friends who have supported the Archives thus far. Please keep your donations coming. Your wonderful generosity is very appreciated!

The library does need additional funds to purchase new display cases, furniture and compact shelving to help preserve and promote the history of Otterbein College. Too much of our history is often lost in trashcans, paper shredders, hot attics, leaky basements, and with the delete button. Your generous donation can make a difference to scholars of today and in the future.

Questions? Please contact::
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He Forgot Nothing, Except to Say Goodbye

Congratulations to our Newsletter Editor Levi Oatney who graduated from Otterbein College this Fall with a Masters degree in Business Administration.

Over the past year, Levi has worked at the Courtright Memorial Library as Graduate Assistant to Director Lois Szudy. In this role, Levi supported the Friends of the Library on multiple levels including creating the newsletter.

While at Otterbein, Levi kept himself busy with a full load of classes, working a part-time job and being involved as the VP of the Otterbein MBA student organization. From here, he will be pursuing a new career at JPMorgan Chase as an Investment Performance Analyst.

According to Levi, he will remember the library staff and the Friends members he met along the way with fond memories and best wishes.

Memories last forever, never do they die, Friends stick together, and never say Goodbye.
Upcoming Theater Events

A Library Little Theater Production
“Love or Not”
Sunday February 10th
@ 4:00PM
Starring: (All the usual suspects)
Petie Dodrill, Mary Pat Knight, Jim Bailey, Pat Kessler and more!

Mark Your Calendars!

The 2007-2008 Freshman Musical Theater Presentation
“Seasons of Love”
Sunday March 16th, 2008
7:00 PM
Riley Auditorium
Battelle Fine Arts Center
Directed by Dennis Davenport

Current Officers
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Common Book Author Returns

We hope you had the chance to hear the 2007-2008 Otterbein College Common Book Author when she spoke to the campus in October. After the unveiling of her plaque in the Library, she also signed books for all who were there.

Come hear Helena Maria Viramontes speak at a special presentation to Friends and community members.

You will be well rewarded if you can make the time to hear this wonderfully talented author. This event will be held on the second floor of the Otterbein Courtright Memorial Library on May 8th at 7:30pm.

Helena Maria Viramontes

May 8th at 7:30pm
Courtright Memorial Library

Did you Know?
The first libraries were only partly libraries, being composed for the most part of unpublished records, which are usually viewed as archives, not libraries.

www.wikipedia.org
Jonathan Mooney Presents:

An Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space Event

The Short Bus
A Journey Beyond Normal
Sunday, April 13th at 2:00pm
Riley Auditorium

In the summer of 2002, Jonathan bought an old short school bus - the kind that transports students in many school districts to special education classes—and converted it into an RV. For four months, he drove 35,000 miles through 45 states to explore disability culture in America. What surprised him was that this journey led him straight to the myth of normalcy.

Jonathan, like many labeled abnormal, spent his life chasing that myth before his trip. But on the Short Bus, he learned that people with disabilities make up a nation-wide movement that actively resists the constraint of normalcy for all of us.

In Jonathan’s presentation entitled “The Short Bus,” he brings to life some of the individuals with disabilities that he encountered on his trip and profiled for his book The Short Bus. Jonathan shows how schools, institutions, and public policy enforce normalcy. During “The Short Bus” presentation, Jonathan empowers his audience with ideas of resistance and encourages listeners to create an authentic and deeply human definition of themselves and their exceptional children.

www.johnathanmooney.com

Membership Reminder

Don’t Forget to Renew Your Membership!
The mailing label on the back cover of the newsletter indicates when your annual membership expires.
Get Connected to Your Library

Are you connected to the Otterbein College Library website? It is a powerful resource for information. For starters, the site is the doorway that allows you to search for books and magazines that can be found within the Library walls. Instead of driving to the Library to search for a book, you can simply search the Library site before making the trip.

Another area you will find on the Library web site is the Virtual Tour. Once there, you can see pictures and descriptions of a majority of the Library, all while sitting in the comfort of your home.

A current area on the website that you may already be aware of is the Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space. This area is a dedication to Erin McKenzie, and features a Blog area that allows open discussion to help facilitate thinking differently about the world and the people around you.

Currently Jane Wu, Systems Librarian, is redesigning the main website in order to become more appealing and more functional. Look for this new design to roll-out sometime soon.

As a Friends of the Library member, one area that should be of great interest to you is the Friends of the Library site. Once there, (as seen on the right) you can follow the Newsletter link to view and download copies of the Newsletter, both new and old, and read articles that you may have missed or simply want to see again. You can also go to the Pictures area to see a large selection of candid shots of Friends members that will take you all the way back to the first business meeting in 1997. The Library is on the web—check it out!
To insure proper gift credit, please make checks payable to Otterbein College. Contributions are tax deductible in accordance with Internal Revenue Service rules.

One benefit to being a Friend is 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.

Member Signature: ___________________________ Date: ____________

Please return form to Circulation Desk or mail to:
Lois F. Szudy, Library Director
Courtright Memorial Library
1 Otterbein College
Westerville, OH 43081
Wishing you
Seasons Greetings!
From your Friends at the
Courtright Memorial Library

Please note that your membership expires on the date shown on your mailing label. To renew, fill out the enclosed form and mail it to Lois Szudy at the above address. Please don’t forget to inform us of any address changes. Thank you.