

# Books and Bytes

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## OhioLINK Delivery Update

OhioLINK has signed with a new book courier service to deliver the books you request through OhioLINK. The new service will begin on Monday, April 16. The old service will continue through Friday, April 13. The switch-over is expected to go smoothly, but there may be a few bumps in the road while the new company works out its service and routes.



Fortunately for the Hiram College community, the switch occurs during the interim between the Spring-12 and Spring-3 terms. This gives the new company several days before students and faculty are back in class. Please allow, however, some extra time for your requested OhioLINK items to arrive.

## Library Hours for Commencement Weekend

Wednesday, May 9	7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 10	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 11	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 12	CLOSED
Sunday, May 13	CLOSED

Summer hours begin on Monday, May 14.  
See page 2 for those hours.



## Coming to the Library in May

**Friends of the Library Book Sale** – Monday, May 7, through Friday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The book sale is located just inside the entrance and all books are just 50¢.

**Commencement Weekend Hours** – The library will have reduced hours during the time between the end of Spring-3 classes (May 9) and the start of summer hours (May 14). Those hours are in the right-hand column of this page.



**Summer Hours Begin** – The library's summer hours begin on Monday, May 14. Please see the right-hand column for those hours.

## Summer Hours

The library is pleased to announce its hours for summer 2012. These hours begin Monday, May 14, and run through Thursday, August 23. The hours are subject to change and the summer hours are always online at <http://library.hiram.edu/summerhours.html>.

### Library Summer Hours

Monday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday	9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

### The library will also be closed:

Saturday, May 26  
Sunday, May 27  
Monday, May 28  
Wednesday, July 4

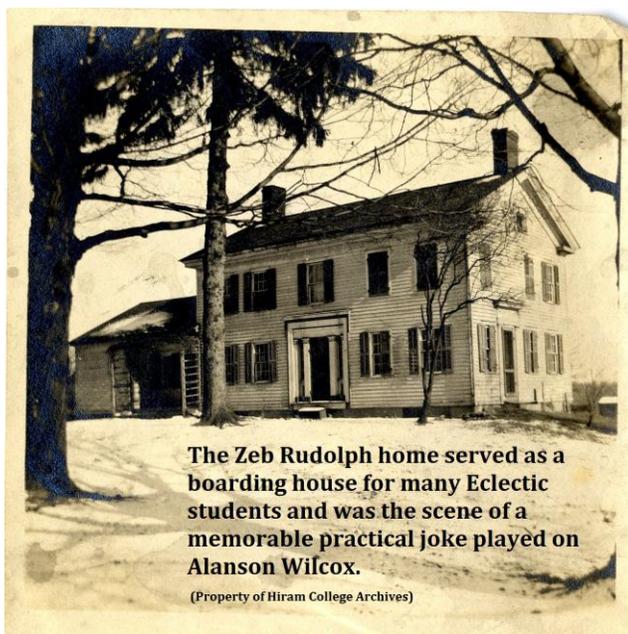
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**Learning Unshelved**

## Hiram History

### A Great Crash

A few years ago, I used this column to share the story of Hannah S. Morten, a music teacher at the Western Reserve Eclectic Institute [“Did She or Didn’t She?,” *Books and Bytes*, v. 3, no. 8 (March 2009)]. One of the most notable things that happened to her while she was at the Eclectic was the accusation that she made herself “conspicuous” at a dance in Aurora by engaging in, well, dancing. The person who accused her was concerned about the morality of the Eclectic’s teachers and thought that Principal Garfield should fire her. Luckily for Hannah, it was determined that since there was no truth to the claim she could continue her work. (See Mary Bosworth Treudley’s, *Prelude to the Future: The First Hundred Years of Hiram College, 1850-1950*, pp. 64-65)

From this incident and the strict rules set forth in the WREI catalogs, it is clear that such behavior would have been grounds for dismissal in either student or instructor. The 1855 WREI catalog section, “Rules and Remarks,” page 22, states, “In short, any conduct is disallowed which does not comport with strict morality and good manners.”



However, things were not as rigid and the rules could be more fluid than one would imagine. In F. M. Green’s *Hiram College and Western Reserve Eclectic Institute: Fifty Years of History, 1850-1900*, Alanson Wilcox, one of the first WREI students, shared a memory that would seem to be very different from what the catalog describes and the standards that were placed on Hannah S. Morten.

When the WREI first opened, there were no dormitories and the students boarded with families in the village and

surrounding areas. Alanson Wilcox recalled that Harvey W. Everest had a room at Zeb Rudolph’s home and his “lady-love,” Miss Sarah Harrison, stayed in the home of C. L. P. Reno. “Being both student and teacher, he could call on his sweetheart often. While his visits were above criticism, when he returned to the Rudolph home he tried not to disturb the household and guests; and would take off his shoes and ascend the stairs in stocking feet, noiseless as a cat after a mouse, to his sleeping apartment.” The other Rudolph boarders with a wicked sense of humor decided that they had to play on joke on him. “The young American boarders” tied all the “tin ware” in the household together at the top of the stairs and connected it with a card fastened to the door at the bottom of the stairs. “When the door opened the whole kit of tin ware would, like an avalanche, tumble downstairs, making noise enough to wake every sleeper in the house. And so, though the course of true love ran smoothly, the way upstairs was obstructed and the sparking hero was ushered to his apartment with noise of many tin pans and amid the suppressed laughter of the household.” (Green, page 397)

No mention is made of reprimands given to either the other Rudolph boarders or Everest. Could it be that Mr. Rudolph was one of those trying to suppress his laughter?

For more information regarding life at the Eclectic or any other Hiram history subject, please contact Jennifer Morrow, College Archivist, at [morrowjs@hiram.edu](mailto:morrowjs@hiram.edu) or x5361. The Hiram College Archives is open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to noon and 1 to 4 p.m. Appointments are strongly recommended.

By Jennifer Morrow, College Archivist

## Friends of the Library Book Sale Coming in May

The final Friends of the Library Book Sale for this academic year will begin on Monday, May 7, and end on Friday, May 11. The sale is open every day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. All books are 50¢. Friday, May 11, will be dollar bag day when you may purchase a bag of books for \$1.



So, come support the Friends (and the library) by stocking up on your summer reading. It’s a great deal.

The Friends thank you for your support!