

# Books and Bytes

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## Friends of the Hiram College Library Celebrate 30 Years

This year the Friends of the Hiram College Library, one of the most successful academic library Friends groups in the country, celebrates its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary. During that time, the group has contributed more than \$830,000 to the library. In the past several years, Friends has funded the purchase of roughly one in every three books bought by the library.

Friends has also contributed to a number of special projects such as the new Friends Collaboration Station (see the December 2013 issue of *Books and Bytes* for more information), funded a one-year trial of the *VAST* database of streaming videos, provided initial funding for access to the Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research database, and funded a number of equipment purchases.



In addition, Friends have sponsored or co-sponsored nearly 100 programs. Friends frequently works with the Lindsay-Crane Center for Writing and Literature in bringing programs to campus. That partnership continues this summer with the Western Reserve Book Festival to be held on June 21 (see page 2 for more details on the Festival).

Friends of the Hiram College Library formed to:

- Encourage understanding and appreciation of the work and services of the Hiram College Library
- Provide a medium through which friends of the library may become acquainted, share their enthusiasm for books, and participate in programs sponsored by the Friends
- Attract support for the operation of the library in the form of gifts and bequests of money, books, manuscripts, electronic resources, and other library materials.

To learn how you can join this group in its efforts to support the Hiram College Library, see the Friends Web page at <http://library.hiram.edu/index.php/support-the-library/friends-of-the-library>.

## Library Hours For Commencement Weekend

The library will have special hours for the days between the end of spring-3 classes and Commencement. Those hours will be:

Wednesday, May 14	7:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday, May 15	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Friday, May 16	8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 17	CLOSED
Sunday, May 18	CLOSED



Summer hours will begin on Monday, May 19. Those hours are listed on page 2.

## Learning Express Launches New Look, New Features

In May, *Learning Express Library* will launch version 3.0. The current version, 2.0, will remain available until the end of June. Any 2.0 tests, tutorials, or eBooks saved in that version will not transfer to the new version.

The new version changes the look and adds new interactive tutorials, multiple test modes for study and practice, and recommendations for additional study. You will still need to set up your own account, which will allow you to take tests, save tests, and take advantage of other features. New users are already being asked to register in version 3.0.



*Learning Express Library* is a collection of practice tests for standardized tests at all levels. Included are such practice tests for Praxis I, Praxis II, the GRE, MCAT, LSAT, and GMAT. It also has standard tests for students in elementary school and high school.

## Western Reserve Book Festival Set for Saturday, June 21

The Western Reserve Book Festival, scheduled for Saturday, June 21, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will be a celebration of the authors and literature of Ohio's Western Reserve and beyond. More than 40 authors of fiction, nonfiction, YA/children's, and poetry will be there. David Giffels, author of *All the Way Home: Building a Family in a Falling-Down House* and the recently released *The Hard Way on Purpose: Essays and Dispatches from the Rust Belt*, will give the keynote address. For a complete list of authors, see the Festival's Web site at <http://www.hiram.edu/wrbf/>.

Authors will be available for book signings (books may be purchased on site through Barnes and Noble) and some will be giving readings from their work. The festival is co-sponsored by the Friends of the Hiram College Library (as part of its 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration) and the Lindsay-Crane Center for Writing and Literature.



So join us on Saturday, June 21, on the Hiram College campus to revel in books, writing, and writers. One day. One location. A lifetime of literature.

Please note that the program for the Festival continues to evolve. So, check the festival's Web site on a continuing basis to see what's new.

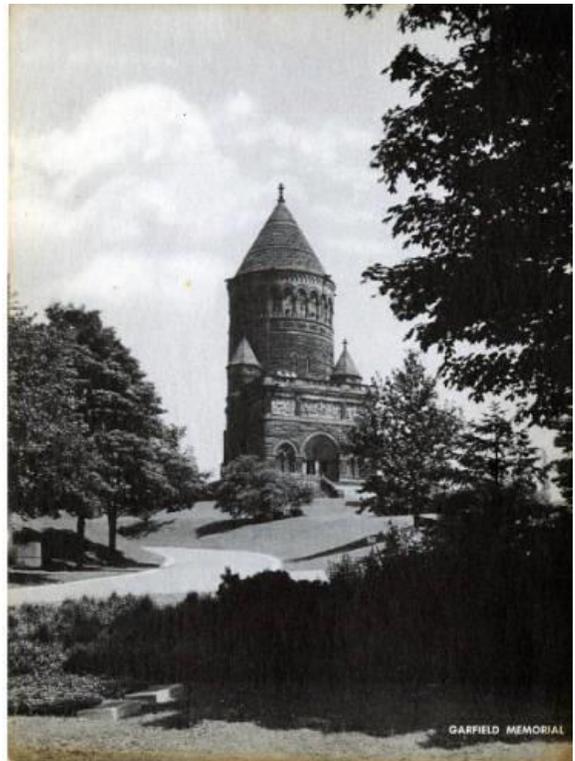
### Did You Know . . .

- that through the end of March, librarians had answered 607 reference questions in 2013-14? The questions were asked in-person or via chat, text message, phone, or email.
- That through March, the Archivist had answered an additional 407 queries?
- that through March, more than 52,000 people had entered the library?
- that the library offers more than 13,400 CDs and nearly 1,600 DVDs?

**Hiram College Library:  
Learning Unshelved**

## Garfield Digitization Project Adds 100<sup>th</sup> Image

The Garfield digitization project has added its 100<sup>th</sup> image to the online collection. The image, seen below, is part of the Garfield Collection available online as part of the Cleveland Memory Project (<http://www.clevelandmemory.org/garfield/>).



Funded in large part by a grant from the Gladys Kriebel Delmas Foundation, the Garfield digitization project will scan almost 4,000 items in the Garfield Collection in the College Archives. The images, once scanned and described, are added to the Garfield Collection at the Cleveland Memory Project run by the Cleveland State University Libraries.

### Library Hours for Summer 2014

The library is pleased to announce its hours for summer 2014. The following hours will begin on Monday, May 19, and run until the start of Fall-12 classes:

Monday	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Tuesday	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Wednesday,	8 a.m. – 8 p.m.
Thursday	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Friday	8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Sunday	CLOSED

In addition, the library will be closed on Monday, May 26, (Memorial Day) and Friday, July 4 (Independence Day).