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# The Valpo Library Newsletter



## Message from the Dean Christopher Center Library Services (CCLS)

by *Bradford Lee Eden, Ph.D.*  
*Dean of Library Services*

Many physical changes have occurred in the Christopher Center Library since May 2013:

A realignment of our print reference resources resulted in a significant amount of study space opening up on the second floor of the library. Print map collections were moved to the first floor, and seven reference shelves were removed. All desktop computers from the third and fourth floors of the library were moved to the first and second floors, in order to open up more quiet study space on the upper floors. To facilitate the quiet nature of the upper floors, a number of new wooden and high-backed carrels were purchased for the third and fourth floors. Assessment activities are currently underway to gauge students'

opinions regarding these changes, and more furniture and space changes are in the works related to the assessment results.

The 2014 Senior Class recently voted to dedicate their Senior Class gift to fund new furniture and the opening of new study spaces in the library. We thank them for their generosity and dedication to assist future Valpo students through their gift.

CCLS will be installing a 3D visualization studio which we have purchased from the College of Engineering. Valpo will be the only small-to-medium-sized university in the country to have this type of technology available in the library. While the College of Engineering will be



photo by William Liu, Valparaiso University

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focusing on STEM 3D initiatives with their newer 3D visualization studio, the library will be using our 3D studio on digital humanities projects with Valpo students and faculty, as well as K-12 collaborations. More exciting endeavors and project updates using this technology will be forthcoming in future newsletters!

The Valpo library faculty have adopted an open access policy related to the publication of our scholarship and research. It is available at <http://library.valpo.edu/policies/openaccess.html>. If any other faculty department or college wishes to join the

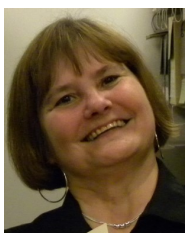
library faculty in adopting this policy, we would welcome your participation.

Given the importance of future library activities in open access and faculty publishing, the Christopher Center has become a Contributing Institution of the Library Publishing Coalition (LPC), a two year ground-breaking initiative to develop library models for academic publishing. Information on the LPC can be found at <http://educopia.org/programs/lpc/>.

As always, library faculty and staff are available to assist you with any of your teaching, scholarship, or copyright questions.

## Mrs. Ruth Christine Drews Shipman donates the 1768 Luther Bible

*by Judy Miller, Special Collections Librarian*



The Christopher Center Library received a wonderful donation of a 1768 Luther Bible this year from Mrs. Ruth Christine Drews Shipman.

Mrs. Shipman's great-grandfather was Karl Strasen who was a teacher from Jurgenshagen, Mecklenberg-Schwerin, Germany. His son, Karl Johann August Strasen was trained as a teacher in Germany and came to the U.S. in 1846 to become a minister. With his Anglicized name of Carl, he attended the new seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, graduating in its first class in 1847. Carl traveled to St. Louis where CFW Walther, first president of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, recommended him as a candidate of theology.

President Walther introduced him to his future wife, Rosine Auguste Mueller, and later officiated at their wedding. Rosine was a member of the "Saxon Immigration" in 1839 that





settled in Perry County, Missouri. After her parents died, she worked as a maid in St. Louis.

Carl's parishes included Trinity in Horse Prairie, IL, Holy Cross in Collinsville, IL, and St. John's in Watertown, WI. He was the first president of the Northwestern District of the Missouri Synod and later

the first president of the Wisconsin District. He and his wife are buried in the Lutheran Cemetery in Watertown.

Mrs. Shipman is the granddaughter of Carl's son, Carl Christian and the daughter of Clara Strasen Drows.



The Bible was presented to Dean Brad Eden and Special Collections Librarian Judy Miller on July 25, 2013.

## Christopher Center Library Celebrates Banned Books Week

by Rachael Muszkiewicz, Research Services Librarian



For Banned Books Week this year, the library asked patrons to judge a book not by its cover, but by the reasons it was banned or challenged. Banned books were wrapped in brown paper with the reasons for banning written on the wrapping. Patrons could only find out what book was described in these derogatory words by checking said book out. The display was a certified hit, with 80 books checked out, leaving only 3 left on the rack, a check out rate of 96%! In fact, the first books

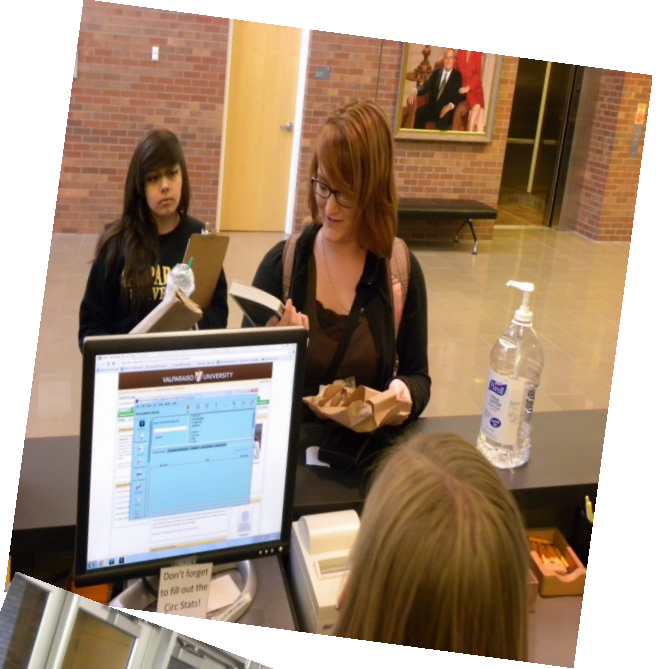
checked out were done so within five minutes of setting up the display.

This year's annual Banned Books Readout was also a success, with 55 in attendance and coverage by the *The Torch*. Selections were read from *The*



Tragedy of King Richard II by William Shakespeare, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie, A Vindication of the Rights of Women by Mary Wollstonecraft, Feed by M.T. Anderson and *The Bible*. Readers included Peter

Kanelos, Dean of Christ College; Becky Klein, manager of client services for IT; Debra Frank Dew, University Director of Writing; Rebecca Butler, Library Fellow; and George Heider, Chair of the Theology Department.



# BrowZine comes to the Library

by Nora Belzowski, Research Services Librarian



The Christopher Center is now supporting BrowZine, a new service that allows patrons to browse, read, and follow many of the library's scholarly journals in a format optimized for an iPad or Android tablet.

RefWorks, Zotero, and Papers.

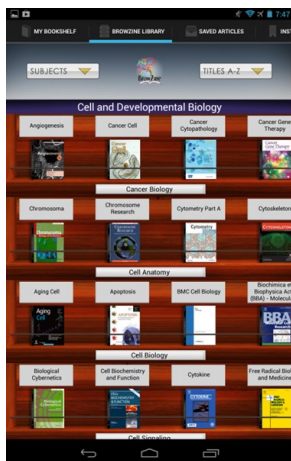


To learn more, and start using BrowZine today, patrons are invited to visit [library.valpo.edu/browzine.html](http://library.valpo.edu/browzine.html). It is easy to get started. BrowZine is available in the Apple App, Google Play, or Amazon App store and may be downloaded for free. When initially launching BrowZine, users will select Valparaiso University from the drop-down list and be prompted to login using library campus credentials. These will be the same as those used to access library resources from off-campus.

Once the app is launched, patrons can start browsing and reading scholarly journals from the library's collection.

With BrowZine, library patrons can:

- Browse and read journals by subject, easily review tables of contents, and download full articles.
- Create a bookshelf and be notified when new articles are published. The latter is currently for iOS only; the Android version is coming soon.
- Save articles for off-line reading or export to services such as DropBox, Mendeley,



## Fall 2013 Study Furniture Assessment

by Detra Becker, Administrative Assistant to the Dean of Library Services



“You spoke, we listened” were the words placed on poster boards and displayed on the third and fourth floors of the Christopher Center library. These posters are in response to the LibQual student survey requests for more quiet individual study space and the need for more whiteboards to enhance student collaboration. Nine sets of study carrels in “pods” of 6, 54 chairs and 28 whiteboards arrived during fall break to join the ten face-

to-face study carrels on the third and fourth floors. All desktop computers from the third and fourth floors were transferred to the first and second floors.

But, it didn't stop there. Library administrators were interested in whether or not students still appreciated the furniture choices and the computer moves. Members of the Communication and Outreach committee selected and posted on library whiteboards seven questions for gathering students' input: What

do you think of the new study carrels? Do you like the tall chairs? Do you prefer this floor, now that it is quieter? What other furniture changes would you make to this floor? What do you think of this floor, now that there are more computers? How many people do you study with? Do you feel comfortable doing group study/collaboration on this floor?

Committee members are encouraged by the number of responses they are receiving from each question. Students are engaging in written dialogue on the whiteboards, defending their choices, affirming comments, and making suggestions on how to use the furniture. Data was collected the weeks of

November 11th and 18th and will continue through the weeks of December 2nd and 9th.

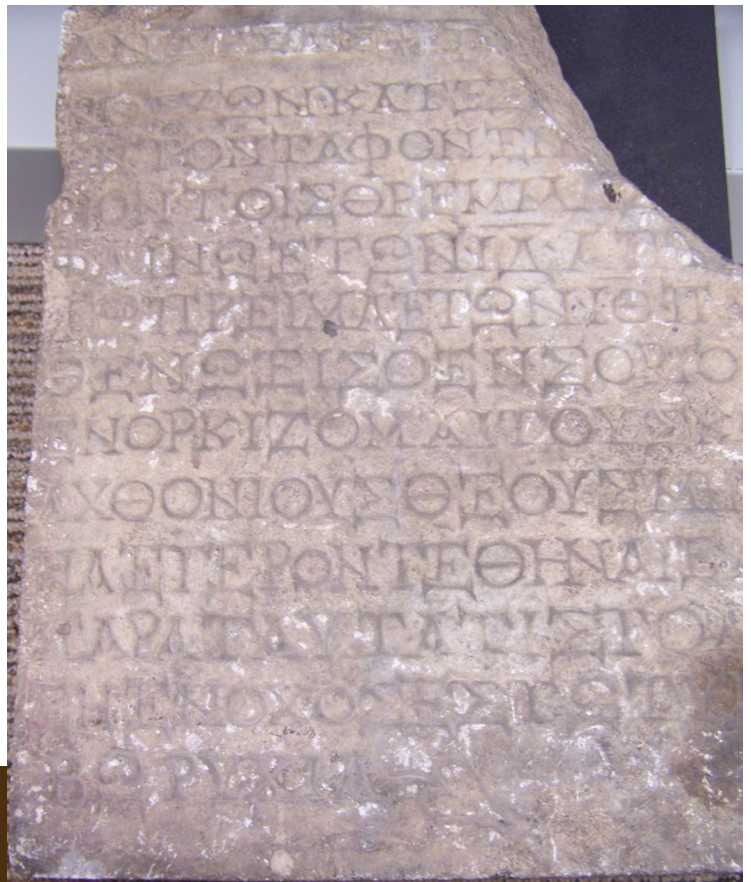


## The Stones and the Squeeze

by Judy Miller, Special Collections Librarian



On September 20<sup>th</sup>, 2011, I was following the trail of a quote from O.P. Kretzmann for a former student interviewing for graduate school. Having had no luck looking through the papers, I turned to the vertical file to find an inventory of the O.P. papers. As I pulled the file, I was struck by the label of the file directly behind it: *Preliminary Inventories -- Museum Items*. The only item for which I had ever seen a “Museum” designation was a rice scroll of unknown origin. With great anticipation I opened the folder. On top were approximately 10 documents clipped together describing alumnus Wayne King’s clarinet, given to the University in 1975. Not finding anything more was something of a disappointment. However, tucked at the back of the folder were two pages and a note card clipped together. The heading of the note card was “STONE”, written in capitals in red pencil.





The note card read as follows: *History of this Stone. It was in the old Geology Department Museum for many years. A rare stone with an interesting history. The story may be found in the bound issue of "College Current" On Archives shelf. See book no. 378.99 v.247 Vol. 2, No. 15, 1898-1902 Aug. 5, 1899. Page one : "Some rare specimens." Due to its Historical value , Dr. A. H. Meyer suggested it should remain in The Archives. It was brought across the Atlantic as a gift to Valparaiso University.*



That article included the following letter and was prefaced with the following information: "Mr. James Madden, of Cincinnati, Ohio, who led chapel exercises on Wednesday morning of last week, was a roommate of Prof. Brown's when he attended college. Mr. Madden gave a very interesting talk to the students at chapel on that morning. Mr. Madden was a



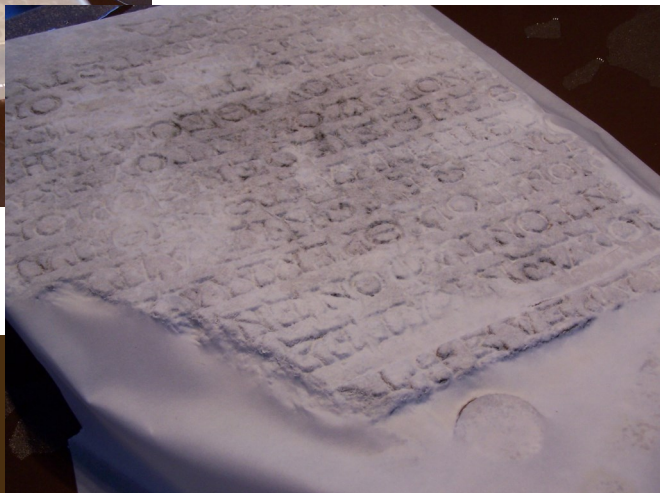
Consul to Smyrna, Turkey, and while there collected some rare specimens of stones and sent them to Prof. Brown...".

I was quite familiar with the physical "Stones", but until this time had no context. Thus, the "Stones" had been moved at least 3 times since they arrived on campus. The file with these documents appears to have been created by Dr. Dan Gahl during the early 1980's. I have found no one on campus so far with any knowledge of the existence of these items at Valpo. I am pleased that the stones have been approved for the permanent collection in the Brauer Museum.

the card, someone had written H.B. Brown.

The second item was a photocopy of the article to above.

On October 23, the library hosted a "Squeeze" with the stones. A "Squeeze" is a procedure that will produce a facsimile of the writing on the stones with lab filter paper. Filter paper is placed on the stones and soaked with water, then tampered with a stiff bristled brush, which pushes the now wet paper into the indent of the writing, making a perfect copy. The stones are not harmed and archaeologists and other historians can analyze the writing without being in contact with the stones; this procedure helps scientists in the field. Dr. Paul Keen of the Classics Department is familiar with this procedure and demonstrated it to an eager audience of faculty, staff, and students. He also gave a talk on the stones, their history, the history of the region and how they came to Valpo.



## Spitting image?

This snowman was fashioned by Valpo students in the 60's as a depiction of Otto Paul Kretzmann, President of the University from 1940-1968 and the only Chancellor of the University. During his administration a new campus was formed around the construction of the Chapel (1959), the Union(1955), and the Library(1959). Prior to that, the heart of the campus was located in the area that currently surrounds the School of Law building. Known affectionately by all as O.P., at President Kretzmann's death, stop signs around campus were marked "ST.O.P.."



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## Transgender Day of Remembrance 2013

*by Rebecca Butler, Library Fellow*



In honor of Transgender Day of Remembrance 2013, the Christopher Center sponsored two workshops and a display. On November 20, Riley Johnson, an

activist and educator from Chicago shared two workshops. Johnson is a scholar and consultant whose work focuses largely on health care disparities within LGBTQ communities. Riley serves as a Community

Consult for the Chicago Women's Health Center for all aspects of trans services, including the Trans Greater Access Project, an initiative he co-created in 2009. Riley also is a member of the Community Advisory Board for Howard Brown Health Center. He is a guest blogger for SexEdLoop.com on trans issues, providing accurate and honest answers to even the nosiest of questions.

His first workshop was geared towards faculty and staff and spoke largely to how the Valparaiso University community can be more welcoming and inclusive of transgender students and staff. Johnson reminded participants that, "budget decisions are mission decisions" and encouraged the university to be thoughtful in its approach to restroom and housing issues in particular. This workshop was co-sponsored by the Christopher Center, the Diversity Concerns Committee, the Valparaiso Institute for Teaching and Learning (VITAL), the Office for Multicultural Programs, and Alliance (the student LGBTQ and Ally group).

Johnson's second workshop was directed to students.

Over 50 students attended the presentation that focused on the basics of Transgender awareness and provided a basic education on Trans issues for

those in attendance. He included a list of "dos and don'ts" for interacting with transgender people including what questions to ask and not ask as well as the importance of not "tokenizing" transgender friends.

Additionally, Johnson presented some advice for being a good trans ally which included advocating for gender neutral bathrooms and living spaces as well as being a "safe-call" for trans friends. The presentation to students was co-sponsored by the Christopher Center and Alliance.

These workshops were supported by the presence of a display in the Christopher Center. The display featured informational graphics, a timeline of transgender history, and books from the Moellering collection that focus on LGBTQ issues. The display also featured a collection of photos called "everyday trans" and showed the faces of transgender people from across the US who volunteered the use of their photographs.

This was the first time the Christopher honored Transgender Day of Remembrance. The effort was spearheaded by Rachael Muszkiewicz, Research Services Librarian and Rebecca Butler, Library Fellow.



# ValpoScholar Continues to Showcase Valpo's Scholarship

by Jonathan Bull, Scholarly Communications Services Librarian



We have had a busy semester, digitizing and archiving Valpo's scholarly output into ValpoScholar. The Soul Purpose Liturgical Dramas and the Occasional Papers from the Institute of Liturgical Studies have recently been added to the collection. The back issues of the Core Reader will also soon be added to the collection, increasing ValpoScholar's holdings of previously inaccessible material.

ValpoScholar hosts four e-journals, including Valparaiso University Law Review, Valparaiso Fiction Review, The Journal of Values-Based Leadership, and Third World Legal Studies with a fifth journal, Journal of Tolkien Research, soon to be added. It also hosts one student journal, The Lighter, in addition to faculty and student research projects, past and present.

ValpoScholar (<http://scholar.valpo.edu>), Valparaiso

University's digital archive and publishing service, was launched in March 2011. With over 2,800 records uploaded already, ValpoScholar has had over 735,000 downloads from over 125 countries in its first 30 months of operation.

ValpoScholar represents a new way for VU faculty and students to spread their research worldwide as most of ValpoScholar's records are accessible via major search engines such as Google, Bing, and Yahoo.

In addition to this new content, the Scholarly Communication Committee recently launched the new and improved Copyright Guide (<http://libguides.valpo.edu/copyrightinformation>) for Valparaiso University. A Scholarly Communication Guide is in the works, which should be ready for access in Spring 2014.

For more information on ValpoScholar or Scholarly Communication at Valpo, contact Jonathan Bull at 219-464-5771 or [jon.bull@valpo.edu](mailto:jon.bull@valpo.edu).

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## The Christopher Center Welcomes New Library Fellow

by Ruth Connell, Electronic Services Librarian



This year, in order to increase the diversity of the library faculty, a new Library Fellows program was implemented. The Library Fellow is a two-

year faculty position created to provide an opportunity for an entry-level librarian with a demonstrated commitment to diverse and historically underrepresented groups. Rebecca Butler was

hired this summer as the library's first Fellow.

"Initially, when I saw the job listing for a diversity position at a Christian school, I thought it was too good to be true," Butler recalled. She had been searching for a position where both her faith and diversity would be respected.

Butler's path to Valparaiso was not an easy one. In 2009, she was three years into a Director of Christian Education position for a church in Illinois after earning her masters of divinity. She identifies as queer, but was not open about her sexuality due to her employer's public stance against homosexuality. A friend posted a comment to Butler's Facebook page that inadvertently outed her, which was seen by church members. She was confronted by members of the church's personnel committee, who immediately fired her.

Being fired did initially shake Butler's faith: "God and I had many screaming matches around that time." But eventually, she realized that "being fired was not about God, it was about people."

In the subsequent year, Butler worked a series of part-time jobs and searched for her calling. One day, while sitting in her car, she was thinking about what she enjoyed the most about seminary, and realized it was conducting research. Five minutes later, she heard a radio advertisement for Dominican's Library Science program. This "happy accident" helped Butler find direction again.

After graduating with her master's in library and

information science from Dominican, Butler applied for the Library Fellow position and was hired. "I feel called to be here," she commented. She considers working with students a form of ministry; whether mentoring LGBT students or helping theology students conduct research. "I am a compassionate person, and compassion has a place here," she added.



In the months since she moved to Valpo, Butler has found a home within both the campus and community. She cites daily Chapel services as her favorite Valpo experience and says there's a sense of community between those who are regular Chapel

attendees, but added that it is also a time for "just me, and time to center myself within the world." She also loves the city, which "has a small town feeling with big city conveniences."

In her free time, Butler has several hobbies. She is a big reader and completes between three and five novels per week. She can read 900 words per minute and can finish half a novel over her lunch break. She is also a competitive synchronized figure skater, although is currently taking a break from synchronized skating due to the lack of synchronized skating teams in the Valpo area. She and her girlfriend, Elana, are big baseball fans and are attempting to attend games in all 30 major league baseball stadiums. In a nod to their love of baseball, they share a dog named "Slugger."

Butler summed up her feelings about being at Valpo: "I love it, and can be a whole person here."

# Library Faculty Profile: Research Services Director Trisha Mileham

by Rachael Muszkiewicz, Research Services Librarian



Professor Trisha Mileham joined the Valparaiso University faculty in 1998, earning promotion to Associate Professor in 2004 followed by tenure in 2005. As Director of Research Services, Professor Mileham manages the team-based department that encompasses library instruction, reference, circulation, marketing, programming, and outreach services. In addition, she is the library liaison to Christ College, Valpo Core program, and the Education department. She advises students who are in the Exploratory Majors program and has taught in the Valpo Core program. Her most recent publication was last year: a chapter, Finding Sources of Evidence, in Evidence-Based Practice for Nurses: Appraisal and Application of Research (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.). <http://www.jblearning.com/catalog/9781449624071/>.

Professor Mileham is on the University Budget Review Committee and on the Faculty Senate Committee on University Assessment. She has served as a Faculty Marshal since 1999 but became University Marshal last fall and is enjoying it very much; she loves a good ceremony and Valpo puts those on well. Professor Mileham enjoys crime noir fiction, anything that could be called "Midwestern or prairie literature" and baseball literature; it's an

unlikely combination but there are some surprising themes and characters common to both. She is a big fan of baseball (and has a couple published baseball poems) and specifically, a White Sox fan. She enjoys being a part of the Valpo community, campus and downtown, and lives close to both. Professor Mileham likes that her first professional position as a librarian landed her at Valpo, and more often than not, can't imagine being anywhere else.



# Library Staff Profile: Kathy Rhynard

by Sam Simpson, Circulation Supervisor



Kathy Rhynard is the Christopher Center's Periodical and Government Document Specialist. She started at Moeller Library 11 years ago, and helped with the move over to the Christopher Center in 2004. Kathy is responsible for the full lifespan of the print periodical collection, including binding and check-in. In the spring and summer of 2012, she had a large role in the library's government documents deaccessioning project. Kathy is also a driving force behind many of the library's social gatherings, and takes great delight in decorating the staff lounge for various holidays.

Kathy grew up in Merrillville, Indiana with eight siblings. She's been married for 26 years and has 3

sons. In her spare time Kathy likes to go fishing and is a diehard Cubs fan, getting to as many games in a season as possible. She is also an avid gardener and prides herself on her tomatoes. Kathy finds her work very rewarding and says her favorite part about working in the library is the students.



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## Recent Faculty Publications

**Jonathan Bull, Scholarly Communications Services Librarian**

Fralinger, L., and J. Bull (2013).

“Measuring the international usage of U.S. institutional repositories.”

OCLC Systems & Services: International Digital Library Perspectives, 29 (3): 134-150.

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### Mission Statement

The Christopher Center Library Services (CCLS) provides active learning environments in which students, faculty, and staff use innovative tools and resources to create and access information intelligently, efficiently, and with integrity.



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