
News from the Burnham Library

Fall semester

2022

Latest news and bulletin updates

New and continuing students --

Welcome to the U.S., Ohio, Cincinnati, the University of Cincinnati, and the Classics Department and Library!

The latest updates

During the summer, the Library has been conducting inventories, shifting books to create room in the middle sections of the book stacks (keep in mind, the new locations along the walls, e.g., language dictionaries, wall S6), and dealing with the consequences of a leak affecting especially the south-east section of S6 (the first stacks floor), acquiring [new books](#) with accompanying continual physical displays and online lists, a [book sale](#) with “new” books thanks to a donation, and as these books are being sold, we will add more from another donation we acquired this summer, and in late June and July, the Library was teeming with participants in the 2022 [Papyrology Summer Institute](#), which the Classics Department hosted under the leadership of Professor Peter van Minnen.



A sad piece of news is the [theft of the Lupa](#), a copy of the Capitoline Wolf, from Cincinnati's Eden Park where it has stood to the delight of many generations of Cincinnatians since 1931 when the City of Rome, under Benito Mussolini, gifted it to its then sister city, Cincinnati.

Links of Interest

The following resources may be of interest especially to new students.



The Library's main reading room was the preferred study space for the participants in the Papyrology Summer Institute, held at UC in 2022.

The [Classics Library's Website](#) with direct links to classics databases and e-journals and more. Note, especially, the Library's [hours](#), [access policies](#), and [services](#). The latter details the length of borrowing periods and locations in the Library. You may also want to take a couple of minutes to virtually explore the [Library's spaces](#). And finally, you may want to consult a [subject guide](#) with links to resources in the Library and beyond.

This summer, the Library discovered [Greek and Turkish manuscripts](#) in the Archives and Rare Books Library belonging to the Classics Library. Some of these items will be exhibited this fall along with personal recollections and documents about wars and refugees in Greece belonging to the former classics chair, Jack Davis, and items pertaining to Jewish communities in Greece from the personal library of Steven Bowman, professor emeritus of Judaic studies.

Scoop of the Day

[The Mediterranean army map collection](#) has been digitized.

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The librarian will lead a Round Table at the Symposium of the MGSA in Toronto in October regarding the Library's effort (thanks to a

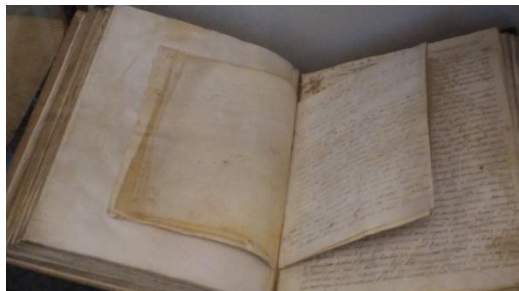
manuscripts from the 14th-18th century.

Mediterranean army map collection



Stacks 6

More than 600 documents from Venice



Rare Books and Manuscripts Room

grant awarded by the UC Office of Research and funds from the Classics Department) to digitize and provide open access to [Greek journals and newspapers](#), 19th-early 20th century, also at institutions worldwide.

Ἐρμῆς ὁ Λόγιος, the first Greek journal



Glass Case, S4

Contact Information

How to get help?

In person, via email & phone

Rebecka is excited to help with research strategies and with locating resources in all areas of classical studies, especially languages and literature.

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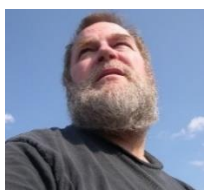
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Mike is thrilled to fulfill new book requests and to help with most library matters after 47 years in the Burnam Library.

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Shaman is delighted to help with matters pertaining to checking in and out items, and to OhioLink and Interlibrary Loan materials, and to locating items in the stacks.

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Angelica is the Library's digital consultant in charge of transforming the texts of Greek journals and Venetian manuscripts into bits and bytes.

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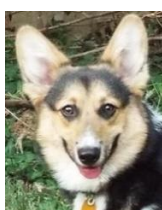
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Becket is overjoyed to help develop the collections, especially books on dogs in antiquity, and spread mirth and merriment to all. See feature below.

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Our student workers are also happy to help with circulation and locating books.



Elaine



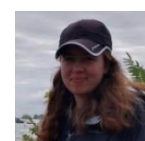
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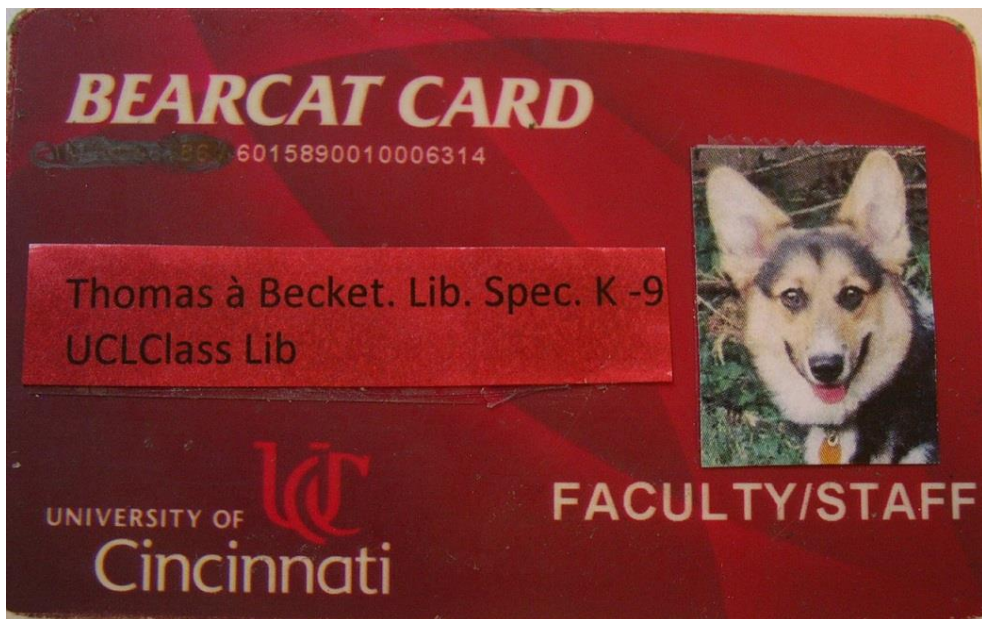
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Rebecca

However, because of the Library's small staff, we are all "Jills and Jacks of all Trades," and can help with all of the above and more, respecting our often quite daunting responsibilities.

We like to receive feedback, especially positive feedback, and we also love to hear your suggestions for improvements.



The Burnam Classics Library presents its newest occasional staff member, Thomas à Becket!

The latest breaking news

The latest updates to get you through the day

As the Burnam Library has the highest circulation, ILL, and OhioLink requests of all UC C&D libraries yet the smallest staff of any classics library of similar size (the closest in collection size is the French School in Rome with a staff of 14; ASCSA's Blegen library has less than half of the collection size of Burnam and no public access, ILL, OhioLink, but a staff of 5), it is with great pleasure to finally announce a new occasional staff member, Thomas à Becket-Braunlin.

Mr. Becket comes to us from the K-9 department of the Royal Corgi University of Cardiff in Wales. Although he graduated first in his class, he has continued his education after recently arriving in Cincinnati at the prestigious Institute for Advanced Canid Study in Madeira.

Becket's specialty is Celtic and Welsh, especially canine and (b)ovine, history, however; in the past year, he has worked hard to perfect his classics training. As he will be working only occasionally, he is also hoping to audit a class or two in the coming year.

Initially, he will be working closely with the bibliographer, whose office he will share, on ordering and processing books. He will also assume the role of security guard to protect the collections and *our* Lupa (to the right on this page) as well as life coach to help us all get through papers and exams, Covid, the climate crisis, mass shootings, assaults on democracy, etc., etc.

Lastly, even though we should not comment on a staff member's appearance, I dare say, Becket is the most adorable among us.

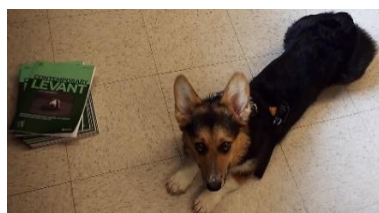
This is a library specialist position without tenure. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Becket!



Mr. Becket inspects the book stacks.



Mr. Becket has decided that Homer has got to go. Whether on philological grounds or purely aesthetic, he has not yet explained. He barks at Homer every time he sees him, not at the others, only at Homer.



Mr. Becket examines a possible candidate for our journal collection.

Acquisitions

The scoop of the day

In this past fiscal year, the Library acquired 7 illuminated manuscript leaves from breviaries, books of hours, and calendars, dated to the 15th century, and 4 rare books (*Views and Ruins in Rome and its Vicinity*, drawings from 1791; *A Sketch of a Tour on the Continent* from 1807; *Naples and the Campagna Felice in A Series of Letters in 1802*; and *A Picturesque Tour of Italy from drawings made in 1816-1817*). The manuscript leaves were acquired at very reasonable prices thanks to a contact provided by DAAP professor Chris Platts.



A very rare Book of Hours leaf on vellum in Latin, from England. Ca. 1430. Size 4" x 2.8". After King Henry VIII was excommunicated and the break with the Catholic church came about, King Henry ordered the destruction of all Catholic cloisters and the burning of their libraries from which few manuscripts have survived. Burnam Library.

Previous years' manuscript leaves are currently displayed in the glass cases in Circulation and the main Reading Room.



The Burnam Library's "Capitoline Wolf."

Last but not least, the Library congratulates the John Miller Burnam Professor of Classics, Kathryn Gutzwiller, on achieving the rank of Emeritus(sic)!

HAVE A PRODUCTIVE AND ENJOYABLE SEMESTER EVERYONE!