To Beeghly Library Friends:

With spring comes showers, flowers and — the Open House for Beeghly Library! We hope you’ll thoroughly enjoy all of these. Read below how our library got its name. See inside some of the happenings in our library and some of the plans for the future. By all means, plan to attend our Open House, June 7 and 8!

Sincerely, Executive Committee of the Friends of the Library

THE RIGHT MAN IN THE RIGHT PLACE AT THE RIGHT TIME OR WHO WAS L.A. BEEGHLY?
— —Peggy Gustafson

Leon A. Beeghly was born in Bloomville in Northwest Ohio in 1884, and several of his ancestors were from Somerset County, Pa. CHARITY AND CIVILIZATION was the title of his high school valedictory address, and he attended Tri State Normal School in Angola, Indiana and Oberlin Business College.

With partners, Mr. Beeghly founded Standard Slag Corporation in 1914, and a short time later moved with the company to Youngstown, Ohio. Standard Slag converted waste material from the iron and steel industries in Eastern Ohio and Western Pennsylvania into construction materials used in highways, runways, viaducts, black top, ballast for railroad beds, ready-mix concrete, and water purification.

The metal industries were revolutionized by Mr. Beeghly’s idea for processing cold metal, and he started other companies. In the 1950's Standard Slag and its subsidiaries added the mining of minerals and ores to its activities, and at the time of his death in 1967, Standard Slag had over 10,000 employees. In 1989, Standard Slag was sold to Lafarge, one of the world's largest producers of construction materials.

In 1941, the L.A. Beeghly Fund was established and distributed, often anonymously, 35 million dollars to over 140 organizations, including at least 10 colleges and universities. Ohio Wesleyan in Delaware, Ohio and Heidelberg University in Tiffin, Ohio also have L.A. Beeghly Libraries.

Mr. Beeghly was the father of seven children, one of whom became a librarian, another became president of Jones and Laughlin Steel. Son James represented his father at the Juniata dedication. Although Mr. Beeghly did not like or seek publicity, he agreed to have the Juniata College Library named after him. In one of several biographies of his father, James concluded with a quotation by William James which certainly applies to L.A. Beeghly:; "The greatest use of life is to spend it for something that will outlast it".
The Library hosted some Poster Sessions as part of the College’s Liberal Art Symposium—“Mountain Day of the Mind”—at the College - which took place on April 18th. The very successful event generated much interest in student research and activities of all kinds!
Changes Planned for the Reference Area—-

Beeghly Library will soon be welcoming a Coffee Area! The Area is a gift from the class of 2013, and will be located near reference. Of course, pipes, network and electricity must be put in place, a counter built to specifications, and a sink included, which will all happen this summer. In addition, the shelving will be turned in such a way as to create a peaceful alcove for students, divided from busier areas such as where the printer is located. The coffee area philosophy is that we wanted a place for students to “recharge” their energies, but not a café where the main purpose is chatting (which is also a fine activity in the right place). What will be served there? The answer: Coffee, tea, soft drinks, and other assorted drinks that the college food service would like to place there. It is our hope that the college community will find it a convenient place to stop and “recharge” also. Please stop in if you are in town and have a beverage to stop and find a book or magazine to read for awhile. While doing so, you can also sit on the comfortable furniture provided by the Friends of the Library!

Rendering of planned addition of Coffee Area and changes to Reference Area

Coffee counter & equipment donated by Class of 2013

Student Alcove
View From the Director’s Office:

This spring was a good one at the Library. We had the Liberal Arts Symposium Poster Sessions on the first floor, several interesting displays, and did some re-arranging of the reference area in anticipation of the coffee area which will be installed this summer. We are exploring an expansion of our electronic book collections, not at the cost of print books which we still purchase, but in addition to those. By the fall we may have as many “e-books” as we do print books. At the time of this writing, the very sad Boston Marathon Bombing has taken place. It is a reminder that libraries are a good source of knowledge about the world and the people in it. Would more libraries help us to understand each other better?

The Library thanks Dr. Kepple for his support during his Presidency, and welcomes Dr. Troha to the College. These are exciting times!

Kind regards,
John Mumford

Please attend! OPEN HOUSE — Beeghly Library

Friday, June 7, 2–4 p.m. and Saturday, June 8, 9:30 a.m.–5 p.m.

Annual Meeting in the Information Commons at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday

View the Treasure Room and historical displays — Meet Friends of the Library

Saturday we’ll have refreshments and FOL Buttons and collectible prints of the Alma Mater and a small book sale.