

May 11, 2010

Dear Alumni Library Patron Oral History Participant,

Thank you for agreeing to tell your stories about Alumni Library. As you know, the building is 100 years old this year. While none of you remember that far back, you all have interesting stories to tell about different times in the life of the libraries in Alumni.

The format we've been using to collect memories of Miami history is a story circle. As a group, we sit down and start a conversation, which evolves depending on what the group wants to talk about or remembers. The group is videotaped, and in time is, the video is placed on the oral history website for others to watch or use for research (<http://digital.lib.muohio.edu/miamistories/>). Enclosed are some questions we might or might not use to start the conversation. In any case, they may help to jog your memories. Also enclosed is a consent form. This one is for your records, but we'll need to have your signature on one for our records. We will do that the day of the story circle.

The details:

Participants: Bob Johnson, Tom Coakley, Jean Coakley, Britt Harwood, and Joan Teckman

Place: Wertz Art and Architecture Library

Date and Time: May 14th (Friday) 10:30 am. Wertz Art and Architecture Library (a direct entrance would be through the east side <Irvin Hall side> of Alumni Hall)

I'm looking forward to the listening to all of you reminisce. If you should need to get in touch with me, it would be best to use either my email (presnejl@muohio.edu) or home phone number 523-7788.

Sincerely,

Jenny Presnell
Humanities/Social Sciences Librarian
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