

# WELCOME!



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As part of the library's celebration of National Library Week, we are bringing to the Otterbein College campus a nationally known activist, speaker, educator, and artist, Candee Basford. The *We Dance Together* exhibit which will be displayed from April 3 -13, 2006, represents a moving visual study of one woman's education with her daughter.

The ten exquisite watercolor and fabric images reveal lessons Basford has learned, beginning with her discovery of her daughter's disability and continuing for the next twenty-six years weaving lessons of love, relationships, prejudice, ambiguity and more. *We Dance Together* is an invitation to reflect on the meaning of community and a rare opportunity to examine our traditions. In addition, it is an invitation to everyone to speak of our experiences in creative and nontraditional ways. All of the images in this exhibit evolved into a book published with assistance from the Ohio Arts Council entitled, *We Dance Together: A Painted Essay About My Education with Katie*, which further explains the lessons learned.

In coordination with the display of her paintings from the book, Candee Basford will talk about her work on Monday, April 3, 2006, from 2 - 3:30 PM at the Courtright Memorial Library. We hope you will join us as we begin to thinking differently about how we listen, observe, reflect, learn, and share. All are welcome to this free event and exhibit.

This reception, talk, and exhibit will be the opening event for the *Erin McKenzie Virtual Welcoming Space*. This web site and the materials gathered for it will honor the memory of Erin McKenzie, a 2004 Westerville South High School Graduate who had worked in the Otterbein College Theatre. The purpose of this space is to gather books, media, and information that encourage conversations and facilitate our discovery of one another's cultures, experiences, and struggles and how we are connected; to celebrate the gifts and talents in each of us; and to help us build inclusive communities where all are valued.

