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Under the Baton: Music at Old Cedar Point

The Oberlin Heritage Center and the Sandusky Library are teaming up to present a Lorain County screening of the Library's award-winning documentary *Under the Baton: Music at Old Cedar Point*. The 30-minute film chronicles the growth of Cedar Point Amusement Park through the rise and popularity of concert band music, which was a major form of entertainment at the park in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. The film is followed by a Q&A with the film's producer, **Dennis McMullen**, Director of Reference Services and Museum Services at the Sandusky Library. The event, which is free and open to the public, takes place **Wednesday, April 30 at 7:15 p.m.** in Kendal at Oberlin's Heiser Auditorium (600 Kendal Drive).

The concept for the film was developed from local history stories that have been told through the Sandusky Library's award winning blog, "Sandusky History," and from the fascinating musical scores, biographies, band histories, and musician histories that are found in the Library Archives. Oberlin Conservatory professor of musicology Dr. Steven Plank served as the Humanities Scholar for the documentary project, which was funded in part by the Ohio Humanities Council with the support of the National Endowment for the Humanities. Some of the filming was conducted in the Oberlin Heritage Center's Monroe House, and on the Oberlin College campus.

Dennis McMullen manages the Sandusky Library's Reference Services and is responsible for selecting nonfiction and other reference materials for the collection, coordinating instruction classes for students and adults on the Internet and basic reference skills, as well as supervising safety and security for the Library. He also oversees the Follett House Museum, home to an outstanding local history collection, including that of the city of Sandusky and Erie County. Dennis has a Master of Information and Library Studies and a B.A. in History from The University of Michigan.

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