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The Marian Library gallery is featuring the work of the late Henry Setter, '51, a University of Dayton graduate and prolific illustrator, sculptor and art educator who died in 2009.

"Song of Songs: In Memory of Henry Setter" runs now through Friday, April 15, on the seventh floor of Roesch Library. Hours are 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday and Sunday by appointment by calling 937-229-4214.

The exhibit features Setter's 78 ink drawings illustrating the entire Canticle of Canticles — the Biblical book also known as the Song of Songs — as well as sculptures, including Omega Point, which greets visitors at the entry of the library.

Another is Seat of Wisdom, a Marian sculpture in cherry, mahogany and walnut, usually on display in the lobby.

Born in Cincinnati, Setter graduated from the University with a degree in education. He earned a master's degree in fine arts in sculpture at the University of Georgia and went on to teach art at the University of West Georgia from 1977 through 2000.

Setter carried out numerous art commissions in the United States and Europe. His watercolors, mosaics and sculptures found homes in private and public collections. His woodblock prints and sculptures received awards in periodic juried exhibitions across Georgia and the U.S.

The University of Dayton's Marian Library/International Marian Research Institute is devoted to the study of Mary, the mother of Jesus and contains the world's largest collection of printed material on Mary. The Nativity collection includes more than 3,000 sets from nearly 45 countries.