There’s a New Library Catalog in Town!

Miami University Libraries has moved over to a new library catalog, called "Books & More." Be sure to try it out from the library website. It functions much like our Articles & More article database, and still offers you the ability to find and request items owned by any of Miami’s campus libraries and libraries all around Ohio that are part of the OhioLINK and SearchOhio consortia. Let us know if you have any questions on using the new service.

New Information Literacy Videos

Academic libraries and technology continue to change. So this summer GHL librarians have created new videos to demonstrate Miami University Libraries’ latest discovery tools: Articles & More and Books & More. We show users how to run a basic search, narrow results, or request items from other Miami and Ohio libraries. There are videos on doing background research using reference works. And one on searching for Journal Titles that includes finding full-text using various free library services. Take a look at the complete list of tutorials if you are a DIY type or lifelong learner!

Fall Hours: Mon—Thu 8am-8pm Fri 8am-5pm Sat—Sun Closed

Subject Guides for New Degrees

Faculty and students at Miami Regionals are pursuing Bachelor degrees in new programs: Civic and Regional Development, Commerce (Small Business), Forensic Science and Investigation, Information Technology, and Liberal Studies! Accordingly, librarians are creating new subject guides to help students start their course research assignments using academic resources and discovery tools. These interactive guides link relevant subject databases, offer citation guides and managers, explain research concepts and suggest strategies, and include short video tutorials. Please see the entire list of Subject & Course Guides and add them to your Canvas courses to develop students’ understanding and ability to conduct scholarly research. Or consider collaborating with an embedded librarian.

MUlaa Accepted Here

The Library now offers you the ability to pay for 3D printing, lamination, and your library fines using your Miami ID and your MUlaa account (in addition to printing and copying). You may add money to your account with the machine in our lower lobby, through the cashier’s office in Johnston, or online. Questions? Stop by the InfoDesk.

Attend or Teach a Workshop at the TEC Lab Makerspace!

The TEC Lab is gearing up for workshops to teach you how to make things and use our equipment. Be sure to drop in during the Book Page Crafts workshop on September 2 from 12pm - 2pm. If there is a making activity that you would like to learn more about, or if you would like to teach the campus how to create something, let us know! We are setting up workshops for the Fall and Spring semesters so that we have at least one per month, and we would love to hear your ideas and about your talents.

Share Videos With Your Students Online

The Gardner-Harvey Library can provide streaming versions of library-owned DVDs for you to link in your Canvas course. If there is a title that you would like your students to watch during the semester, let us know, and we will get it encoded for you in Kaltura and provide you with a URL. We are able to make use of titles owned by any Miami University library, and we can also purchase additional titles as needed.
Why you want a Librarian in your Canvas courses!

Have you noticed your students have a hard time with search and may be disinclined to use academically acceptable sources for their research assignments? Requiring peer-reviewed sources is only part of the solution. A fuller approach includes explaining how academic information in your discipline functions. Giving students opportunities to interact with literature in your field and teaching them how to read closely are also needed.

An embedded librarian can help direct students to scholarly finding tools including Miami’s next generation discovery service, and explain how authoritative academic literature differs from the usual Google list of websites. And yes, even scholarly publications need evaluation. If you would like to develop students’ critical thinking and use of information in an increasingly complex landscape, then collaborate with a librarian in Canvas this semester.

All it takes is an email (tumbleb@miamioh.edu), call, or visit to GHL to make the connection.

To learn more, see:


How Do We Decide Which Books and DVDs to Buy?

The biggest way is that you tell us to buy something! We order a number of recommended materials in subject areas taught on campus, and keep up with current non-fiction and fiction publications of note, but we want this collection to reflect and anticipate the needs of the students, faculty, and staff on campus, plus our community users. The only way we can do this is if you tell us what you need. What are we lacking? What would be of interest to you? What has been newly published or produced and that others would benefit from reading or watching?

Help us shape an ever-growing collection of resources to meet your scholarly and recreational reading and viewing needs. Please have a look at our collection policy, and then use our Tell GHL to Buy It form to make your request.

What can the Library do for you?

Beth Tumbleson, Assistant Library Director
- Schedule an instruction session
- Request an embedded librarian
- Hold a book discussion
- Create a tutorial on a database or an information literacy topic

Chris Mull, Circulation & Reserves Supervisor
- Circulation or materials access questions
- Place items on reserve
- Request items via interlibrary loan
- Place DVDs on Video on Demand
- Questions about iPads

Jessie Long, Public Services Librarian
- Schedule an instruction session
- Work as an embedded librarian
- Suggest themes for library displays
- Let us know about a new article or book you've authored

Jennifer Hicks, Acquisitions & Technical Services Supervisor
- Order books, DVDs, and e-books for the library collection
- Ask about the magazines and journals we subscribe to
- Questions about historical items in the archives
- Suggestions for TEC lab workshops

John Burke, Library Director
- Discuss how the library can better meet your information needs
- Research how open educational resources might provide alternatives for your textbook
- General questions on library facilities and services
- Scheduling TEC lab workshops