

## NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

“Change” is the theme at the Gardner-Harvey Library as we begin the Fall 2009 semester. Improved resources, expanded services, new spaces.... As you visit us this fall, you will notice changes in our physical space, as well as our virtual space. The intent of these changes is to provide a more satisfying user experience for all who visit the Library online and in-person. Don't worry though, much of what we offer the Miami University Middletown community remains comfortably familiar. Please take a moment to read more about our exciting summer projects, and then stop by to explore for yourself. We welcome your comments! Have a great semester! ☺

## Library Services for Students, Faculty, and Staff

**New Library Website for Fall 2009** GHIL is excited to announce a new version of our website. The new website is designed to provide streamlined access to the most heavily used search tools through a prominent search box and reorganized links for various resources and services. It will incorporate a new “faceted” library catalog and new, interactive Research by Subject guides. Miami's Oxford and Hamilton campus libraries will debut new websites this fall as well. Be sure to check out our new virtual digs!

**A New Library Catalog, Too!** Our new, faceted catalog will provide users with more options for limiting searches based on topic, genre, campus, language, item location, and more. With search capabilities similar to online sites like Amazon.com, the faceted catalog includes a navigation menu which will help users easily narrow results. Faceted searching in the new catalog will also enable users to browse information about the Libraries' collection of more than 1,000 videos using Videos@MU.

**Kindling eBook Reading Enjoyment** GHIL has purchased an Amazon Kindle for the use of our Miami University Middletown campus community. We have purchased more than a dozen titles for the Kindle, which is available for 1-week loan. Find more information and view a full title list at: <http://mid.muohio.edu/library/kindle/>

**Research by Subject**, the former listing of online databases, journals, and resources has been upgraded with a software system called LibGuides. The new Research by Subject link includes interactive, subject-specific research guides, created and maintained by Library liaisons for individual departments. LibGuides software is being used nationally to create portals for tutorials, databases, library catalogs, eBooks, journals, IM widgets, RSS feeds, Delicious tag clouds, and more. Researchers will be able to locate information, seek research assistance, and communicate with librarians more easily than before.

**Changing Spaces** The summer has also brought changes to the Library's physical space. We have moved 3 areas of the collection and have created a second STAR Lounge. Our reference and periodicals collections have traded places. And, the IMC (our DVD and video collection) has moved to the shelving area closest to the original STAR Lounge. STAR Lounge II occupies the room that formerly housed the IMC, and is a space available for groups or small classes to reserve for studying, working collaboratively on projects, viewing materials, and a variety of other activities.

GHIL has added **7 Acer Aspire Netbooks** to our fleet of laptops available for 1-day loan. These Netbooks are small, and convenient!




### Fall 2009 Newsletter

#### Fall Hours:

Mon—Thu	8am-9pm
Fri	8am-5pm
Sat	12-4pm
Sun	Closed

*Look for extended  
hours before exams!*



**Video on Demand**, a new service from Miami University Libraries, is now available at the regional campuses. Faculty members may request that Miami-owned videos and DVDs be encoded for viewing over the web. A link to the encoded video is then made available for faculty to place in their Blackboard classrooms for students to view items from home. If you are teaching on the Middletown or Hamilton campuses, or at the VOA Learning Center, please contact GHL to have visual materials added to Video on Demand.

**Blackboard Embedded Librarian Program Continues** Gardner-Harvey Librarians will continue collaborating with Miami University faculty to advance academic achievement by providing library resources, services, and research help to students within Blackboard. Through this program, customized content including recommended full-text databases, reference eBooks, authoritative websites, as well as assistance with narrowing topics, citing sources, and conducting literature searches are made available to students who may find course-related research challenging. Faculty teaching online, off-site, or traditional courses may contact [tumbleb@muohio.edu](mailto:tumbleb@muohio.edu) to participate in this library service.

**GHL Director Summits the “Academic Everest”** Please join the Library staff in congratulating Director John Burke who was promoted to Associate Librarian and awarded continuing contract, effective July 1, 2009. At the same time, John Burke’s new book, *Neal-Schuman Library Technology Companion: A Basic Guide for Library Staff*, 3rd edition, 2009, was published. Way to go, John!

Find more **Gardner-Harvey Library News** at: <http://ghlibrarynews.blogspot.com/>

Interested in honing your research and information skills? **EDT 251** will be offered as a 10-week sprint course this fall, starting October 1st. Register before September 30th!

## Did you know?

Need help with a research assignment? Request a **Research Consultation** with a librarian!

**Laptops, digital cameras, digital video cameras, and digital voice recorders** are available for check-out at the library.

**The STAR Lounge** at GHL has a Nintendo Wii, 47” LCD TV, cable television, DVD player, and a computer station with wireless keyboard and mouse. Don’t forget about our STAR Lounge II!

**GHL is on Twitter!** Follow our tweets posted under the name “askghl” at [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) !

**The MUM Book Discussion Group** meets monthly from 12-1pm in the Periodicals area of the Library. Join us this fall!

In June 2009, GHL presented an inaugural **Information Literacy Workshop**, aimed at generating discussion about information literacy in the classroom and at helping faculty and staff re-evaluate the research component of their courses. We hope to offer additional workshops in the future.

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