

NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

Welcome to the Gardner-Harvey Library!

The library is not merely a place, or a collection of resources—the library is people! This fall we are happy to welcome two new staff members: **Jessie Long** joins us as Public Services Librarian. Jessie comes to Middletown from Kettering University in Flint, MI with excellent experience in library instruction and reference. She holds an MLIS from Kent State University and completed the coursework for a Master of Medieval Archaeology from the University of York. **Chris Mull** is our new Circulation & Reserves Supervisor. Chris has been with us for over five years, mostly as a student assistant and last year as a temporary library technician. He is responsible for circulation, reserves, interlibrary loan, and student supervision. He holds an Associate of Arts from Miami University. Call on these fine people, and the others on staff, to provide the assistance and information you need!

Fall 2010
Newsletter

MAXIMIZE Your Library Experience

Surprise, surprise, the Gardner-Harvey Library has just what you need to achieve your academic goals. Come on over to the InfoDesk! We have:

- **TEXTBOOKS ON RESERVE** for 124 Miami Plan and introductory courses. We can also help you borrow a textbook from other Miami or OhioLINK libraries.
- **LIBRARY DATABASES** linked from our Website to meet your academic research needs. Find full-text journal articles, reference e-books, and digital videos.
- **TECHNOLOGY & EQUIPMENT** to get the job done. The library loans, on a short term basis: laptops, Flip cameras, voice recorders, calculators, Kindles, iPads, etc.
- **RECREATIONAL MEDIA.** See our extensive DVD collection or borrow Wii games.
- **STUDY SPACE.** From individual quiet study areas to group work space, we've got you covered. We now have two STAR lounges that can be reserved—with 47" TVs, computers, DVD players, cable, and Wiis.
- **RESEARCH HELP.** Chat with a librarian via IM, text from your phone, call us, drop by, or make a Research Consultation appointment.

Embedded Librarians Come to Class to Collaborate with You

As Miami University transitions from Blackboard to Sakai as the learning management system, faculty continue to teach students in the classroom, online, and in hybrid courses and assign research projects and papers. If you would like an embedded librarian to arrive with a briefcase of electronic resources, tools, and ideas to aid your students in 21st century academic research, just say the word. The Gardner-Harvey embedded librarians will suggest relevant research databases, embed digital videos teaching research essentials, and provide students with strategies to narrow a topic, to manage source citations, to develop effective searching, and to evaluate sources critically. Depending on your course objectives, embedded librarians will build content within your LMS course on a separate Embedded Librarian page and next to the research assignment. To take advantage of this offer, simply contact Beth Tumbleson, Assistant Library Director, at tumbleb@muohio.edu or call 727-3232.

Watch for more details!

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Fall Hours:

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



Mini Saga Fiction Contest!

Write a mini saga told in exactly 50 words and submit it @ the Gardner-Harvey Library InfoDesk by October 1, 2010. These concise stories should contain character, setting, plot, etc. Often mini sagas are funny or surprising. Celebrity MUM judges will determine 2 winners who will be awarded \$25.00 gift certificates at the Miami University Bookstore.

Here is a mini saga by Daniel Pink, author of A Whole New Mind. "When I was shot, fear seized me at first. No surprise that. But once I realized I wasn't going to die - despite the thermonuclear pain and widening puddle of weirdly warm blood - my mind recalibrated. And one thought, comforting yet disturbing, leapt into my head: I need to Tweet this." (<http://www.danpink.com/archives/2009/03/are-you-ready-for-the-50-word-challenge>)

Save time and money.
How? Take **EDT 251** and improve your research skills. It is offered as a 10-week, 2 credit Sprint course starting Sept. 30th. Register now!

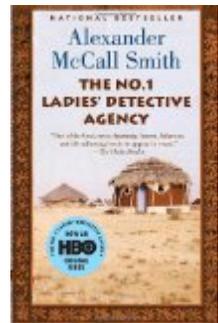
Workshops That Pay Off!

The library will hold workshops this fall on two databases that you're going to love! They will save you time and advance your career goals. Learn to cite sources and create bibliographies without frustration in our **RefWorks** workshop. Prepare for high stakes tests and professional examinations, create a winning resume, and locate real jobs nationally in our **Learning Express Library** workshop. These hour-long, hands-on workshops will yield practical and personal results. Watch for details!

Read the Books of Botswana

If you would like to discover a new culture alongside solving mysteries, participate in the Middfest Books of Botswana Reading Challenge this fall. The MUM Book Discussion Group will meet on **September 21** from 12-1 to discuss Alexander McCall Smith's No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency. Copies of the book are available for loan through OhioLINK. By participating, you will be entered in a drawing for prizes from Middfest - a cultural festival held in downtown Middletown from October 1-3. More details are available on our Website. See you on the 21st!

(Please note, the MUM Book Discussion Group meets every month to discuss a novel (chosen at the previous meeting). If you can't make it in September, watch for our monthly book announcement on our Website!)



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