

# NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE



## Fall 2021 Newsletter

### Fall Hours:

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



## Looking Back at the 2020/21 Academic Year: How was the library used?

This was, of course, yet another crazy year, following the start of the COVID-19 pandemic during the 2019/20 academic year. As we changed fiscal years at the end of June 2020, the library remained closed to the public through July and did not reopen until August 17 when Fall 2020 classes began. We lost 34 scheduled days in the building (about 14% of our total open days for the year). That did impact many of our library services, though during that time we managed to continue our services online alongside our Hamilton campus colleagues and in cooperation with our colleagues in Oxford. We are grateful for everyone's patience with us as we continued to work from home through the middle of August and then work split schedules on site and from home for the rest of the academic year.

These statistics reflect what happened between July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021. Some stats we keep locally, others we pull from university-wide or OhioLINK-wide systems, and some are provided by database vendors. The full statistics can be [found on our blog](#), but here are a few of the highlights:

- Middletown faculty, staff, and students ordered 1512 items to add to our collection this year.
- We registered a total of 3,218 checkouts of items in our collection
- 40 people visit our web site every day. That's a total of 14,510 visits for the year, by 3,947 unique individuals

We really appreciate the opportunity to meet your needs in the library and remotely during this very unusual year, and we look forward to a very different year in 2021/22).

## Civic Corner, Voting, and Getting More Engaged in the Community

September 28th marks National Voter Registration Day, and the Gardner-Harvey Library is happy to help! We have updated our Civic Corner guide, <https://libguides.lib.miamioh.edu/civic>, with information on how to register to vote for all Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky residents. We have also added more information about how to run for office, at the local, state, and federal level, as well as how to find out more about the voting records of your current state and federal representatives.

Want to make an impact within your local community? Our guide also provides links to Miami University's ComMUnity Connect, which lets students, faculty and staff search for community engagement opportunities and allows nonprofit and other civic organizations to post volunteer needs online.

Big or small, you can make an impact!

## LibGuides? What are those?

Have you ever wandered the vast hundreds of databases that Miami Libraries provide, unsure where to start searching for an article on your topic? Or maybe you are looking for a bit of citation help with the updated [MLA 9th edition](#)? LibGuides provide focused guides for finding the best databases, books, websites, and more based on subjects, courses, and current topics. Check out our [full list of guides](#) and see how LibGuides can help you!

## Join Gardner-Harvey Library for our Fall Events

### Sept 1, 2021 - TEC Lab Mini-Maker Faire

Stop by the library to see the TEC Lab in action: Make your own tote! Try a 3D pen! Make a drink coaster with your name engraved! Win your own maker supplies! 11am - 1pm or 4pm - 6pm.

### Oct. 22, 2021 - My Strange & Spooky World: James A. Willis

James A. Willis, Founder and Director of The Ghosts of Ohio and the author of various books such as 'The Big Book of Ohio Ghost Stories', 'Weird Ohio', and 'Central Ohio Legends & Lore' will speak about unusual happenings in Ohio at 6pm

You may find more information on all of our events on our [Events Calendar](#) page.

### Monthly Book Discussion

Join us on the last Tuesday of each month from noon—1pm for our book discussion! A lively group of readers will be on hand to discuss our chosen book of the month along with others they've been reading. You can see our past chosen books on our Book Discussion Group page (we are always eager for recommendations on what to read next).

### National Parks Geology Speaking Series on Zoom!

Dr. Tammie Gerke (Geology) examines the geology of our national parks, monuments, and preserves.

- September 21 — Valles Caldera
- October 19 — Craters of the Moon
- November 16 — Crater Lake

Third Tuesday of every month, 4:45-6:15 p.m.

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### Articles, Books, Conferences, and More:

#### Let us know what you have been working on

We want to know what you have been researching, writing, and speaking about. Let us know what journal articles, books, conference papers, artwork, webinars, and more you have published within the last 2—3 years. Please fill out our [publication form](https://forms.gle/nYQkjeD37a6hpgP69) (https://forms.gle/nYQkjeD37a6hpgP69) with a brief description and citation for your work.

### We Are Miami: Add Your Picture to the Wall

Stop by the Gardner-Harvey Library and add your face to our "We are Miami" display. Use the Polaroid camera located at the front desk to contribute to our project.

### Remote Services Guide

Miami University Regionals Libraries continue to offer a wide array of services face to face as well as online, from streaming videos to eBooks to database and research tutorials. Check out our [Remote Services Guide](#) to learn more about how we can help support the research needs of faculty and students.

### Tell GHL to Buy It!

Have a book, DVD, or other resource suggestion for the Library? Let us know! Just fill out our 'buy it' form, [https://miamioh.formstack.com/forms/tell\\_ghl\\_to\\_buy\\_it](https://miamioh.formstack.com/forms/tell_ghl_to_buy_it), and we will look into adding the item to our collection.



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