

NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

The Gardner-Harvey Library is here for you. That's a fairly wide-open statement, but it encompasses both our defined mission and our philosophy of helping people. The building is here as a physical place to study in relative peace and comfort, to use a computer, to meet with a group, to watch a video, to play the Wii or use one of the flexible technology study spaces in the STAR Lounges. The library extends beyond the building, though, and we bring you the tremendous digital resources that Miami University and OhioLINK have harnessed. The virtual library is open 24/7. The collection includes thousands of full-text articles, digital videos, full-length e-books, musical recordings, and digital images, all available wherever you are, whenever you need them. Hidden behind the "stuff" of the library is the experienced staff—ready to help you locate, acquire, and use what you need. We are here—just ask!



Spring 2010 Newsletter

Video on Demand, a new service from Miami University Libraries, is entering its second semester of use at GHL. 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 members to place in his or her Blackboard classroom. Students may view the videos on campus or from off-campus. Please contact the library with your questions on Video on Demand or use our online reserve form (selecting the "Video on Demand" option from the drop-down menus) to have visual materials added to Video on Demand.

Clickers Now Available!

A cooperative effort of the Educational Technology Center, the Center for Teaching and Learning, and the Gardner-Harvey Library is now making an expanded collection of Turning Point clickers available to the campus. Three sets of clickers (personal response systems) may now be checked out from the Library. Each set contains 30 clickers and a receiver. They may be checked out for 3 hours at one time. Please stop by the library at any time we are open to access the clickers or contact us to reserve a set for a given class period. Need more information? Andrea Han of the ETC is happy to provide one-on-one training and consultation on the clickers.

Blackboard Embedded Librarians'

Progress Report—Gardner-Harvey Embedded Librarians Burke and Tumbleson are glad to report the Blackboard Embedded Librarian program is entering its 3rd semester in Spring 2010. Five new faculty have joined the ranks along with nine returning faculty. The fourteen collaborating faculty are teaching seventeen courses of twenty three sections, from lower to upper division courses across the humanities, social sciences, and sciences in traditional classrooms and online, and reaching 500 students.

By creating customized library links, introducing research strategies, and addressing specific student questions via email, in-person, or in the classroom, librarians are fostering information literacy skills in students.

Academic research becomes less frustrating and more user-friendly. Student learning takes place through faculty-librarian collaboration. We discuss research assignments, tools and materials within the Miami University Libraries collection, and methods to develop more sophisticated searching by students. This win-win solution takes place in online learning space already familiar to Miami students. Library resources and services become available 24/7, whether on-campus or off.

Please contact tumbleb@muohio.edu if you are interested in participating in the program.

Spring Hours:

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

Look for extended hours before exams!

We've Got It Covered

Incredible artwork graces almost every book we receive, and now those covers have transformed STAR Lounge 2 into a work of art. Come, see, and read a beautiful display of covers. Stare deep into a kaleidoscope of our collection.



Playaways

Used our digital audio book players yet? Playaways are an easy to carry, easy to use way to enjoy audio books in your car or on foot. We have just added 82 new titles for a total of 295. Check the twin towers of Playaways near the InfoDesk or search them in the catalog with the keyword "playaways."

New Wii Games

Relax a little or let loose. GHL has Wii games on hand for you to play on campus with our Wii or to check out for the day to play at home. Here are our newest games (plus the new Wii MotionPlus controllers):

- *Wii Sports Resort*
- *Rec Room*
- *Star Wars the Clone Wars: Republic Heroes*
- *Lego Indiana Jones 2: The Adventure Continues*
- *Walk It Out*
- *Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel*
- *Dance Dance Revolution Hottest Party 3*

Let us know which games you'd like us to add.

What Do You Wish We Had? — Have a suggestion for a book, DVD, or other item you think the library should own? Use our new online request form at www.mid.muohio.edu/library/recommend.htm to let us know. We will respond to your request and order any item not already owned or that is not already available through Miami University Libraries or OhioLINK. Together we can meet both local and statewide information needs.

Interested in honing your research and information skills? **EDT 251** will be offered as a 10-week sprint course this spring, starting February 17. Register before February 16th!

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. Four more netbooks are on hand for students and two more **digital projectors** have been added for faculty and staff to take on the road.

There are now two STAR Lounges at GHL! Both have 47" LCD TVs with cable, DVD/VCR players, and computer stations with wireless keyboard and mouse. Either can be used with our Wii gaming system. Reserve one today or just drop by and see for yourself!

Kindling eBook Reading! Have you tried e-book reading on a Kindle yet? We have two to check out for 1-week—buy 2 books on us!

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

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