

## NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE



## Spring 2009 Newsletter

### Spring Hours:

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

Look for extended  
hours before exams!

At the Gardner-Harvey Library, we have much to look forward to! The start of a new year, the start of a new semester, and several new information literacy initiatives. In keeping with our theme, *Navigating the Information Universe*, we are expanding our efforts to enable members of the campus community to become self-sufficient information seekers. We believe that this will promote student retention, supplement faculty instruction, and foster a greater sense of community in spite of the dreary weather and trying economic times. Have a great semester! ☺

## Library Services for Students, Faculty, and Staff

### Embedded Librarians in Blackboard

A number of Miami faculty will be participating in the Embedded Librarian Pilot Program through GHIL during Spring 2009. This faculty-librarian collaboration will address the information needs of students enrolled in online, off-campus, or traditional courses using Blackboard. Librarians will direct students to course-specific information while addressing students' individual research concerns. Similar services have been implemented nationally and internationally at a variety of colleges and universities; the pilot program at GHIL represents Miami University Middletown's first effort at collaborating in this way. Better research projects and less student frustration are the expected outcomes. Watch the Library's blog throughout the semester for updates on this pilot program!

**Information Literacy Instruction** has evolved to entail much more than the basic catalog and database searching of the past. National standards established by the Association of College and Research Libraries [ACRL] have greatly impacted the culture of library instruction. Instruction sessions at GHIL are based on these standards and are intended to help students find, evaluate, and utilize information at the university level. Contact a librarian for instruction topics and information about requesting a session for your course.

**EDT 251: Effective Use of Libraries** provides an opportunity for students to earn course credit while improving their ability to perform academic research. Students will develop skills to reduce the stress and frustration associated with research while exploring the many ways that information affects our daily lives. The registration deadline for this last ten week Sprint course is February 17, 2009.

**Research Consultations** were a big hit this fall at GHIL! Students, faculty, and staff requested consultations to help with research in everything from English to Nursing and Sociology. We are excited about this success and happy to provide personalized assistance with research questions; we hope to see this service grow in the spring semester. Request a consultation on the Library's website or in person at the GHIL Info Desk. A librarian will contact you within 24 hours to discuss your project.

**More Laptops!** GHIL will be purchasing 4 additional laptops for 1-day checkout by Miami students, faculty, and staff. Fill out the equipment loan form at the Info Desk today!

**Textbooks on Reserve** for more than 80 Miami Plan and introductory courses are available for 2-hour checkout at the Info Desk. See available titles by course at:  
[www.mid.muohio.edu/library/textbooks.cfm](http://www.mid.muohio.edu/library/textbooks.cfm).

## Upcoming Events

### Website Re-design Coming in January!

The GHL web site will undergo a re-design during winter break, emerging as a leaner, meaner gateway to your information needs. We will better organize our main page links, focus content toward faculty/staff members and students, and link to expanding content from OhioLINK, MU Libraries, and the Web. Let us know what you think of the new look!

**Wii Tournament** Do you have what it takes to be a Wii champion? Then strap on your Wiimote and get ready for "Wii Will Wii Will Rock You!" a multi-game Wii tournament co-sponsored by GHL and Technology Services. Planning has just begun, but we expect to hold the event in late February or early March 2009.

**Information Literacy Forum** GHL is excited to announce the start of a discussion group in January 2009 focusing on the importance of information literacy in teaching and learning. Participants will interact with a series of articles, podcasts, and digital videos related information literacy and its impact on teaching and learning. Reading, listening and watching selected materials will introduce key concepts in a way that mirrors the 21<sup>st</sup> century information environment. The Forum will begin with a gathering at GHL on Friday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Participation throughout the semester will take place online, in a blog and will conclude with a final gathering at GHL in May. Support for this Forum will be provided by the Center for Teaching and Learning [CTL].

Check out **Gardner-Harvey Library News** updated regularly on our blog at:  
<http://ghlibrarynews.blogspot.com/>

### Fun Featured Website

Pandora Radio is an internet radio player which allows users to create, blend, and share stations based on the music they like. By creating an account, users can listen to their stations any time, any place for free at:  
<http://pandora.com>.

## Did you know?

**The MUM Book Discussion Group** meets monthly from 12-1pm in the Reference and Current Periodicals area of the Library. Recent reads include *Me Talk Pretty One Day*, *The Kite Runner*, and many more. Join us this spring!

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

GHL has 31 **computer workstations, WiFi** throughout, as well as **adaptive computer workstations** for individuals with disabilities.

**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.

**Group study** space is available in the lower level of the library.

You can borrow items from libraries on any Miami campus and from 90 OhioLINK member

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