

# NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

## Let's Talk About It!: Muslim Journeys

Gardner-Harvey Library is excited to host the first session in a free five-part reading and discussion series called Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys. GHL is one of 125 libraries and state humanities councils across the country selected to participate in the project, which seeks to familiarize public audiences in the United States with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world. Funding for Let's Talk About: Muslim Journeys is provided by a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA).

The first program will explore The Arabian Nights (edited by Muhsin Mahdi) and will be held on **Feb. 12 at noon**. For details, please visit <http://www.mid.muohio.edu/library/muslimjourneys.htm> or contact Jessie Long at (513) 727-3225, [longjh@miamioh.edu](mailto:longjh@miamioh.edu).

Additional books will be discussed through May at the Gardner-Harvey and Midpoint Libraries. These books are The Conference of the Birds by Afriq ud-Din Attar on **March 5**, Snow by Orhan Pamuk on **March 26**, Dreams of Trespass by Fatima Mernissi on **April 16** and Minaret by Leila Aboulela on **May 7**. The April and May discussions will be held at Midpoint Library in Middletown. Free copies\* of each book may be obtained through the library or borrowed through OhioLINK.

\* Supplies are limited

## Research Struggles?

The library can help. EDT 251, *Effective Use of Libraries*, now offers two online classes in the Spring. Why should you take EDT 251?

### Learn to:

- Search smarter & faster
- Find the resources your professors require
- Identify what's what with information
- Save time (& energy) on future research needs

### Details:

- Earn 2 Credit Hours
- Online sprint courses begin February 1 for the first 8 weeks and March 10 for the second 8 weeks.



## Library Programming: Documentaries & Discussions

The Gardner-Harvey Library has been awarded a grant in the last year by the National Endowment of the Humanities and The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. The Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle grant (<http://createdequal.neh.gov/>) will make possible four public screenings and discussions of documentaries, facilitated by a Miami scholar. Dr. Brian Domino will launch the series with The Loving Story which explores the legislative ban of interracial marriage until one couple's story reached the U.S. Supreme Court, on **Thursday 2/13/14 from 6-7:30 PM, CCC 142**. Then Dr. Caryn Neumann will facilitate Freedom Riders, the second documentary which explores the story of volunteers who challenged interracial segregation practices on interstate travel in 1961 by sitting where they pleased on buses traveling to the Deep South, on **Thursday 4/3/14, from 7-9 PM, CCC 142**. Join us for these and additional programs in 2014, sponsored by the Gardner-Harvey Library.

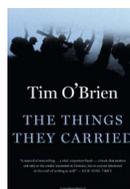


## One Minute of Your Time

The library staff are always working to improve our services, space, and collections to meet your needs. Here's a chance for you to tell us directly what is still missing from our library. Take our one-question, one-minute survey at <http://tinyurl.com/GHL1minute> Just list anything we could add or change to improve your experience with us. Thanks!

## Thanks for Supporting the Big Read!

We were excited to join with our partners at Mid-Pointe Library Middletown, Middletown High School, Cincinnati State - Middletown, and the Middletown Area Senior Center to offer events all over town related to Tim O'Brien's The Things They Carried. We distributed 900 copies of the book, and involved nearly 600 people in our events and discussions. Thanks for taking part!



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## Spring Hours:

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



## iPads @ the Library!

Faculty and students have been eagerly using our new iPads, and we want to encourage you to try them out, too! We have 41 iPads, 16 of which check out for a one-day loan and a set of 25 are kept as a classroom set for use by faculty and students. The Library and E-Learning have cosponsored some faculty and staff training sessions that we could run again in the spring if there is interest (let us know if you are interested). If you would like to use an iPad, have us purchase an app, or schedule the set of iPads for your class, please come by the library or contact the library staff. More information on the program and the apps we already have may be found at <http://www.mid.miamioh.edu/library/ipads.htm>

## What Items Do You Wish We Had?

Have a suggestion for a book, DVD, or other item you think the library should own? April 4, 2014 will be this year's deadline for placing acquisitions orders. Use our online request form at [www.mid.miamioh.edu/library/recommend.htm](http://www.mid.miamioh.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. For any questions please contact Jennifer Hicks at [hicksjl2@miamioh.edu](mailto:hicksjl2@miamioh.edu) or 513-727-3221. Curious to know what we've recently added to the collection? See the lists of new materials linked at <http://ghlibrarynews.blogspot.com/search/label/new%20materials>

## Embedded Librarians in Niihka

Have you ever thought about adding an Embedded Librarian in Niihka? You students could have easier access to scholarly resources and help at various stages of the research process from an information specialist, acquainted with the services and collections of Miami University Libraries and OhioLINK. This library service has been offered for five years. In 2013, 25 faculty members collaborated with Gardner-Harvey librarians in 82 course sections, reaching more than 2000 students. This represents a 30% increase in students served over 2012 numbers. Knowing how to find the information you need online can seem overwhelming to undergraduates, until they are shown how by an experienced, personal guide. Think about it. Let us sign you up today.

## Who Makes Up the Library Team?

Ever wondered who to contact in the library for help? All of our staff members have unique skills that make us one unstoppable team (be sure to see the Contact Us page on our website for pictures and contact information):

Beth Tumbleson, Assistant Library Director/Associate Librarian

Contact Beth to schedule an instruction session for your class, to arrange for an embedded librarian to work with your students in Niihka, to hold a book discussion, or to create a tutorial on a database or an information literacy topic.

Chris Mull, Circulation & Reserves Supervisor/Library Associate

Contact Chris for circulation or materials access questions, to place items on reserve, to request items via interlibrary loan, to place DVDs on Video on Demand, or with questions about iPads.

Jessie Long, Public Services Librarian/Assistant Librarian

Contact Jessie to schedule an instruction session for your class, to work with your students in Niihka as an embedded librarian, to suggest themes for library displays, or to let us know about a new article or book you've authored.

Jennifer Hicks, Acquisitions & Technical Services Supervisor/Senior Library Assistant

Contact Jennifer to order books, DVDs, and e-books for the library collection, to ask about the magazines and journals we subscribe to, or for questions about historical items in the archives.

John Burke, Library Director/Principal Librarian

Contact John to discuss how the library can better meet your information needs, to research how open educational resources might provide alternatives for your textbook, for general questions on library facilities and services, and for assistance in using Niihka.



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