

# NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

## Let's Get Making! A Place to Create

The Gardner-Harvey Library is pleased to announce that we now have a Makerspace for you to use. What's a makerspace? It's a collection of tools and technologies that can help you create things. The idea is to stimulate creativity, learn new skills, and have fun. The Makerspace might also have what you need to complete a class project. What kinds of things can you make in the Makerspace? We have 3D printers and a 3D scanner, wood burning pens, button makers, soldering irons, video cameras, light kits, a green screen, and much more. We are open to adding new items to meet your interests. We are also holding monthly workshops this semester to teach you how to use our equipment:

- **February 4 (3:00-4:00pm) - Getting Crafty for Valentine's Day!:** featuring the wood-burning pen, duct tape roses, card-making, and buttons!
- **March 4 (3:00-4:00pm) - Using the Green Screen:** learn to add backgrounds and effects to videos and photos!
- **April 11 (3:00-4:00pm) - Terrarium Workshop, Take 2:** create your own miniature world using live or fake plants, rocks, miniatures, and more!

Watch the library website for more information on all of these. The Makerspace is located to the left of the front entrance to the building.

### What's in a Name?

Our new Makerspace is full of 3D Printers, wood burning pens, button makers and more, but we need your help naming it. The Makerspace needs a name that makes it unique and clearly a part of the Middletown campus. Submit your ideas using [this form](#) by noon on Friday, February 27. The winning entry will win a special prize!



### Love Can be Found in the Pages of a Book

Do you have a favorite book, series of books, or genre of books? For the month of February our library will display some of the best loved books of our faculty, staff, and students. But first, you need to let us know what those books are that you just adore. From biographies to novels to how-to manuals, email your favorite book titles to Jessie Long, [longjh@miamioh.edu](mailto:longjh@miamioh.edu), and we will add them to our display.



### Is There An Author in the House?

The Gardner-Harvey Library is excited to host two author events during the semester:

- **Kat Fugate** will give a reading and discuss her writing process on **Tuesday, March 10, from 4:00pm-5:00pm**. Kat, an English teacher at Middletown High School, is the author of the gripping young adult novel *Intuitive* and its forthcoming 2015 sequel *Transcendent*. She earned a graduate degree from the Ohio Writing Project at Miami University.
- **Sarah Rose Nordgren** will read and discuss her poetry on **Wednesday, April 1, from 4:00pm-5:00pm**. Sarah, a Visiting Assistant Professor of English on the Middletown campus, is a widely-published poet. Her poetry collection *Best Bones* was published in 2014 by the University of Pittsburgh Press and was the winner of the Agnes Lynch Starrett Poetry Prize.

Come sample and enjoy the works and insights of these authors in the library along with light refreshments!

Visit us online 24/7 at: <http://www.mid.miamioh.edu/library>



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### Spring Hours:

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

## Reclaiming Study Space

The Library is always trying to provide more study space among our collections and technology workspaces. In addition to our STAR lounges, the Group Study Area, and the open study area near the entrance to the library, we have now added one more study nook back in the collection area. This spot was reclaimed by moving the library storage area to our workroom. We will continue to find new methods (like our mobile study walls) to make comfortable and effective spots available.

### Fines? 3D Prints? Your Miami ID is Good Here

The Library is happy to offer an additional payment method to those who wish to 3D print, laminate, or, ahem!, pay for library fines and replacement fees. You can now pay those charges with your Miami ID and your Mulaa account. Questions? Stop by the InfoDesk.



### Tell GHL to Buy It!

The Library is eager to know what books, DVDs, and other items you would like to add to our collection. We have long depended on input from the campus community to guide the development of the collection. Our new goal is to expand the sources of that input beyond a small number of faculty and staff members. Students, faculty, staff, or members of the Middletown community: we want to know what items interest you! Help us shape an ever-growing collection of resources to meet your scholarly and recreational reading and viewing needs. Please have a look at our [collection policy](#), and then use our [Tell GHL to Buy It](#) form to make your request.

### Conferences, Articles, Books, What Have You Been Working on?

In Spring 2013 the library began displaying research done by our faculty and staff. Our “Ever wonder what your professors are up to?” display includes journal articles, conference papers and books that have been published within the last 2—3 years. We have received great feedback from our patrons and we would love to keep this popular display going. If you are currently working on or have completed research please email Jessie Long at [longjh@miamioh.edu](mailto:longjh@miamioh.edu) with the titles or citations of any journal articles, conference papers, book chapters, books or other work that you have published within the last 2 years.

### What Can We Do for You?

Beth Tumbleson, Assistant Library Director

- Schedule an instruction session
- Request an embedded librarian
- Hold a book discussion
- Create a tutorial on a database or an information literacy topic

Chris Mull, Circulation & Reserves Supervisor

- Circulation or materials access questions
- Place items on reserve
- Request items via interlibrary loan
- Place DVDs on Video on Demand
- Questions about iPads

Jessie Long, Public Services Librarian

- Schedule an instruction session
- Work as an embedded librarian
- Suggest themes for library displays
- Let us know about a new article or book you've authored

Jennifer Hicks, Acquisitions & Technical Services Supervisor

- Order books, DVDs, and e-books for the library collection
- Ask about the magazines and journals we subscribe to
- Questions about historical items in the archives

John Burke, Library Director

- Discuss how the library can better meet your information needs
- Research how open educational resources might provide alternatives for your textbook
- General questions on library facilities and services

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