

# NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

## Your mid semester check-in from the library

### What do you know and what do you want to see in the Library?

This fall we conducted a short survey to find out more about what students use and want to see done by our library. Here are some of the highlights.

- Only 50% of students were aware the library offered:
  - \* Curbside pickup (43%)
  - \* Research consultations (30%)
  - \* Home delivery (24%)
  - \* LOLA (23%)
- In contrast, students were most aware of Study rooms (78%), Asking questions by chat, text, and email (64%), E-books (64%), and laptops (60%)
- 73% of our respondents are aged 18-24 and 48% have Middletown as their primary campus

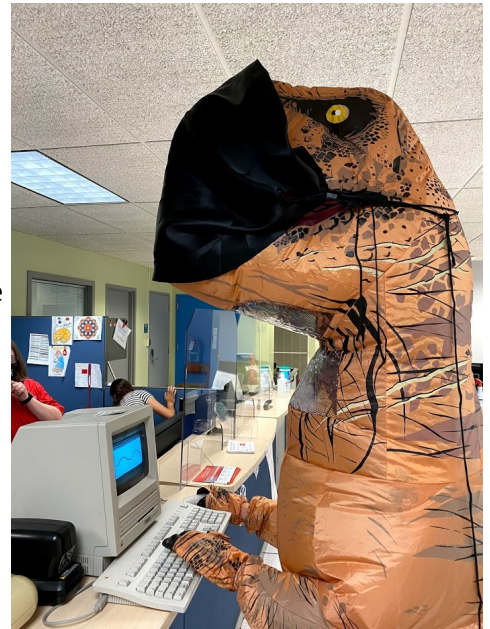
A couple of suggestions from respondents included providing more instructions on how to navigate databases and search, and sending out fun videos and photos of the library to remind students about our services. Based on these suggestions, we offer an introduction to a new library aid, Theo-Saurus!

### Gardner-Harvey Library Dinosaur, Theo-Saurus, has the Answers!

The Gardner-Harvey Library dinosaur, Theo-Saurus, has the answers you need when using library materials and resources. Check out Theo-Saurus' tutorials on book checkout, the book drop, curbside pickup, social distancing, using study rooms, and other ways to stay healthy when visiting the library.

Here is a [YouTube playlist of 6 videos](#) on how we are safely conducting library services during the COVID-19 pandemic. You can also see all of our tutorials and other videos on the [Gardner-Harvey Library YouTube channel](#).

Be like Theo-Saurus, be safe, and stay well!



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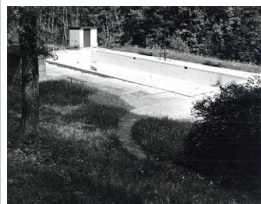
Mon—Thu 8am-6pm  
Fri 8am-12pm  
Sat—Sun Closed



## Join Gardner-Harvey Library for our Virtual Fall Events

### The Forgotten Pool - a Miami Middletown Mystery

"It's another ordinary spring semester day. You've just left class at Levey Hall, and headed over to the library to sit and study for a bit." So begins your chance to solve a mystery: is there a pool on the Middletown Campus? Where is it?



This digital escape room is designed to teach you a little about the history of the Miami University Middletown campus and a little bit about searching for information and using archival resources. Can you solve the mystery? [Enter the search for The Forgotten Pool!](#) We hope you enjoy it!

If you have questions about The Forgotten Pool, please contact the [Gardner-Harvey Library staff](#).

### National Parks Geology Speaking Series

Dr. Tammie L. Gerke, associate teaching professor in geology at Miami University, will share the geology and other interesting information about each national park. Get your questions answered and participate in a lively discussion on these national treasures.

- Big Bend National Park - October 28
- White Sands National Park - November 18



Third Wednesday of every month, 4:45-6:15 p.m. Zoom links will be posted on our [events calendar](#).

### Virtual Instruction and Research Help

We can offer a synchronous instruction session in Zoom or WebEx during a class meeting, or create a video presentation for students to watch. We have a [menu of the topics and resources](#) we can include in a session that can help you choose what areas you would like us to cover. Email Jessie Long, [longjh@miamioh.edu](mailto:longjh@miamioh.edu), to set up a session.

### Stay Informed and Make your Vote Count!



With only 2 weeks until the general election, make sure you are informed about the issues and the candidates. If you want your voice to be heard and to have your issues considered in politics and government, you have to get involved. Fortunately, the Gardner-Harvey Library can make this process easier for you with our [Civic Corner](#) and our [2020 Presidential Election](#) guides!

You'll be able to check out your sample ballot, and find opinions, facts, and polling data for the candidates. Thank you for standing up and being counted!



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