

## NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE



Fall 2008  
Newsletter

### Fall Hours:

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

\*Look for extended hours  
during mid-terms and exams!

**Welcome to the start of the 2008-2009 academic year!** In your daily lives as students, faculty, and staff at Miami University Middletown, you have access to a vast and ever-expanding variety of information. At GHL, we recognize that it's not always easy to locate exactly what you are looking for in the library or on the web. With new and continued library services, we are committed to helping you meet your information needs. Our theme, *Navigating the Information Universe*, focuses on the goal of helping members of the campus community become self-sufficient information seekers. Librarians are trained researchers and we hope that you will keep us in mind as you begin to tackle projects and assignments. Have a great year! ☺

## New Library Services for Fall 2008!\*

**Research Consultations!** Does the information universe seem vast and mysterious? Do you find research assignments frustrating? Have you ever wished for a guide to help you search for and find information? Well, now you can request a consultation with a Gardner-Harvey librarian! Librarians will suggest research strategies, search terms, and print and electronic resources. They can also show you tools for citing sources. Learn more about this service and make an appointment by filling out the online form on the Library's website. Or, stop by the Library and fill out a request form in person at the InfoDesk. A librarian will contact you within 24 hours to set up a time and you'll be on your way to receiving unhurried, personalized help with your research questions.

**Embedded Librarian in Blackboard!** Gardner-Harvey librarians, trained information literacy specialists, are ready to collaborate with instructors and advise students from within the Blackboard virtual environment. By creating a library resources page, joining a course during the research period, or participating in a course from start to finish, the embedded librarian will address students' research concerns and questions. Depending on an instructor's request, the embedded librarian may create a library resources page, join a discussion board conversation, reply to students' research questions, or announce relevant library resources and services as needs arise. Students, ask your instructor to participate in this new embedded librarian service to enhance your learning experience!

### Required Reading Made

**Easier!** *Textbooks on Reserve* are available for checkout @ the Library for 2 hours at a time and sometimes overnight. Textbooks for more than 80 Miami Plan and introductory courses are available at the Library InfoDesk. Go to the Library website to see available titles by course: [www.mid.muohio.edu/library/textbooks.cfm](http://www.mid.muohio.edu/library/textbooks.cfm).

### Set up eReserves at:

[www.mid.muohio.edu/library/reserves.cfm](http://www.mid.muohio.edu/library/reserves.cfm)

**Make Way for Wii!** Nintendo Wii and a variety of Wii games are now available in the Library's **STAR Lounge** (Space for Technology, Academics, and Recreation). Which games? Dance Dance Revolution, Wii Fit, Mario, Rock Band, Guitar Hero III, Star Wars, Zelda, and more! Games in the library? Yes! Studies have shown that games can increase creativity, critical thinking, problem solving, and literacy. Play and learn @ your library!

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

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## More New Library Services for Fall 2008...

**Spaces and Places:** GHL is here to help you meet your information needs. Our virtual space is available 24/7, allowing you access to resources and services such as the online catalog, electronic collections, research databases, digital media, and tutorials from the comfort of your home or favorite hang-out. Don't forget that there are many reasons for visiting our physical space too! Complete assignments using one of our many desktop computer stations or check out a laptop and find a quiet spot. Gather in the Group Study Area located on the lower level of the Library to discuss class projects or prepare for exams. Enjoy sitting at the new café tables located on the back terrace. Also, explore the new STAR Lounge (Space for Technology, Academics, and Recreation) to practice online presentations, view instructional media, or play Wii games between classes.

**Online Chat!** IM reference help is available for on-campus and off-campus faculty and students alike. Try the simple **IM a Librarian** widget on the Library's website. No logon is needed, just type your question in the box and an online librarian will answer. Navigate the information universe with an experienced co-pilot!

### Other Great Services at GHL \*

- Walk-in reference help
- Learning lab for information literacy instruction sessions
- 31 computer workstations and WiFi
- Adaptive computer workstation for individuals with disabilities
- Document magnifier
- Laptops, digital cameras, digital video cameras, and digital voice recorders for check out
- VCRs, DVD players, and cable television
- Photocopiers, laminator, and fax machine
- Library reserves, including books, CDs, DVDs, and documents placed on reserve by course instructors
- Library blog
- Monthly *New Materials* list
- Borrowing from libraries on any Miami campus and 90 OhioLINK member libraries!

### Noteworthy Collections

**Reserves!** Textbooks on reserve, physical reserves, and eReserves.

**eBooks:** Gale Virtual Reference Library, OhioLINK Electronic Book Center, NetLibrary, Oxford Reference Online, Miami University Libraries' Online Reference Shelf, and Safari Books Online (technology topics).

**Online Journals:** OhioLINK Electronic Journal Center, Full-Text Electronic Journal List (OhioLINK and MU titles), and JSTOR (The Scholarly Journal Archive).

**Audiobooks:** Playaways!

**Media and Digital Videos:** OhioLINK Digital Media Center.

**Government Documents:** USASearch.gov

**McNaughtons:** Popular fiction and nonfiction current titles.

*\*Please refer to links for **Students** and **Faculty** on the Library website for more complete information about library services!*

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