

# NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

## Why Use the Gardner-Harvey Library?

The library staff is excited to help you gather and use information this year, and we have a host of new resources, services, and events in store to help. You may wonder, though, why people turn to libraries in the age of Google and Amazon and infinite information available through your phone. Four stories may help illustrate an answer:

- ◆ A faculty member was emailed articles scanned from a journal held by one U.S. library.
- ◆ A student was able to borrow an engineering textbook overnight to take an evening exam.
- ◆ A faculty member had her web-based class watch a library-owned DVD using the VOD system.
- ◆ A student learned where and how to search for sources for her project just by emailing us.

We are here to give your research story a happy ending whenever we can. Turn to our library blog for a full report of how the library was used last year. Never hesitate to ask for our help!



## A Picture's Worth a Thousand Words

There are at least a thousand words contained in the incredible mural MU grad Allison Singhoffer recently completed in the library near STAR Lounge 2. Singhoffer won the library's first ever mural design contest at the end of last spring semester. The staff is overjoyed at the presence of this beautiful, untitled work. Come by to see the finished work in full size, and watch for our next design contest in Spring 2012!

## Did You Know That the Library . . .

- ◆ Checks out laptops overnight?
- ◆ Has study rooms you can reserve?
- ◆ Answers questions that you text to us?
- ◆ Buys books and DVDs that you suggest?
- ◆ Has textbooks for many MU classes?
- ◆ Offers comfortable indoor and outdoor seats?
- ◆ Was built in the 12th century by elves?

OK, wait: that last one is false. 8-)

## Read and Learn About Peru

Middfest, the annual Middletown cultural event, is focusing on Peru this year. To help members of the campus and Middletown communities learn more about this nation, the library is sponsoring a discussion of Peruvian author Jose Maria Arguedas' book Deep Rivers. Led by MUM and Oxford part-time faculty member Lauren Whitmer, who lived in Peru, the discussion will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 4:00. Copies of Deep Rivers are easy to find in the Middletown and OhioLINK collections, or contact Jessie Long for a free copy while supplies last. After reading and discussing the book, you'll be better informed for the broader Middfest experience of Peru, which runs from September 30 through October 2.

### Save time and money.

How? Take **EDT 251** and improve your research skills. It is offered as a 10-week, 2 credit Sprint course starting Sept. 29. Register now!

### Coming November 10th!



## Fall 2011 Newsletter

### Fall Hours:

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

## New Databases for 2011-2012!

Find them on our [Regional Databases](#) page or in the [Databases A to Z](#) list.

### Mango Languages

Miami University is proud to offer Mango Languages, a language learning system that teaches actual conversation skills, vocabulary, grammar and culture for 35 languages, including Spanish, German, French, and Italian, as well as 15 English as a second language courses. Mango courses contain two levels of learning, Mango Complete, which offers multiple lessons with 50-100 hours of learning, for those wishing to learn a more in depth coverage of languages, and Mango Basic, which offers multiple lessons with 5-10 hours of learning, for those looking for simple coverage, such as travelers. Taught through their Intuitive Language Construction (ILC), Mango Languages aims to teach people as if they are immersed in the culture. Go ahead, give Mango a try.

### Oposing Viewpoints in Context

Oposing Viewpoints in Context is produced by Gale Cengage Learning and draws on print series published by Greenhaven Press and other Gale imprints. It provides all sorts of information on controversial social issues. This database, new to Miami University Middletown, will simplify searching for supporting evidence for students investigating hot topics with the purpose of writing a persuasive essay, participating in a debate or panel, or giving a speech. Topics are searchable and listed from A-Z. Research is efficient since each topic includes a variety of full-text sources: viewpoints, reference, magazine articles, academic journals, news, primary sources, statistics, multimedia, and Websites. Extra features include citing help, listening to audio, downloading to MP3, and Lexile levels. Faculty might include the infomark URL in their class reserve readings. Students may read, print, or email articles.

### Wiley Cochrane Library

This database will be of interest to those studying and working in healthcare: Nursing, Health Information Technology, Pre-Med, Pharmacology, Psychology, Public Health, Social Work, Gerontology, Kinesiology, etc. The international research database aids in making healthcare decisions using quality, independent evidence. Researchers interested in reading abstracts in plain language or those interested in tracking the full-text published article may start their search here. Reviews are peer-reviewed and the database is published online monthly. Among the top 2010 reviews is information on preventing falls in older people; exercise and diet for diabetes or depression; and therapies connected with infections, osteoarthritis, and smoking cessation. Specifically, researchers may locate systematic reviews, controlled trials, methodologies in trials, reviews of effects, health technology assessments, economic evaluations, and the 80 groups that comprise the Cochrane Collaboration. In the toolbar, click "Learn" - "About the Cochrane Collection" for more information.

### Update: Ancestry Library Edition

Ancestry Library Edition enters its second year of access for us, but has become an **on-campus only database** due to its joining a statewide package of resources. This exciting tool will interest family history researchers.

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