

NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

What Have You Been Writing?

This past Spring, 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 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.

We would also like to thank everyone who participated in our faculty library use survey and encourage those who have not done so to take 5 minutes to complete our short survey. The library is interested to learn how you complete your research and what types of resources you find most useful. The survey can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/facultyinfoseeking>.



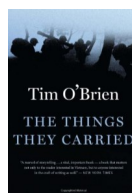
Fall 2013 Newsletter

Middfest

This year, Middfest takes a look at our “world neighborhood” with a multi-country retrospective. Opening ceremonies are scheduled to take place on Friday, October 4th at the Pendleton Arts Center, with a variety of activities scheduled to follow at MUM on October 5th and 6th. In honor of the diversity of cultures that make up this retrospective, the library has a display of books and movies covering food, history, art, and literature from countries across the globe. There is also a special display about the United Nations and their focus on water issues. Why not stop by the library and check it out?

Middletown's Reading

The Things They Carried



The Library and its community partners (MidPointe Library, Middletown High School, Middletown Area Senior Center, the Robert “Sonny” Hill Community Center, and Cincinnati State's Middletown Campus) have been chosen to host The Big Read in Middletown. The Big Read is a program of the National Endowment for the Arts, designed to revitalize the role of literature in American culture and to encourage citizens to read for pleasure and enlightenment. This fall we'll be reading Tim O'Brien's Vietnam narrative The Things They Carried and considering the art of storytelling. Come in for your free copy of the book starting on October 1, and then a whole calendar of events last from late October through the third week of November.

Research Struggles?

The library can help. EDT 251, *Effective Use of Libraries*, now offers both an online and hybrid class in the Fall and 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 course starts 8/31
- Fall hybrid class meets every Wednesday starting in October from 6:30pm - 8:15pm, with the rest online

New Library Databases for Your Enjoyment

Healthcare, Criminal Justice, Language Learning, and different Points of View, all can be found in our Library. Don't miss these new databases that have been added to our collection for 2013-14:

- Consumer Health Complete
- Criminal Justice Abstracts with Full-text
- Mango Languages
- Points of View Reference Center
- Science Reference Center



Fall Hours:

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

More iPads at the Library!

The Library received a grant to provide iPads for use by classes and individuals in Middletown. We added 41 iPads (with Retina display) to our lending collection. 16 of the new iPads check out for one-day loan. 25 of them will be kept as a classroom set for use by faculty and students in class. The Library and E-Learning will be co-sponsoring training sessions this fall to help faculty start using iPads in the classroom. If you would like to use one, or schedule a set for your class, let us know!

Ever Considered an Alternative to Using a Textbook?

Have you thought about using library-subscribed or free e-resources for your course readings (viewings, etc.)? We have a huge array of resources on just about every topic that can be used in your Niihka course site or in the classroom. Contact John Burke at burkejj@miamioh.edu or 513-727-7293 to discuss the options available for your needs. You can also tour the available options on the Textbook Alternatives guide at <http://libguides.lib.muohio.edu/textbookalternatives>. Curious about the copyright implications of using these sources? A page on our library site discusses how to apply the principles of fair use when using copyrighted e-resources (such as journal articles, e-book chapters, and images and videos from subscription databases and the free Web) in educational settings. Take a look at <http://www.mid.muohio.edu/library/fairuse.htm>

Embedded Librarians & Instruction Requests

Students who develop information fluency are equipped to achieve academically and deliver what employers seek today. If you are planning course research assignments and would like your students to learn with a librarian, whether in a computer lab, using iPads, or within Niihka, then contact the Gardner-Harvey Library to schedule instruction, based on your needs and priorities. Librarians are able to cover basic online research strategies and demonstrate finding tools as well as offer advanced training in solving information problems, citing sources, government documents, or subject databases. When scheduling, please indicate your interest in classroom instruction or the embedded librarian service or both.



Who you gonna call/email/text?

As the semester begins, we want to make sure that you know who to turn to for various library needs (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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