

NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

Your mid semester check-in from the library

A Decade of Embeddedness

In Spring Semester 2009, the Gardner-Harvey Librarians piloted a new information literacy service called learning management system (LMS) embedded librarianship. At the time, it was an innovative approach to delivering research expertise and library resources directly to students, by collaborating with their professors in LMS courses. The launch was timed with Miami University's offering its online RN to BSN program in Nursing. Ten early adopters leapt into this teaching, learning, and research partnership with academic librarians. Over the past ten years, the program has increased to twenty-five faculty each semester, teaching approximately forty course sections each semester. In 2018-2019, LMS embedded librarians reached more than 1600 students with library resources specific to their research assignments. This growth may be partially attributed to the flexibility of LMS embedded librarianship, which is effective with online, hybrid, and traditional courses, meeting anywhere, at any time, in any department. Over the last ten years LMS librarians have collaborate with faculty from Nursing, Engineering Technology, Commerce, Criminal Justice, Psychological Science, and Integrative Studies, to name a few.

Frequently, the LMS embedded librarian will also teach in the classroom, so students may search library databases and receive guidance in narrowing a topic or identifying and combining more precise search terms for better results. Critical thinking, whether evaluating the authority of an author, examining a source's objectivity, or fact-checking an article's accuracy or misinformation, is integral to academic research. Sometimes the embedded librarian meets in-person with students for a research consultation to resolve frustrating information obstacles. Other times, the embedded librarian will engage in chat or an email exchange with students in the LMS and answer their research questions or send a link to a results list or to a specific eBook, video, or image. Such communication is convenient for commuting students.

When a knowledgeable, empathetic information expert is available online to explain, demonstrate, and suggest solutions and paths forward in research, a student feels supported and empowered. This is the story of LMS embedded librarianship. After ten years, we are glad to have made this shift in research services in order to address students' individual questions. LMS embedded librarianship is one way academic librarians contribute to student success and retention and fulfill Miami University's mission.

Library Instruction is on the Menu

Do you want your students to learn more about navigating databases? What about preventing plagiarism? Or do you want to hold a session about Fake News or try out some TEC lab equipment in the classroom? Updated with new 'specials' and a breakdown on building your own library session, our [Information Literacy Menu](#) provides details on how to build instruction that fits your needs.

Reserve, Record, Create in the One Button Studio

How easy is it to use the OBS? Check out our [new guide \(https://libguides.lib.miamioh.edu/onebutton\)](https://libguides.lib.miamioh.edu/onebutton) for information about reserving the space, as well as tips and tricks for making a successful project.



Spring 2019
'Middmester'
Newsletter

Spring Hours:

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



Events at Gardner-Harvey Library this Semester

Join Gardner-Harvey Library this Spring Semester for **VolunTECLabs (Hawk Haven), How to TEC Wednesday Workshops (TEC Lab), and Guest Workshops (TEC Lab)!**

April 9, 2019 - VolunTEC Lab: Pet Beds

Participants will be making no-sew pet beds which will be donated to PAWS Adoption Center, a no kill shelter. 11am-1pm

April 16, 2019 - Guest Workshop: Birdhouses and Botany with Dr. Keiffer

Participants will build a small bird house planter and add succulents to it. This workshop will be led by Dr. Carolyn Keiffer, a Biology professor at Miami University Middletown who specializes in botany. 3:30-4:30pm

May 1, 2019 - How to TEC: Basic Wiring, How to 3D Print

Participants will be learning how to wire a basic light as well as gain information on 3D printing. Participants will be able to use their knowledge to design their own 3D printed light. 11am-1pm & 6pm-8pm

[See our Calendar for times and additional TEC Lab or speaker events](#)

Remember, if you attend two or more of our library events in Spring 2019, you will be entered in a drawing for a Kindle Fire tablet.

National Parks Geology Speaking Series

Dr. Tammie Gerke (Geology) examines the geology of our national parks.

- **April 24 — Yosemite National Park**

Presentation will be held on the main level of the library from 4:45 pm to 6:15 pm, and will feature light refreshments.

Cram Jam

Need a place to work on a final project or get some quiet studying done? Head to the library for Cram Jam. There will be light refreshments provided to help stay focused while you study and there will also be free tutoring provided from the Tutoring and Learning Center.

Saturday, May 4th

12- 4pm

Stop by to study, refresh, and get a handle on Finals Week!

Celebrating the 3 P's: Publications, Presentations, and Performances

**Research Reception
Wednesday, May 8th**

2:30 - 4 pm

Come out and celebrate the fine research that our faculty and staff have completed!

Light refreshments will be provided.

In preparation for our reception, we want to know what you have been researching, writing, and speaking about. Let us know what journal articles, books, conference papers, artwork, and more you have published within the last 2—3 years. Please fill out our [publication form](https://forms.gle/nYQkjeD37a6hpgP69) (https://forms.gle/nYQkjeD37a6hpgP69) with a brief description and citation for your work.

[Check out our Faculty Services LibGuide for more information about what the libraries can do for you.](#)



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