

# NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

## How Do Regional Students Purchase, Access, and Use Textbooks?

In February 2023, 297 Regional students completed a survey on their experiences with textbooks at the start of the Spring 2023 semester. The results are still being analyzed, but initial findings show:

- 54% of respondents spent between \$101 and \$300 on their course materials for Spring 2023. 23% spent \$301 or more.
- 42% of respondents were either moderately or extremely worried about meeting their course material costs for the semester.
- To save costs, 74% of respondents buy used copies of textbooks, 57% find free versions online, and 20% borrow a copy from the campus library.
- Respondents were taking an average of 4.5 courses during the semester, and on average 3 courses had required course materials. Respondents, on average, purchased materials for 1.5 courses and rented materials for 1.3 courses. 30% of respondents reported not purchasing materials for any of their courses, and 38% did not rent any materials.
- 41% of respondents either frequently or occasionally do not purchase required textbooks for courses. 13 % of respondents either frequently or occasionally earned a poor grade in a course because they could not afford to buy the textbook.
- 83% of respondents have had a class where an instructor did not require a purchased course material, and instead assigned readings or activities from other sources (including open textbooks, articles from the library, videos, etc.).
- 66% of respondents prefer printed textbooks, 57% prefer downloadable e-books or PDFs, and 49% prefer online e-books.

The Regional Libraries are constantly looking for ways to support students' needs for course materials. We offer a selection of [textbooks on reserve](#), help faculty find [open textbooks and other materials](#) for their course readings and viewings, and seek out materials online and from our library partners at OhioLINK. We'll share the full results from the survey when they are available, and we are happy to answer any questions you have about textbooks and other course materials.

## Research, Writing, Publishing: What have you been up to?

We want to know what you are publishing. In preparation for our Research and Recognition reception on May 3rd, let us know what research you are currently working on or have completed by filling out the form at <https://tinyurl.com/regionals-publications> or email Jessie Long at [longjh@miamioh.edu](mailto:longjh@miamioh.edu) with the titles or citations of any journal articles, book chapters, books, conference papers, or other work that you have published within the last few years.



### Spring 2023 'Middmester' Newsletter

#### Spring Hours:

Mon—Thu 8am-7pm  
Fri 8am-5pm  
Sat—Sun Closed



## Join Gardner-Harvey Library for our Spring Events



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### April 12, 2023 - TEC Lab: Vinyl Clocks

Hang out with us in the TEC Lab and use our laser engraver to create a vinyl record clock! Limited supplies available. 1 clock per person. **11am - 1pm**

### April 19, 2023 - Inside Biology Talk: Parasites: What Everyone Else Knows Except You

Join Professor Al Cady to discover parasites common to many human populations but largely unknown to western cultures. Use our [registration page](#) to get the Zoom link.

**Starts at 4:30pm.**

### April 25, 2023, - National Park Talks: Mississippian Culture: Archaeological Investigations

Join Dr. Tammie Gerke in GRD 014 or on Zoom she discusses her archaeological work and research on artifacts from the Mississippian sites of Wickliffe Mounds, Kentucky; Angel Mounds, Indiana; and Cahokia Mounds, Illinois. Use our [registration page](#) to get the Zoom link. **4:45-6:15 pm**

### April 27, 2023 - Make It Official Glowforge Laser Cutter/Engraver Certificate

Earn a certificate in makerspace equipment! We are offering a workshop this semester that will prepare you to use laser cutters/engravers. [Register today](#) for a one-hour introduction to the technology, a short quiz, and a demonstration of your skills to earn your certificate **2pm-3pm.**

### May 3, 2023 - Research and Recognition Reception

The library would like to celebrate you! Join us in the main entry area of the library to celebrate articles, books, or conference presentations that have been completed in the past year, as well as those who have won a faculty, staff or student award this year. Light refreshments will be provided **2pm-3pm.**

### May 4, 2023 - TEC Lab: May the 4th Be With You: Making for Worlds Beyond

Join us in the TEC Lab for us to celebrate this "Star-Wars"-themed holiday and craft items that are out of this world! **11am - 1pm.**

### May 17, 2023 - Inside Biology Talk: Spiders: They're Here for Good!

Join Professor Al Cady as we learn about spiders and their kin and how they are integral to a functioning system. Use our [registration page](#) to get the Zoom link. **Starts at 3:30pm.**

### Monthly Book Discussion, Join us at the Library or Online!

Join us each month for a virtual book discussion! You can see our past chosen books on our [Book Discussion Group page](#) (we are always eager for recommendations on what to read next).

All of our events are free to attend. You may find more information on all of our events and links to join them on our [Events Calendar](#) page.