

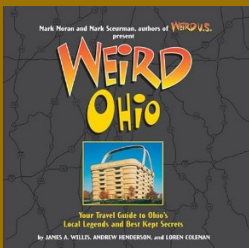
# NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

Spring 2024  
Newsletter



## Spring Hours:

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



## What's New this Spring?



### New Roof, New Paint, New Look

The library went through some extensive changes over last summer and fall as the entire roof and exterior metal decorative crown were replaced. We had a great construction team that did their best to keep the noise down, this is a library after all, and we could not be happier with the end results. We also freshened up the paint, and added a bit of red and gray to the library to better highlight some of our spaces, such as the lounge, TEC Lab, and TEC SPACE. Make sure to explore our changes next time you are in the library!

### Generative AI Says What?

There has been a lot of discussion about AI lately. What can it do? What can't it do? Can I use it in class? Will it take over the world? While we may not be able to answer the last question, we can tell you about Miami's policies, as well as the pros and cons of generative AI in our new [Artificial Intelligence \(AI\) LibGuide](#).

### Faculty and Staff Learn About Textbook Alternatives—Self-Paced Canvas Course!

John Burke has developed "Impact Student Success: Finding Alternatives to Textbooks" to help build your knowledge about textbook alternatives. It is available now for you to [self-enroll](#). There are five modules to complete at your own pace with points in the modules for you to read the experiences of colleagues and to reach out to a librarian for assistance.

## Join us for Weird Ohio Road Trips

So you're faced with planning another Ohio family vacation. No worries. James Willis has you covered with a whole mess of weird and unique places you can visit that will amaze, entertain, and possibly even freak out your entire family!

Willis is the founder and director of The Ghosts of Ohio and the author of various books such as "The Big Book of Ohio Ghost Stories," "Weird Ohio," and "Southern Ohio Legends & Lore." The Ghosts of Ohio is a nationally recognized paranormal research organization that uses scientific and historical methods to investigate and document reported hauntings in Ohio.

Join us in Verity Lodge on Friday, March 8th at 6pm to get a little weird.

## Join Gardner-Harvey Library for our Spring Events

### February 21, 2024 - Underground Academy: "We're Just Putting It In Our Files": Lolita at the Cincinnati Public Library

When the controversial novel, "Lolita" first appeared, the Cincinnati Public Library decided to do its part to prevent the book's circulation -- and the public from reading it -- by hiding it. Marianne Cotugno, interim chair of the Department of Justice and Community Studies, examines what Brian Boys calls one of the "few flickers of outrage" in the U.S. about the novel. Join us in SPACE (GRD 014) at **4pm**.

### March 6, 2024 - TEC Lab: Laser Cut Jewelry, Keychains, and More

Create your own unique jewelry piece, keychain, or three dimensional item with our laser cutter. Join us in the TEC Lab (room 125) from **2- 4pm**.

### March 8, 2024 - Weird Ohio Road Trips

Join us at 6pm in Verity Lodge as author James Willis discusses a whole mess of weird and unique places you can visit in Ohio that will amaze, entertain, and possibly even freak out your entire family!

### April 3, 2024 - TEC Lab: Design Your Own Vinyl Stickers

Have you ever wanted to design your own vinyl sticker? Now is your opportunity to create one with our Silhouette Cameo cutting Machine. Make a sticker for your car, laptop, window, or bike! Join us in the TEC Lab (room 125) from **2-4pm**.

### April 17, 2024 - Underground Academy: There is no AWAY!

Throwing that away is not a real thing. Join our Underground Academy as Janelle Allen, a visiting faculty member in Biological Sciences, helps us learn how there truly is no way to dispose of things and stuff. Join us in the SPACE (room 014) at **4pm** for this undercover story of composition, decomposition, and nutrient acquisition. Discover how we can be better stewards of our stuff to impact our human health and well-being.

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### Animals You Know of But Not About Talks

Dr. Al Cady (Biological Sciences) will take us on a journey through the inner workings of common but largely unknown animals. including:

- Platyhelminthes—March 12th
- Mollusca—April 9th
- Echinodermata—May 14th

Starts at 4 p.m in GRD 014 and on Zoom.

### National Parks Geology Speaking Series on Zoom!

Tammie L. Gerke, teaching professor in Geology at Miami University, will share the geology, archaeology, history, and other interesting information as we trek across the U.S. Talks will include visits to the southwest, upstate New York, and the midwest as we look at the new Ohio UNESCO sites. Get your questions answered and participate in a lively discussion on these national treasures.

- Dinosaur National Monument— February 20th
- UNESCO sites in Ohio—March 19th
- Crown Point State Historic Site/ Fort St. Frederic— April 30th

Starts at 4:30 p.m. in GRD 014 or on Zoom.

All of our events are free and registration is not required. You may find more information on all of our events and links to join them on our [Events Calendar](#) page.