

NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE



Spring 2021
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Newsletter

Spring Hours:

Mon—Thu 8am-6pm
Fri 8am-12pm
Sat—Sun Closed

The Human Library: Conversations with Unique Individuals

We had a wonderful turnout at our first [Human Library event](#) on March 10th! 18 people met on Zoom and were moved between breakout rooms featuring one of our six human books: Kara Anand-Gall, Helane Androne, Melissa Carrion, Bob Davis, Susan Marine, and Caryn Neumann. One of our survey respondents described the event like this: "Wonderful opportunity to build community and start what I think will be great conversations across spaces we might never otherwise get to traverse." We thank everyone who volunteered to be a book and all those who attended as readers! We are looking forward to holding another event in the future and we encourage you to contact us if you would like to be a book.

There's a New 3D Printer in Town!



The TEC Lab Makerspace at the Gardner-Harvey Library has added a new 3D printer: the Raise3D Pro 2! This printer expands the size of objects that we can print, and also offers a higher quality print resolution. It can use a [wide array of filament types](#), and is completely enclosed, using an air filtration system.

You can request a 3D print and read more about 3D printing on our [TEC Lab Makerspace guide](#).

Below are some answers to questions about 3D printing. Let us know if you have others by using the contact information on the guide.

- How much does it cost?
3D printing charges are based on how long it takes to print an item. The first hour of printing is free. Each additional hour will cost \$1.00.
- How big of an object can I print?
Our largest printer can print in these dimensions: 11 × 12 × 11.8 inches (280 × 305 × 300 mm)
- What colors can I print in?
We have many filament colors. [See our current list](#).
- Can I print anything I want to?
We ask that you respect the intellectual property of others and follow U.S. copyright laws, and not create any objects for the purpose of endangering anyone, both in keeping with the [Miami University 3D Printing and Additive Manufacturing Policy](#).

Books Online: Try the New OhioLINK Electronic Book Center

Ebooks are widely available to Miami University library users in a variety of collections (view a list of them on our website). One of them, the OhioLINK Electronic Book Center (EBC), has a new platform. It is easy to search and browse, works well on mobile devices, and allows users to create bookmarks and lists of books. The EBC includes books published by Oxford University Press, Springer, and Wiley, along with American and English literature collections from Chadwyck-Healey. Additional books from the American Psychological Association and the Institute of Physics will be added during 2021. [Take a look at the EBC today!](#)

Join Gardner-Harvey Library for our Virtual Spring Events

Monthly Book Discussion, Join us Online!

Join us on the last Tuesday of each month at noon for a virtual book discussion! A lively group of readers will be on hand to discuss our chosen book of the month along with others they've been reading. 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 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.

National Parks Geology Speaking Series on Zoom!

Dr. Tammie Gerke, associate teaching professor in geology at Miami University, will share the geology and other interesting information about each national park. Get your questions answered and participate in a live-ly discussion on these national treasures.

- Great Smoky Mountains - April 13th, 4:45-6:15 p.m.

Looking ahead to Fall

What type of events would you like to attend, either virtually or in person this Fall? Gardner-Harvey Library wants your help in building our calendar of events. Presentations, book discussions, interactive talks, makerspace events, what interests you? Please take a minute and fill out [our programming survey](#) and let us know how we can continue to support your interests in the coming year!

Study Rooms, TEC Lab, and One Button Studio on the Middletown Campus

Do you need to use a study room for some quiet study space? To have a socially distant acceptable meeting with fellow classmates or your professor? Would you like to use the equipment in our TEC Lab or record videos in the One Button Studio? You may request to use one of our labs or rooms through [our reservation page](#). Please note that the number of simultaneous users will be reduced to help support social distancing guidelines.

For more information on changes we have made to our spaces and services to help keep everyone safe, check out our [Healthy Together @ the Regional Libraries guide](#).

What are three things the Library staff can do for you?

Jessie Long, Outreach and Instruction Librarian

- Schedule an instruction session
- Suggestions for library displays
- Create tutorials on databases or research related topics

Amy Carmichael, Acquisitions & Technical Services Supervisor

- Order books, DVDs, and e-books for the library collection
- Discuss our magazine and journal subscriptions
- Questions about historical items in the archives

Jennifer Hicks, Circulation & Reserves Supervisor

- Place items on reserve
- Accessing the books, equipment, and other items you need
- Suggestions for TEC lab workshops and equipment

John Burke, Library Director

- Discuss how the library can better meet your information needs
- Research how OER might provide alternatives for your textbook
- General questions on library facilities and services



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