Navigating the Information Universe

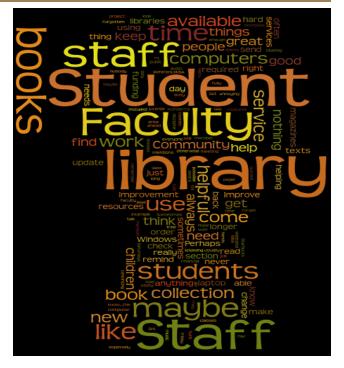
Spring 2011 Newsletter

Library Survey Results Are In!

During Fall 2010, the library gathered suggestions for improvements to the library using a web-based and paper oneminute survey. We had 40 responses from the MUM community: 15 students, 11 faculty members, 11 staff members, and Middletown community members. Respondents made one or more suggestions of ways we could improve the library. Will we add a Starbucks, buy more music CDs, offer a drop-off spot in Johnston to return library items, or hire more staff? We are still analyzing the responses, and considering what is feasible within our budget. We realized from the results that there are some services we need to market more and facets of the library (books and computers) that people really like. We are grateful to members of the MUM community for taking the time to give us input. Our mission is to help you meet your informational needs, and we welcome your feedback at any time to help us fine-tune our services. A visual picture of the most common subjects suggested by respondents can be viewed in the Wordle on the right.

Gaming Day Congratulations

The library staff would like to thank everyone who came out to celebrate National Gaming Day @ your library. Whether you played one of our board games, took part in our Wii challenges, or enjoyed some energy boosting coffee and candy, we hope you had a great day. We would also like to congratulate the six winners of our Wii challenges, who each received a GameStop gift card as their prize (their names are listed on our blog).



Collections Going Electronic

OhioLINK, a library consortium of 89 Ohio college and university libraries and the State Library of Ohio has just concluded a three year negotiated deal with Elsevier, a noteworthy publisher for the sciences and engineering. OhioLINK users have been accessing about 2400Elsevier journals to date. Now OhioLINK users will have 24/7 electronic access to historic backfiles of Elsevier journals. In some cases, these backfiles run for more than 100 years. Now Ohio researchers may use their institutional logons to access Elsevier scholarly journal articles in the sciences, social sciences, and humanities.

Another Miami Regionals library journal acquisition in Fall 2010, **Nursing @ Ovid**, has also moved into the electronic realm. Eighty three Full-text nursing journals are now available for medical research.

So if you no longer see backruns of favorite Elsevier journals on library shelves, we're now relying on this new electronic acquisition to minimize storage of print journals and maximize library space for study, group work, and other purposes. Yes, academic library collections are shifting from print to electronic formats where that makes sense and cents.

Spring Hours:

Mon—Thu 8am-9pm
Fri 8am-5pm
Sat 12-4pm
Sun Closed









Save time and money.

How? Take **EDT 251** and improve your research skills.
It is offered as a 10-week, 2 credit Sprint course starting Feb. 16th, taught by new librarian Jessie Long Register now!

Did You Know That the Gardner-Harvey Library Offers...

Think the library is just a building full of books? Think again. To highlight all that the Gardner-Harvey Library has to offer students, faculty, staff and the public, see the following list of services and features (also available in a display in the library):

- → All the tech equipment you need to complete projects, including laptops, voice recorders, microphones, digital cameras and video cameras
- \hookrightarrow A virtual library that is open 24/7
- → Millions of books, articles and DVDs for your research needs
- → Online tutorials to show you how to use the library
- →Textbooks on Reserve for many introductory courses
- → Help citing sources in your bibliography
- → A group study area downstairs, study areas tucked throughout the library and two STAR Lounges available for technology project preparation, study or viewing DVDs
- → Recreational reading, viewing and gaming opportunities with our Kindles, iPads and Wii

- → Multiple contact methods: text, phone, in person, IM and e-mail
- → Follow us on Facebook, Twitter, and the library blog to keep up with library news and events.

Libraries Provide the Tools You Need to Get the Job Done!

Library databases can help you achieve your academic and career goals. How? Well, take Learning Express Library for example. This powerful database enables you to prepare for 100s of academic and professionals exams such as the Advanced Placement Exams, GED, ACT, SAT, GRE, GMAT, LSAT, MCAT, PRAXIS, Nursing entrance exams, Law Enforcement, Civil Service, and U.S. Citizenship. Practice exams are scored immediately. Skills improvement courses are also available in mathematics, reading, writing, and technology. Do you want to update your computer skills? Take one or more of the brand new Microsoft 2010 courses! If you are job hunting, then use the new Job and Career Accelerator module of Learning Express Library. Complete a personal occupation matcher to discover which occupations match your academic preparation and experience. Then view real time jobs posted on national job boards and sites. This is one database you need to "test drive". First time users must create an account in an Ohio library like GHL. Then you may access it remotely from anywhere, anytime. Another library database that saves time and money for Miami University students/staff/ faculty is RefWorks. After you create an account, you are able to export citations for articles, books, and media from the Miami Catalog and databases into RefWorks for all your papers, presentations, and projects. Then you can create a bibliography in any citation format you select: APA, MLA, Chicago, etc. No more bibliographic nightmares! Visit the Gardner-Harvey Library today and learn more.

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