

NAVIGATING THE INFORMATION UNIVERSE

Information Literacy to Go

In today's information world, lifelong learning has become a given. It's an essential coping strategy academically, personally, and professionally. Just consider the discovery tool journey we have all taken in the last thirty years: from card catalogs to desktop computers to iPads to Smartphones. So change has arrived and information literacy skills keep us moving ahead.

In the Gardner-Harvey Library's quest to stay relevant, the staff offers various paths to information literacy. For the spontaneous, drop-in Info Desk service is available to get answers to questions. For planners, schedule a [research consultation](#) to receive personal advice on searching for needed information for papers or projects. For online types, [IM or text](#) the Gardner-Harvey Library for a quick response. For faculty, schedule [information literacy sessions](#) to develop your students' research skills so they go beyond Google to use subject-specific databases and electronic books libraries now acquire. For innovative instructors, collaborate with an [embedded librarian](#) within Niihka to deliver library resources relevant to your course-related research assignments. In these ways, users discover the latest offerings in Miami University Libraries' collections, which also change.



Pardon our Mess! Change Cometh

Perhaps you have noticed the library's changing space?

The Info Desk has a new look. The entry is now more open to allow for display space. This new open area will also allow users to enjoy moveable, modular furnishings for individual & group work.

Once carpeting is complete, shelves will be shifted and some staff offices be relocated. This will result in much desired, smaller, quieter study areas for individuals and small groups in the book stacks area.

Users may reserve STAR Lounge I, II, and the Group Study Area on the lower level for group study, presentation practice, viewing videos, meetings, Wii games, etc.

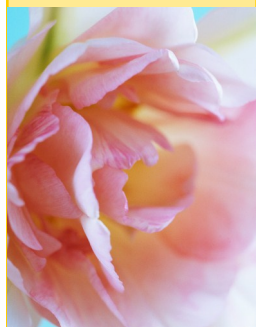
Please come by this spring and see our work in progress.



Learn the Ins and Outs of Online Research:

Register for EDT 251, Spring 2012!

This spring semester students may enroll in a two credit course which focuses on search skills and library resources. Public Services librarian Jessie Long will teach the course as a hybrid offering. Students who complete the course realize its universal value and often say, "Everyone should take this." Why not develop your research reach and register now? **Starting Feb. 15, 2012 at 2:15 pm.**



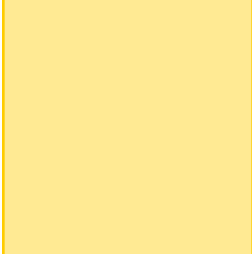
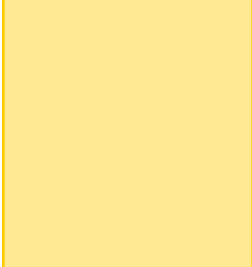
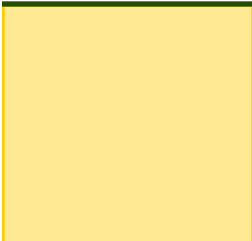
Spring 2012 Newsletter

"I am only one, but I am one. I cannot do everything, but I can do something. And because I cannot do everything, I will not refuse to do the something that I can do."

Edward Everett Hale,
1822-1909

Spring Hours:

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



Mural Contest

The Gardner-Harvey Library is adding to its art collection! We are having another Mural Painting contest that is open to all Miami University students, faculty, staff, and the MUM community. Design submissions for the contest can be made individually or as a group. The designs will be judged based on color scheme, design, originality, and ability to express a theme associated with libraries or Miami University Middletown. Stay tuned for the submission deadline!

Coming Attractions

GHL Live: Get Connected

Some users never come to Library; they prefer to visit virtually. And that's okay! But for those who do walk through the doors of the Gardner-Harvey Library in the New Year, the staff are planning a number of events with you in mind. Details to follow:

First Week: Hot Chocolate, Coffee, & Tea
Mural Contest

What's Your Dream Contest

Last Week: Iced Tea, Lemonade, & Coffee
And More to Come...

LMS Embedded Librarians @ Miami Middletown

The on-going Embedded Librarian Program is entering its 7th semester in spring 2012. It is an online solution to improving students' research assignment outcomes. In fall 2011, 20 instructors teaching nearly 30 sections with more than 800 enrolled students, taking lower and upper division courses across the disciplines, collaborated with an embedded librarian in Niihka.

If this approach to delivering library resources, services, and research strategies appeals to you, there is still time to participate by contacting Beth Tumbleson, tumbleb@muohio.edu. Those instructors who do, typically continue in the program. Ask them why... One student who used the service said simply, "FABULOUS!"

Whiteboard Questions

The staff here at GHL are very interested in hearing your ideas for improving the library. Occasionally you may see white boards throughout the library with survey questions. Please feel free to respond to these and provide us with helpful feedback!

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