

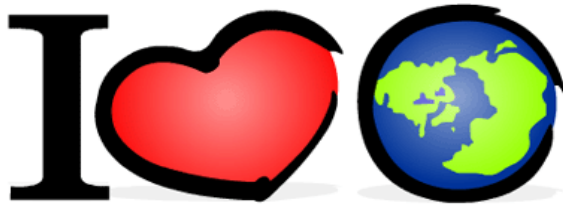


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Rentschler Library Faculty Newsletter. Spring 2012

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Rentschler Library Celebrates Earth Day



Please help out - your planet needs you!

Rentschler Library is celebrating Earth Day 2012 by practicing the Three R's: REDUCE, REUSE, AND RECYCLE and we challenge **you** to do the same. From **April 16-27**, we invite you to drop off your recyclable materials – including plastic bags, alkaline batteries, crayons, cell phones, cans, plastic bottles, and ink cartridges (from desktop printers). Every time you bring in something to recycle, we will enter your name into a drawing for a very cool tote bag filled with earth friendly goodies.

Celebrating Earth Day....Every Day!

Rentschler Library is committed to exploring & adopting green practices throughout the year. Below are just a few of the ways we try to Reduce, ReUse & Recycle.

Reduce: Advances in technology have helped us knock our carbon footprint down a little. For example, e-journals and databases make it easy to save & store full-text articles...without wasting toner & paper on photocopies. Similarly, we encourage our users to choose our printers' "scan to email" function over making costly photocopies. We've also been able to reduce photocopying by hundreds of handouts each semester by creating library research guides directly inside Niihka course sites.

ReUse: Each semester, we save hundreds of outdated or undesired books from going to the landfill. Discarded books are donated to Better World Books, where they can be resold for profits that benefit international literacy campaigns & programs.

Recycle: Books that aren't in good enough shape to be donated to Better World Books are recycled locally, thereby saving fuel from transportation AND landfill space. We also encourage users to recycle year-round by offering an alkaline battery recycling receptacle, strategically placed paper recycling bins, and a place to deposit their cans & bottles before entering the library.

Rentschler Library's "Top 10" Books for Earth Day

- Shift your Habit: Easy Ways to Save your Money, Simplify your Life, & Save the Planet (GE196.R64 2010)
- Industrial Evolution: Local Solutions for a Low Carbon Future (HD9502. A2.E87 2011)
- The Conscious Kitchen: The New Way to Buy & Cook Food—To Protect the Earth, Improve your Health, & Eat Deliciously (GE195. Z58 2010)
- Cradle to Cradle: Remaking the Way we Make Things (TD794.5 M395 2009)
- Out of Water: From Abundance to Scarcity & How to Solve the World's Water Problems (HD1691 .C493 2011)
- Switching to Solar: What we can Learn from Germany's Success in Harnessing Clean Energy (TK1087 . J64 2011)
- How to Cool the Planet: Geoengineering and the Audacious Quest to Fix the Earth's Planet (QC 981.8 C5 G666 2010)
- The World is Blue: How our Fate and the Oceans are One (GC 21.E28 2009)
- Boundaries: A Casebook in Environmental Ethics (GE42.G83 2010)
- Doing Environmental Ethics (GE42. T73 2009)

Check YOUR carbon footprint at: www.nature.org/greenliving/carboncalculator/index.htm



OhioLINK Changes

Extended Loan Periods for Faculty

Beginning July 1, the faculty loan period for OhioLINK books will be extended to 6 weeks—doubling the amount of time you can keep them before returning or renewing. The loan period for students and other OhioLINK users will remain 21 days. The number of possible renewals has increased to six (6) times for all users. Users may also place holds on checked-out materials that are ten (10) or fewer days from their due date.

Media loan periods remain just 7 days & will still not be eligible for renewal.

New Delivery Service Provider

Beginning April 13th, *Priority Dispatch* will be OhioLINK's new delivery service provider. Delivery times may be slightly slower during the transition period as drivers grow accustomed to—and make changes to—current delivery routes.

Staff News



Gayle Riley will be retiring from Miami University and leaving her position as Senior Library Assistant at the end of this semester. Gayle began her Miami career in 1992 in Student Health Services (Oxford campus), before joining the Rentschler Library staff in 1996.

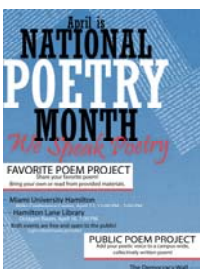
New Library Give-Aways



Well, they aren't really GIVE-Aways...you have to earn them by getting ten punches on your Frequent User Card! In addition to our popular flash drives, Rentschler Library has added these uber cool metallic water bottles AND a snazzy zippered tote bag to the prize kitty.

Plenty of flash drives and a limited number of Rentschler Library coffee tumblers are also still available...get yours before they are all gone!

April Events



Favorite Poem Project

Rentschler Library again joined forces with MUH faculty to organize the 5th Annual Favorite Poem Project! Share your favorite published poem with a captivated audience, or just come & listen while the campus speaks poetry. Events are Thursday, April 12th from noon-2pm in Wilks, and Monday April 16th from 7-9 pm at Hamilton's Lane Public Library. You can also add your voice to the "Public Poem Project", our first campus-wide collectively written poem! Visit the Democracy Wall April 16th-20th.

Mad Anthony Writers' Conference

On April 13th-14th,, Wilks Conference Center will be packed full of published and aspiring writers at the 7th Annual Mad Anthony Writers' Conference. Profits from the event support the local Boys and Girls Club . Learn more about the Conference from their website: www.WriteLikeMad.com .

Spring Fling

Stop by Rentschler Library's table on Thursday, April 19th to test your Trivial Pursuit skills! Interesting tidbit—legend has it that the game's creators, Scott Abbott & Chris Haney, made up the game to beat boredom when they realized they'd lost pieces from their Scrabble board. Genius! Learn more about the game & find tips to winning at www.boardgamespub.com/board-games/trivial-pursuit .

