

The Link *Rentschler Library Faculty Newsletter. Summer 2013*

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Favorite Poem Project 2013

To celebrate National Poetry Month, Rentschler Library, the English Department, and Lane Public Libraries sponsored two poetry reading events in the month of April. Attendees were invited to



participate in an open-mic style setting by reading their favorite poems or works by their favorite poets. Both events were attended by Miami Hamilton students, faculty, and staff as well as members of the community.

The event at MUH's Wilks Conference Center was attended by fifty-six people. Thirty-two poems were read by twenty-five readers.

At MUH Downtown, twenty-four readers read forty-five poems. There were a total of forty-two people in attendance.



Video from the reading at Miami Hamilton Downtown is posted at:

<http://vimeo.com/groups/muhd/videos/64757177>

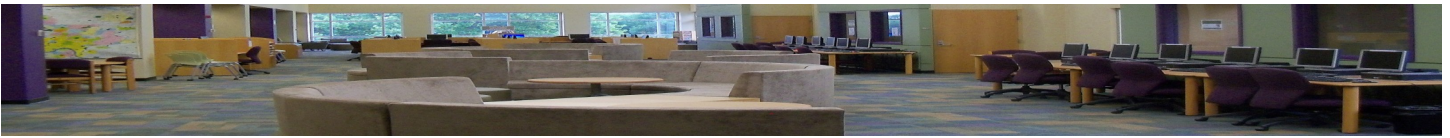
and pictures from both events are posted on Rentschler Library's flickr page:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/rentschlerlibrary/> .

Photos: Left: Mark Shores reading at MUH Downtown. **Above:** Polly Whitaker reading at MUH Wilks Conference Center.

Ask Us About . . .

<p>Library Instruction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research Assignments • Information Literacy • Search Strategies <p>Class Reserves</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Electronic Articles • Library or Personal Copy <p>Research Resources</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extended Borrowing Times • Access to Databases • Interlibrary Loan Services 	<p>Public Equipment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Color Printer & Copier • Scanner • Microform Machines • Computers with extensive software <p>Librarian Liaisons</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support Subject Areas • Guides & Bibliographies
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Textbook Alternatives

“On average, college students spend around \$1,200 each year on books and supplies” (Fitzgerald). But assisting students with the costs of college by requiring less expensive course resources doesn’t mean that you also have to sacrifice on the quality of the materials. There are some cost-effective alternatives to textbooks, such as open educational resources (OERs), online articles, library-purchased ebooks, and streaming videos that might be appropriate for your course(s). Some subject areas will have more options than others, but there should be some options for all areas. We can work with you to help you find options that will work for your course(s).

If you would like more information about some of these options and/or are interested in using them in your course(s), you can:

- Check out the guide: <http://libguides.lib.muohio.edu/textbookalternatives>.
- Attend the session during Opening Workshop on August 19.
- Contact Carrie Girton at girtonc@miamioh.edu or 785-3180.

Fitzgerald, Michael. “Free Textbooks Spell Disruption for College Publishers.” MIT Technology Review 19 Nov. 2012. Web. 24 April 2013.

“Some people say libraries are old-fashioned, they’re lost in a new society. No. It’s all learning in a new environment.”
—Richard M. Daley, former mayor of Chicago”

“What They Said.” *American Libraries*, June 2013. p. 21.

Rentschler Quick Stats: 2012-2013

Circulation	
Total Checkouts, Includes:	16,503
Checked out to OhioLINK Users	1,616
Checked out to other MU Libraries	1,224
MUH patrons borrowing from other MU libraries	2,614
Circulation Renewals	4,768
Popular Reading (Bestsellers) Checkouts	334
Total Reserve Checkouts (Includes Textbooks on Reserve, Digital Equipment, Study Rooms, etc.)	4,389
Non-Book Checkouts (videos)	590
Group Study Room Checkouts	786
Library Traffic	
Total Visitors	94,101
Library Instruction	
Total Sessions	120
Total Students	1,979
Use of the Library Online	
Website Visits	29,397
Unique Visitors	13,625
Instant Messages	205
Visits to Library Blog	48,117
Facebook Rentschler Library Page	543 fans
Collection Management	
Number of Books Purchased	1,908

*Some stats are approximate.

Be sure to check the library’s blog for updates, important information, fun facts, and tidbits.
rentschlerlibrary.wordpress.com