



The Link

Rentschler Library Faculty Newsletter. Fall 2013

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Welcome!

Welcome to (or back to) Miami University Hamilton! The library staff is very excited about this new school year and looking forward to working with all of you. For those of you who may not know, "The Link" is the library's newsletter for faculty and staff. Each edition will be a little different, but you will always find information about the library and other helpful information about research and college students. We are here to help you as you teach and help your students learn. On the pages that follow, you will



read about ways that we can assist you. If you have any questions at all, or would like to use any of the services we offer, please feel free to contact us.

Helpful library webpages:

Information for Faculty

<http://www.ham.miamioh.edu/library/faculty>

Library Staff Contact Information

<http://www.ham.miamioh.edu/library/staff>

Subject Liaisons

<http://www.ham.miamioh.edu/library/liaison>

Subject Liaisons

Subject Liaisons are responsible for making decisions about the library collection, including purchasing and withdrawal, in assigned subject areas. Each professional librarian serves as a liaison to several departments so that faculty have an easily identifiable point of contact within the library. Their role is to stay aware of the collection's strengths and weaknesses so that purchases can be made that support class research, while also balancing the needs of the greater Miami Hamilton curriculum.

How can you help make sure our collection serves your students' research needs? Please give your Subject Liaison a copy of your syllabi and keep them informed of changes in research assignments. You can also make suggestions of titles you would like added to the collection. Together, we can build a stronger collection that contributes to the intellectual and cultural development of the MUH community.

Ask Us About . . .

Library Instruction

- Research Assignments
- Information Literacy
- Search Strategies

Class Reserves

- Library or Personal Copy
- ### Research Resources
- Extended Borrowing Times
 - Access to Databases
 - Interlibrary Loan Services

Public Equipment

- Color Printer & Copier
- Scanner
- Microform Machines
- Computers with extensive software

Librarian Liaisons

- Support Subject Areas
- Guides & Bibliographies



Tired of only seeing websites on Works Cited pages? We can help!

Are you requiring a research assignment and want your students to use the best possible sources? It's not too late to schedule library instruction! We will tailor our presentation directly to your students' needs and provide time for hands-on experience searching library databases. Some of the things we cover include formulating search strategies, evaluating sources, and using the library's electronic resources. Our instruction lab seats 25 students, but we can offer alternatives for large classes. Requests must be made at least one week in advance so that we can prepare the best possible learning experience; sessions are subject to lab and librarian availability.

You can request an instruction session by filling out our online form at

<http://www.ham.miamioh.edu/library/facultyinstruction>

or by contacting Mark Shores at shoresml@miamioh.edu or 785-3203.

**"The library was the place I went to find out what there was to know. It was absolutely essential."
—Zadie Smith**

www.brainyquote.com

Course Reserves

What are Course Reserves?

If you have supplemental resources, required readings outside of your class textbook, or videos that students need to watch, consider placing the items on reserve at Rentschler Library. The instructor determines the circulation time for each item, which can include 2 hour (library use only), 2 hour/overnight, 1 day, or 3 day checkouts. Only your personal copies and Miami University Libraries' copies can be placed on reserve; we are unable to put OhioLINK or materials from other libraries on reserve.

Can I put items on Reserve for my students to download or photocopy at the library?

The library's equipment cannot be used to download reserve videos or reserve music that is protected by copyright. Instead, DVDs and CDs can be played on the public computers, and reserve videos can also be viewed in the library's dedicated viewing rooms. Students can use the library's photocopying equipment to reproduce supplemental print materials, like articles and book chapters. However, it is a violation of copyright law to photocopy an entire textbook that is a required class purchase.

How do I put items on Reserve?

Please come to Rentschler Library's circulation counter to fill out a request form. Depending upon library staffing and the volume of requests, it can take up to 3 days to make reserve items available to students. For more information, please contact Hannah Ellinghausen at ellinghl@miamioh.edu or 513-785-3179.

Be sure to check the library's blog for updates, important information, fun facts, and tidbits.

rentschlerlibrary.wordpress.com



New and Improved!

Over the past two years, we have worked hard to update our audio/visual collection at Rentschler Library. We have replaced many of our most popular VHS tapes with DVDs and have added loads of brand new DVD titles. All of these new videos will be on display in the library for a short time so you can browse through and check them out. You will find titles that will complement your course work and other titles that are just for fun. (We have all three seasons of Downton Abbey!) If you would like to use any of these in your classes, please let us know and we can put them on reserve and/or stream them for you.

To see a list of new titles, follow this link and look through the first few pages:

[http://www.lib.muohio.edu/multifacet/books/%2A?field=text&fn\[\]=formats&fv\[\]=DVD&fn\[\]=item_campus&fv\[\]=Hamilton&sort=catdate_desc](http://www.lib.muohio.edu/multifacet/books/%2A?field=text&fn[]=formats&fv[]=DVD&fn[]=item_campus&fv[]=Hamilton&sort=catdate_desc)

Staff News

Welcome Mike Farmer!

Mike joined the Rentschler Library Staff as the Senior Library Assistant in June, but you may also recognize him from working here as a student assistant and from taking classes at the Miami Regional Campuses. He has an Associate in Arts, with a concentration in Business from Miami, and is currently working towards finishing his Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Health Information Technology Major.

Originally from Northern Virginia, Mike has served in the United States Marine Corps, is an Eagle Scout, and was a Captain in charge of heavy rescue and EMS services while in North Carolina. Something you may not know about Mike is that he is in Ohio Patriot Guard and loves to ride motorcycles.

We're excited that Mike has joined our staff. Make sure you stop by and say "Hello!"

New Furniture!



The last phase of our remodel is now complete! Over the summer, we added several couches, footstools, and laptop tables in the main section of the library.

So far they have been very popular with the students for studying, lounging, and even sleeping! Make sure you stop by and try them out!