



The Link

Rentschler Library Faculty Newsletter. Spring 2021

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COVID Continued . . .

As with Fall semester, we've had to make some adjustments to our services and operations. While many of our policies and services may have changed or may be temporarily unavailable, one thing has not changed—we are here to help!! This issue of *The Link* describes some of these changes; some of this information is the same as Fall, but some of it is new. We have also created a [Rentschler Library Services during COVID-19 guide](#) that outlines all of the changes. Please check it often for important updates and information.

Let's Keep Miami Healthy

Please Follow These Guidelines



Wear a face covering in public spaces and common areas



Practice social distancing and stay at least 6' from others



Wash your hands regularly for 20 seconds with soap & water



Stay home if you're sick



Healthy Together

MiamiOH.edu/healthytogether

Library Hours

Our hours this semester are:

Monday-Thursday: 8:00am-6:00pm

Friday: 8:00am-12:00pm (noon)

Saturday, Sunday: CLOSED

All assistance beyond checking out materials will be provided virtually. So, if you or your students need help finding resources, please call (513-785-3235), text (513-795-8849), [chat](#), or [email](#). We can also [schedule online research appointments](#)!



Library Use

At this time, Rentschler Library is only open for Miami University students, staff, and faculty.

- All library users must wear masks at all times.
- Please do not rearrange library furniture. Furniture has been arranged to ensure proper physical distancing.
- There are limited numbers of public computers available due to physical distancing requirements. Users wanting to log on to a computer must first get a keyboard and mouse at the main service desk. The keyboard and mouse will be disinfected when returned.
- Food and drink is prohibited.
- All books will be quarantined for 6 days before being checked in, reshelfed, or checked out to another user. Returned items will still show on your account until after the quarantine period.



New Instructional Resources

OhioLINK received \$2.5 million from the Ohio Governor’s Emergency Education Relief (GEER)* funds through the Ohio Department of Higher Education. The funds are being used to purchase digital resources, such as streaming video and e-books, to supplement online research, as well as provide instructional support for a wide range of curriculum, including physical and applied science courses that traditionally have not been taught online. Some of these resources—like documentary films—will only be available for 1 or 2 years.

Resources include:

- JoVE (Journal of Visual Experiments) Core + Lab Manual Combo—[Biology](#), [Chemistry](#), and [Social Psychology](#)
- [Sage Business Cases](#)
- [MIT Press Direct eBooks](#)

For more information and to see the schedule for free training sessions about specific resources, please visit OhioLINK’s [GEER Resources for Faculty](#) webpage.

*GEER is part of the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act, which authorized federal economic aid in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

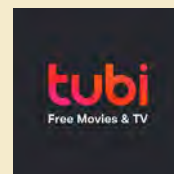
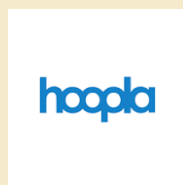
Streaming Video Options

Due to copyright law, the University Libraries can no longer legally convert our locally owned DVDs into a streaming format in most cases. The libraries have several other options for providing you and your students with streaming video, however. When you need to use a film for an online or hybrid course, please fill out this form: [Streaming Video Request Form](#). Be sure to include information describing any assignments tied to the film, including papers, projects, and discussions, etc.

When librarians receive the form, we will look for access to the film from a variety of resources including free online options such as Tubi and Crackle, to license leases from services like Kanopy or Swank.

In some instances, a title is not available through a free online service and is also unavailable to lease through our licensing vendors. In this scenario,:

- We can place a DVD copy on reserve in the library.
- Students can rent the film through services such as Amazon or Netflix.
- The library can assist students in borrowing a DVD copy from OhioLINK or a public library.
- We can check for access to a streaming version of the film through a public library leasing service similar to Kanopy and Swank, called Hoopla. Access to Hoopla requires a public library card.





Online Library Instruction Sessions

Library instruction sessions will be delivered via any of the web conferencing technologies available to you as a faculty member. This may include Google Meet, Zoom, or WebEx. We tailor each session to your course, assignment(s) and possible topics. This could include how to find books and ebooks, scholarly journal articles, and how to evaluate web information. [Please fill out our instruction request form.](#)

Embedded Librarian

Our Embedded Librarian Program involves placing a custom library resources page (with links to databases, tutorials, and other course-specific resources along with contact information for a librarian) in your Canvas course to assist your students at their point of need. All resources included in these guides are selected based on the guidelines for research based assignments in the course. We work with both on-campus and online courses and can provide this service as a supplement to an instruction session. View these recent guides to see what the embedded librarian can do for your students: [DST/SPA 312](#) and [KNH 242](#)

To request embedded librarian services for your class, [please fill out our request form.](#)

Information Literacy Modules

[Credo Instruct \(formerly Credo InfoLit Modules\)](#) includes 80 digital resources to develop students' information literacy skills ranging from evaluating information to using appropriate sources to citations and academic integrity. Resources include tutorials, videos, interactive exercises to practice concepts, and quizzes. Any or all of these items can be added to your Canvas course site either as module elements or as assignments for the students to complete. Please contact a librarian for assistance with adding these items to your Canvas course site.

Course Reserves and LOLA

For spring semester of 2021 the library will be unable to provide traditional print reserves services. This decision is based on the guidelines and suggestions from the American Library Association; the Center for Disease Control; and a [recent study](#) conducted by Battelle, OCLC, and the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Miami University Libraries (MUL) will be offering Limited Online Library Access (LOLA) in the spring 2021 semester. Through this short-term lending service, MU scholars will be able to digitally access works held in the MUL physical collection remotely via Canvas.

Instructors may request that materials be made accessible via LOLA using this [online form](#). Since this involves scanning print materials, requests will be fulfilled within 3-5 business days, though more time may be needed depending on the nature of the work and the timing of the request.

Generally, items will be made available via LOLA for circulation periods comparable to that of the physical item held in the MUL collection, so if the item is a reserve item, it will be accessible to students in two hour increments. Students will request access to materials using the same [online form](#). Requests to access materials already in LOLA will typically be filled within 48 hours or less.

Questions about LOLA should be directed to Carla Myers, MU's copyright librarian, at myersc2@miamioh.edu.

