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York College Library

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Technology Fee

The York College Library has been able to subscribe to some new databases because of the new Technology Fee. Among the databases now available to users of the York College Library because of the Technology Fee are:

Social Works Abstracts, a database often asked for in the past which gives users access to

a vast amount of information in the field of social work, social sciences, etc.

Opposing Viewpoints, a database of interest to those who need information on somewhat controversial topics. This database is good for Library users in speech courses, as well as in the humanities and the social sciences.

These databases can be accessed from the York College Library webpage:
www.york.cuny.edu/~lib/main.html

In the near future, other databases will be available because of the Technology Fee.

Queens High School for the Sciences

York College Library welcomes the faculty, students, and staff of the Queens High School for the Sciences at York College. The high school opened in September 2002 and is one of four high schools located on CUNY campuses; the others are the High School for Math, Science and Engineering at City College, the High School of American Studies at Lehman College, and the Baruch College Campus High School. The students of the Queens High School for the Sciences enjoy full library privileges including borrowing, use of the Library's computers, access to study rooms and reference assistance. In December, Ms. Miller was hired to support the library needs of these incoming students and faculty. Her goal is to assist them in accessing and using a wide variety of materials to meet their research and professional needs. Ms. Miller graduated from York College and received her MLS from Queens College. She most recently was Assistant Division Manager of the Social Sciences Division at the Queens Borough Public Library.

Computers in the Library

The computers in the Library are for academic use. To check the exact policy of the college, please visit:

www.york.cuny.edu/~lib/policy.html

To check the policy of the City University of New York, please visit:

www.york.cuny.edu/~lib/computeruseguidelines.html

Those who violate these policies may face disciplinary charges and have their library privileges suspended..

At the present time, some of the computers are connected to printers. To use a printer, the user must have value on a VendaCard. Blank VendaCards are distributed to newly enrolled students; replacement cards can be purchased in the Library. Value can be added to VendaCards in the Library also.

Most of the computers in the Library are connected to the World Wide Web. Some of them are exclusively for word processing. It is advisable to check computer A drives when beginning to work on a computer and to save information frequently. A Library user must bring a formatted disk to the Library in order to save information.

CUNYPLUS Changes

CUNYPLUS, the online catalog of the City University of New York, is undergoing a major change. At the present time, both the old and new systems are available at libraries.cuny.edu. The new system features many conveniences, including the ability to conveniently search the catalogs of the holdings of individual colleges as well as the entire City University. The new catalog is easy to use, and all the commands are easily accessed by looking at the screen. Naturally, if any help is needed, simply ask at one of the York College Library reference desks.

Classrooms in the Library

Recently, several classrooms were constructed on the H wing of the third floor of the Library. These classrooms will be used for regular college classes while the Library is open. In addition, they can be used for quiet study when the Library is open but classes are not scheduled.

Library Hours

While classes are in session during the Fall and Spring semesters , the Library is usually open:

Monday – Thursday	G Wing	9:00 A.M. to 10:45 P.M.
	H Wing	9:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.
Friday:	G and H wings	9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
Saturday	G Wing	10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
	H Wing	11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Sunday		Closed

To check hours for a specific day, you can call 718 262 2023.

Videos in the Library

Because of the work of Mr. Colucci of the Counseling Department, the Library has a selection of current videos that can be borrowed. The collection includes titles such as:

Nightmare on Elm Street 2

Rising Sun

Undisputed

Crimes of Passion

In addition to this collection, there are more educational videos available. All videos are available at the Circulation Desk, on the third floor of the G wing. Videos are only available to the York community.

FOOD AND DRINK ARE PROHIBITED: this is part of the Library.