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## SPRING 2005

York College Library

Newsletter

### **Barcodes and ID**

#### **Cards**

The College has issued new ID cards for all York College students, faculty, and staff. The new ID cards have a Library barcode built in to it. Unfortunately, occasionally the barcodes do not work with the Library system. Therefore, it is essential that the new ID card's barcode be validated by a member of the Library staff at the Circulation

desk as soon as it is issued. The validation is quick and necessary. A new ID card with a new barcode can be produced by the Public Safety staff issuing ID cards. The replacement card is free if it is necessitated by a faulty barcode.

If the barcode is faulty, the user will not be able to do many Library related things, including taking out books, using reserve materials, and using the reference databases on the World Wide Web made available by CUNY

and York. Thus, it is essential that the barcode be checked immediately upon issuance of the ID card.

## **Music History Archive**

### **Display**

The display of the Music Archives has been moved from its former home to the left of the entrance to the G wing of the Library to an area opposite the Library Circulation desk. In this location, the Archives are more easily viewed. Visit them at your convenience!

### **Displays and Exhibits**

There is a frequently changing exhibit in the G Wing of the Library. The current exhibit showcases artifacts from Asia. Please visit the two exhibit cases at your convenience. In addition, there are two book displays near the

Reference desk in the G Wing of the Library. One is devoted to new books acquired by the Library; the other is a rotating display.

### **Music CDs**

The Library of York College has received a limited number of music compact disks. These were acquired by the Library as a part of a legal settlement agreed to by New York State. The music CDs will be available at the Reserve desk in the near future.

### **Videotape Collection**

There is a constantly growing collection of videotapes available in the Library. They can be borrowed at the Reserve desk.

## Library Hours

When classes are in session during the Fall and Spring semesters, the G wing of the Library will be open as follows:

Monday – Thursday

9:00 A.M. to 10:45 P.M.

Friday and Saturday

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sunday

Closed

The H Wing of the Library will be open during the Fall and Spring semesters when classes are in session:

Monday – Thursday

9:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Friday and Saturday

9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Sunday

Closed

Please note that the Library is only open these hours when classes are

in session. When the College is closed, the Library is also closed. In general, when there are no classes scheduled, the Library will be open Monday through Friday, 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. and closed Saturday and Sunday.

Please check for hours of operation by asking one of the Library faculty or staff, or checking the Library's World Wide Web page at [www.york.cuny.edu](http://www.york.cuny.edu) and clicking on Library.

## Survey

CUNY has agreed to conduct a survey of the user's opinion of the quality of Libraries within CUNY. The LIBQUAL survey uses a web interface and protocol to ask users about their Library service expectations and experiences. All Library users are encouraged to complete the survey. The address of the survey will be made available in the very near future; it will be sent to your York College email address, and it will be posted within the Library.

## World Wide Web

### Resources

Students, faculty and staff with valid York College ID cards and Library barcodes can use the Library reference

databases on-line. If the user dials the number at York College, s/he will be treated as if s/he is on campus, and all the resources will be available from the York College Library homepage. The web address is:

[www.york.cuny.edu](http://www.york.cuny.edu)

Then click on Library.

You can also gain access to the Library related resources subscribed to by CUNY central. Go to: [libraries.cuny.edu](http://libraries.cuny.edu) or [Portal.cuny.edu](http://Portal.cuny.edu) (registration is necessary at this site).

Be sure to obtain the necessary phone number, ID and password from Academic Computing (4G02) before try to use the Library related resources!

## Science Direct

One of the newest reference databases made available to York students, faculty and staff is Science Direct. Don't let the name fool you: it is more than just science. It has the full text of a great number of journals, in the sciences and social sciences. For help using the database, just ask one of the Librarians at the Reference Desk.

## Queens High School for the Sciences at York College

It has been a busy autumn. In September, 2004, School Media Specialist Christina Miller oriented freshmen to the library, its resources, CUNY+ and databases..

Several book displays were created in the Fall 2004 semester. The Banned Books display coincided with Banned Books Week, 9/25-10/2; ALEX Award selections were displayed in October; a display to celebrate Jewish Book Month was created in November; and international award-winning books were displayed in December. The most recent display is entitled "Escape the weather with a b good book!"

This year, 19 Queens High School for the Sciences students are Junior Fellows of the New York Academy of Medicine. Ms. Miller and Ms. Gretchen Hazlin, of the New York Academy of Medicine, will host five workshops in the Spring semester of 2005 for the Junior Fellows in the Library's Information Literacy Room. Students will learn to select a topic,

evaluate books, locate periodicals, search online databases and use the Internet for research.

Faculty continue to utilize Library resources. Mr. Gerardi's music classes used the library to research musical periods, timelines and composers in a two-session library workshop in October, 2004. Ms. Miller prepared a library resource guide for French teacher, Maureen Owens, to help students learn about French-speaking countries. Ms. Keeley's English students used the library to find information for their assignment for Hispanic Heritage Month. Students researched the contributions of Hispanic people to the sciences, arts, literature and music, utilizing at least five resources, including a book, magazine, website, encyclopedia and newspaper. Ms. Gibson brought her science classes to the library to work on their research assignments.

Students from the Queens High School for the Sciences will visit the 92<sup>nd</sup> St. Y on January 11th for a pizza party, interviews with authors Yann Martel and Han Ong, and book readings by the authors.

Ms. Miller's new schedule is Monday through Friday, from 9:00am to 2:00pm. She can be reached at 718-262-2475 or [cmiller@york.cuny.edu](mailto:cmiller@york.cuny.edu)

## Contact Information

To contact the Library, you can email:

[library@york.cuny.edu](mailto:library@york.cuny.edu)

Library hours are available on the Library webpage: [www.york.cuny.edu](http://www.york.cuny.edu) and click on library. You can also call 262-2023 or 262-2033, 262-2034 or 262-2035.