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The York College Library Newsletter

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Information Literacy

The Library is pleased to announce that information literacy sessions are now available to ALL classes in the college. Information Literacy is a vital skill, closely allied to success in academic pursuits.

To arrange an information literacy session, please contact Professor Sheidlower at 2017 or by email at ssheid@york.cuny.edu. Please suggest a time and date at least two weeks in advance so that reservations can be made.

At the present time, groups of up to 18 can be accommodated. In the future, the Library's Information Literacy classroom will be expanded, and larger groups will be permitted. During a session, the faculty member **MUST** accompany the class and stay for the entire lesson.

New Late Night Librarian

Professor Krepp has joined the faculty of the York College Library as an adjunct in charge of the Library during the late evenings when it is open (Monday through Thursday, 8:30 P.M. to 10:45 P.M. when classes are in session during the fall and spring semesters). Professor Krepp joins the faculty with several years of experience as a reference librarian at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the Graduate Center of CUNY, Kingsborough Community College and Hunter College. He has served as a reference Librarian at the New York Botanical Garden and the University of Rhode Island. In addition to his graduate degree in Library Science, he has a graduate degree in anthropology.

Professor Cleary, who served in this capacity for several years, is leaving New York. We will miss him and his service.

Videos

Because of the donations arranged by Professor Colucci, the Library has added several contemporary videos to its collection. These videos include:

Shrek 2

Walking Tall

Warlock

Dead Above Ground

King Arthur

White Chicks

Lord of the Rings: Return of the King

Big Fish

Videos can be borrowed at the Circulation Desk.

Library Renovations

The Library is going to be renovated in the spring semester of 2006. Included in the renovations will be new carpeting throughout the carpeted parts of the Library, some new furniture, and a new look.

After the renovations, the ID card station will be slightly isolated, though still within the Library. This will permit the interaction between the ID card station and the Library to function more smoothly without significantly disturbing Library users.

Library Hours

When classes are in session, the Library will usually be open as follows:

G Wing

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 10:45 P.M.

Friday and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

H wing

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.

Friday and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

During the summer session, the Library will usually be open:

Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Friday and Saturday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. (when the college is open on Fridays)

When there are no classes, the Library will be open Monday through Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

To check Library hours, please see the Library's webpage (www.york.cuny.edu/library/main.html), or call 718 262 2023.

Interlibrary Loans

Faculty, staff and students can obtain interlibrary loans by either coming into the Library, filling out an interlibrary loan form, and submitting it to the interlibrary loan librarian, Professor H. Young, or faculty and staff can mail their requests to Professor Young at ycill@york.cuny.edu. At the present time, the email requests can only come from faculty and staff.

If you are going to request an interlibrary loan, please be certain that ALL the information is accurate, and that it is not available in full text online. Questions? Call 2035 and ask for Professor Young.

Who To Call

Reference	Professor J. Drobnicki 2034
Collection Development	Professor N. Kinyatti 2021
Interlibrary Loans	Professor H. Young 2035
Circulation/Reserve	Professor D. Su, 2031
Information Literacy	Professor S Sheidlower 2017
Evening/Weekend Librarian	Professor M. Margolis 2022
Chief Librarian	Professor R, Machalow 2025

Library Computers

The Library is going to be replacing a large number of its computers this semester. As a priority, those computers in the Information Literacy classroom will be replaced, and then others on the third floor of the Library. The new computers will be faster than some of the older ones, and will be operating under the Windows XP (service pack 2) system. AntiVirus software will be installed in each computer.

Queens High School for the Sciences at York College

York College Library welcomes the class of 2009. In September, English teacher Ms. Faughey arranged an orientation for the high school's new 9th graders, to be introduced to the Library and Ms. Miller, who continues to serve the Queens High School for the Sciences both in the library and at the high school where, one day a week, she meets with students and teachers.

Students have access to a new database: Grove Music Online. Mr. Gerardi's students used the library to complete an assignment about philosophers (Aristotle, Pythagoras, Boethius) and their contributions to music. They used a variety of print and electronic sources and were required to include a works cited page with their reports.

Ms. Aucoin's social studies class used laptops in their classroom to work on an assignment on the Legislative Process. Ms. Miller introduced students to several websites, periodicals, databases and reference books related to the legislative process. Ms. Aucoin required students to use a variety of sources and include a works cited page with their assignment.

A book display was created in September to coincide with Banned Books Week. ALEX book awards winners (Young Adult Library Association) were displayed in October,; popular science titles were displayed in January.

In October, Ms. Miller attended a workshop for NYC secondary school librarians at the Department of Education Learning Support Center in Flushing. The program included vendor presentations, a Queens Library presentation, and a workshop on additions and improvements to the Region 3 website.

In December, Ms. Miller accompanied Ms. Kaplan and a dozen students to the 92nd S. Y for an interview with celebrated author, Frank McCourt. Mr. McCourt later read from his new book, TEACHER MAN.

The Library serves the students and teachers of the Queens High School for the Sciences by providing library skills instruction and materials to support the curriculum.

NO FOOD OR DRINK PERMITTED IN THE LIBRARY!

This includes the group study rooms and all the classrooms located in the Library.

CELL PHONE USE IS NOT PERMITTED IN THE LIBRARY!

Best Wishes for a good semester from the Library!