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The Touro College Libraries Newsletter

From The Director's Desk

by Dr. Jacqueline A. Maxin

NEW ONLINE SERVICES

In addition to *PowerPages* and *Books in Print PLUS*, the Libraries are pleased to offer two more online information systems: *CARL* and *FirstSearch*.

CARL has more than ten open access databases and 420 library catalogs. Open access databases include *UnCover* (an index to more than 17,000 periodicals), *Journal Graphics Online* (an index to over 75,000 broadcasts which have appeared on CNN, ABC, CBS, PBS, and National Public Radio), and *U.S. Government Publications* (a database of titles published since 1976).

FirstSearch has more than fifty index and abstracting services, including *ABI/INFORM*, *MLA Bibliography*, *ERIC*, and *MEDLINE*. It will soon load the *DataTimes Newspaper* database, which includes the full text of the *Jerusalem Post*.

CARL and *FirstSearch* are available at Libraries with access to the College's Wide Area Network. This includes Midtown, the Women's Building, Midwood, Kings Highway, Bensonhurst, Brighton Beach, Sunset Park, Flushing, and Forest Hills. Harlem and Boro Park will be added to the list soon.

LIBRARY HANDBOOK

These and other resources and services are detailed in our updated *Library Handbook*, which is available at all Touro College Libraries. The *Handbook* features a section entitled "Library Research and Term Papers." It has tips on how to select a topic, find information, take notes, write an outline, document sources, and avoid plagiarism. It also includes a list of style manuals.

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Welcome Back

by Shaindy Kurzmann, Editor
Elaine Braithwaite, Co-Editor

The Touro College Libraries Newsletter will continue to keep you informed about our Libraries' most recent events, services, and acquisitions. During the past semester, most of the Libraries introduced two new powerful computerized indexing services: *CARL* and *FirstSearch*. Enthusiastic student response has become the norm as we retrieve both full-text articles and citations for further research. In addition, there has been an increase in student and faculty use of *Netscape*, our browser for access to the World Wide Web.

Our book collections have also been rapidly expanding, even as we undergo a major switch from the Dewey Decimal system to the Library of Congress classification system.

Our main focus is the implementation of our online catalog. The Main Campus Midtown, where the project is based, will be the first library of Touro College to enjoy this service, after which the rest of our libraries will follow suit.

The Hoenig Collection

by Chaya Drillman, Chief Librarian, LAS

Touro College was privileged to receive the extremely valuable Judaica and Hebraica collection of the late Rabbi Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, a well-known historian, rabbinic scholar, authority on the Dead Sea Scrolls, and activist in the field of Jewish education, both of children and adults.

This 3,500 volume collection was donated by Rabbi Dr. Hoenig's son-in-law, Dr. Ira Bader. It includes medieval and modern commentaries on the Bible, festschriften, rabbinics, works on Jewish history, materials in support of Jewish education programs, and serials, journals, and pamphlets.

The Hoenig collection is certainly eclectic; it reflects the erudition and broad interests of Rabbi Dr. Sidney B. Hoenig, as well as his faithfulness to the teachings of the Jewish heritage and tradition.

FROM THE LIBRARIES

Midwood Facility

About the Midwood Collection

by Chaya Drillman, Chief Librarian, LAS

The Midwood Library, housed in the new facility at Avenue J since March 1995, has been significantly augmented in the following subject areas: education, psychology, the biological sciences, literature, and Judaica. Its extensive business collection has been updated; the study notes and examination preparation manuals for the actuarial program are the most current.

In addition to the new books in the sciences which were acquired by the Library, the valuable gift of the Wischnitzer biomedical collection further supports the Health Sciences program. The Wischnitzer collection consists of several hundred volumes in the subject areas of physiology, anatomy, pathology, genetics, and tissue, cellular, and molecular biology. This collection was reviewed by the Science Department of Touro College.

The speech pathology collection is being augmented in accordance with the guidelines of the Brandon/Hill "Selected List of Books and Journals in the Allied Health Sciences."

Hundreds of literary classics have been added to the Library, including one hundred *Norton Critical Editions* of literary masterpieces, which contain the authoritative texts, notes on background materials and sources, and critical essays.

The Tolkin collection of Judaica classics in translation has certainly enriched our Library. We now have the Soncino translations of the Mishnah and Talmud; the Yale Judaica series, consisting of translations of the Midrash, the Code of Maimonides, and other classics; the Shiff Library of Jewish classics, consisting of translations of Hebrew poetry, philosophy, and miscellaneous significant works of Hebrew and Aramaic literature.

The Midwood Facility Library also received the fine collection of one hundred fifty monographs from Dr. Barry Panzer, a psychotherapist. Included are works on group psychotherapy, neuro-diagnosis in psychotherapy, child psychiatry, research on the effects of television on children, autism, and mental retardation.

Main Campus Harlem

Selected Bibliography on Internet Topics

by Elaine Braithwaite, Librarian, Main Campus Harlem

Browsing is a common pastime among many library users. Now, with the availability of the Internet, the possibilities for browsing in cyberspace are endless. Not only can electronic publications, newsletters, and online versions of popular newsstand magazines be read and downloaded, but information, sound, and graphics from government agencies, private companies, art museums, and more can be had free.

Following is a selected bibliography of books on the Internet available at the Main Campus Harlem Library. Some of these books are geared toward the novice. Several are quite comprehensive in scope. Paul Gilster's *The Internet Navigator* is highly recommended reading. The *Official Internet Yellow Pages* provides a listing of more than 10,000 useful locations arranged by subject and keyword for quick access. The following selection provides an ample source of reference guides.

Education on the Internet, by Jill Ellsworth. Indianapolis, IN: Sams Publishing, 1994.

Finding It on the Internet, by Paul Gilster. New York: John Wiley, 1994.

Free Stuff From the Internet, by Patrick Vincent. Scottsdale, AZ: Coriolis Group Books, 1994.

Internet for Dummies, by John Levine and Carol Baroudi. San Mateo, CA: IDG Books, 1993.

The Internet Navigator, by Paul Gilster. 2nd edition. New York: John Wiley, 1994.

The Internet via Mosaic and World-Wide Web, by Steve Browne. Emeryville, CA: Ziff-Davis, 1994.

The Internet Unleashed, by Stephen Bang. Indianapolis, IN: Sams Publishing, 1994.

Navigating the Internet, by Richard J. Smith. Indianapolis, IN: Sams Publishing, 1994.

Official Internet Yellow Pages, by Christine Maxwell, et. al. 2nd edition. Indianapolis, IN: New Riders Publishing, 1994.

Riding the Internet Highway, by Sharon Fisher. Indianapolis, IN: New Riders Publishing, 1994.

Using the World-Wide Web, by Bill Eager. Indianapolis, IN: Que Corporation, 1994.

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NEW PERSONNEL

The Sunset Park Facility Library has had a change in staff. Zenobia W. Wajadallie-Giles is now that site's Librarian and Leovigildo V. Sanchez is its Library Assistant. The Main Campus Harlem Library has also had a change in personnel with the addition of Roseanne Jordan as a Library Aide.

REFERRALS, LOANS, ALTERNATIVES

When you locate references to materials not available at your Touro Library, talk to your Librarian. S/he can get on the Internet, search online library catalogs, and tell you where items are located.

If you need materials immediately, your Librarian may be able to refer you to a nearby public library. If you need items or resources on a specific subject not available at a public library, your Librarian may be able to refer you to a METRO member library. METRO's members total 255 and include most academic and research libraries in the five boroughs.

In lieu of a referral, your Librarian will most likely be able to obtain materials for you by using interlibrary loan. However, make your requests well in advance of need since it often takes as long as two weeks for items to arrive. If you are in a real hurry, have a major credit card, and wish to have materials mailed or faxed directly to you, you can order them while searching *CARL* and *FirstSearch*.

METRO GRANT

In January, the Touro College Libraries received a Cooperative Collection Development Allotment from METRO, the New York Metropolitan Reference and Research Library Agency. The award of \$12,305 is being used to purchase books in the following areas: microbiology, public finance, computer science, management information science, special education, business administration, speech pathology, occupational therapy, and school psychology. These areas were determined by our Chief Librarians: Chaya Drillman, Bashe Simon, and Timothy V Johnson.

FirstSearch

by Bashe Simon, Chief Librarian,
School for Career and Applied Studies

In our continuing effort to provide our faculty and students with innovative and in-depth research tools, the Touro College Libraries have acquired *FirstSearch*, which has been up and running since January. *FirstSearch* is an electronic information system that provides online access to general and specialized databases, such as *Biography Index*, *Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature*, *ABI/INFORM*, and *MEDLINE*. It also includes the world's largest computerized card catalog, *WorldCat* (the OCLC Online Union Catalog), where one can access more than 32 million bibliographic records representing the holdings of 20,000 libraries. With *FirstSearch* you will find references to books, journals, films, computer software, and other materials on any given subject.

Librarians are specialists trained to assist clients in the selection of relevant databases, the formulation of search strategies, and the retrieval of information. We are excited about the scope and depth of *FirstSearch*. By opening up the world of online information to the College community, we believe that *FirstSearch* is an excellent way to enhance learning and facilitate the research process.

NOTES TO FACULTY

Remember to forward your required and recommended reading lists for the summer and fall semesters to your site Librarian. (See the Directory of Libraries on the back page.) It takes at least six weeks for materials to arrive once a purchase order leaves Touro, so we need your timely input to be ready for students when classes begin.

Contact your site Librarian to schedule an instruction session at which our resources and services can be demonstrated to students. Your site Librarian is prepared to work with you to integrate library resources and services into your curriculum.

DIRECTORY OF LIBRARIES

Main Campus Midtown

Timothy V Johnson, MLS, Chief Librarian
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27-33 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010

tel 212-463-0400, ext. 321; fax 212-627-9144

Library hours: M - Th 9 am - 8 pm
F 9 am - 2 pm

Main Campus Women's Building

Shaindy Kurzmann, MLS, Librarian

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160 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10016

tel 212-213-2230, ext. 119; fax 212-683-3281

Library hours: M - Th 9:30 am - 6 pm
F 10 am - 2 pm

Main Campus Harlem

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240 East 123rd Street, New York, NY 10035

tel 212-722-1575, ext. 325; fax 212-348-6971

Library hours: M - Th 9 am - 5 pm
F 9 am - 2 pm

Avenue D Facility

Gina O. Edwards, AA, Library Assistant

36 Avenue D, New York, NY 10002

tel 212-674-1039; fax 212-387-8876

Library hours: M - Th 9 am - 5 pm
F 9 am - 2 pm

Midwood Facility

Chaya Drillman, MLS, Chief Librarian

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1602 Avenue J, Brooklyn, NY 11230

tel 718-252-7800, ext. 226; fax 718-253-9455

Library hours: Su 10 am - 3 pm *
M - Th 9 am - 9 pm
F 9 am - 2 pm

* Fall and Spring semesters only.

Kings Highway Computer Center Facility

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1103 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11229

tel 718-336-6471; fax 718-336-7001

Library hours: Su 9 am - 3 pm *
M 9 am - 1, 2 - 9 pm
Tu - Th 9 am - 9 pm

* Fall and Spring semesters only.

Bensonhurst Main Facility

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7914 Bay Parkway, Brooklyn, NY 11214

tel 718-236-1538; fax 718-256-2603

Library hours: M - Th 10 am - 4 pm
M - Th 5 pm - 9 pm *

F 10 am - 1 pm

* Fall and Spring semesters only.

Brighton Beach Main Facility

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532 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224

tel 718-449-6160, ext. 118; fax 718-265-6413

Library hours: Su 10 am - 4 pm *

M - Th 10 am - 8 pm

F 10 am - 2 pm

* Fall and Spring semesters only.

Sunset Park Facility

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475 53rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220

tel 718-238-9395; fax 718-567-9166

Library hours: M - Th 9 am - 9 pm

F 9 am - 2 pm

Boro Park Main Facility

Roberta Standish, MLS, Librarian

robertas@tact.touro.edu

1270 47th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11219

tel 718-871-7292; fax 718-871-6187

Library hours: Su 9 am - 5 pm *

M, Th 10 am - 2 pm

Tu 10 am - 12 pm

M, W 5 pm - 8 pm *

F 9 am - 12 pm

* Fall and Spring semesters only.

Flushing Facility

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133-35 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354

tel 718-353-6400; fax 718-353-8952

Library hours: M 10 am - 9 pm

T - Th 10 am - 8 pm

F 10 am - 2 pm

Forest Hills Facility

Rachel Shulman, BA, BHL, Library Assistant

71-02 113th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375

tel 718-261-8783; fax 718-520-8170

Library hours: M - Tu, Th 9 am - 8 pm

W 9 am - 4 pm

F 9 am - 11 am

School of Health Sciences Dix Hills

Blanche Cohn, Medical Librarian

135 Carman Road, Building 10, Dix Hills, NY 11746

tel 516-673-3200, ext. 224; fax 516-673-3432

Library hours: Su 12 pm - 6 pm

M - Th 8 am - 10:30 pm

F 8 am - 2:45 pm