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# The Touro College Libraries Newsletter



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## From The Director's Desk

by Dr. Jacqueline A. Maxin

### NEW ELECTRONIC SERVICES

The Touro College Libraries have switched from *PowerPages* to *ProQuest Direct* for access to the periodical literature. *ProQuest Direct* is faster, covers more journals (including an integrated subset of education journals), and provides more articles in full-text. For details, read the article in the next column.

We have also added *AskERIC*, a source for ERIC, a national database of education publications, and *PubMed*, a source for MEDLINE, the world's largest database of medical information.

The Main Campus Midtown Library has *OT BibSys*, a database of literature in such areas as rehabilitation, education, psychiatry or psychology, and healthcare delivery or administration. *OT BibSys* will soon be available at the Dix Hills Library as well.

Libraries at Midtown, the Women's Building, and Midwood now have the *Index to Jewish Periodicals* on CD-ROM.

Remember that all Touro College Libraries have *FirstSearch*, an online system with over 50 subject specific databases like *PsycFIRST* and *CINAHL*. Midtown, the Women's Building, Midwood, and Harlem also have *DIALOG Select*, a system with over 250 leading databases, including *PsycINFO*, *Dun's Market Identifiers*, and *CHEMSEARCH*.

We have also added the complete *Marquis Who's Who*, which is detailed in the article on "Biographical Sources" on page 2. *continued on p. 3*

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## *ProQuest Direct:* *PowerPage's* next gen

by Timothy V Johnson

Beginning this fall, all Touro College Libraries have *ProQuest Direct* available for student, faculty, and staff use. *ProQuest Direct* effectively replaces *PowerPages*, which the Libraries have been using for the past three years.

*PowerPages* was a CD-ROM-based system that allowed patrons to search for articles in over 1,860 periodicals and magazines, and print over 500 of them in full-image format.

However, because the *PowerPages* CDs ran over the College's wide area network, it was never utilized to its fullest capacity. Libraries at campuses connected to the network through a T1 line (Midtown and Midwood) received quick responses. Libraries at other sites, however, faced long delays in response time.

The main advantage of *ProQuest Direct* is that it is run through the World Wide Web, thereby making response time quicker. Now all our Libraries will be able to equally enjoy the research potentials of *ProQuest Direct*.

In addition to being faster, *ProQuest Direct* has a number of other advantages. Whereas *PowerPages* offered the option of printing abstracts or full-images of articles when available, *ProQuest Direct* offers the options of abstracts, full-text, full-text plus graphics, or full-image.

*ProQuest Direct* indexes more than 2,200 journals and magazines, of which more than 600 contain full-text or image. We have also purchased an extra database, integrated with the general periodicals, of full-text and full-image education journals. These will be especially useful to our students and faculty in the Graduate School of Education & Psychology.

*The New York Times* and *Wall Street Journal* are available via *ProQuest Direct*.

## Electronic Biographical Sources

A common assignment, especially for undergraduate students, is to find biographical information on an individual. Fortunately, Touro College has a wealth of up-to-date electronic biographical resources that are available through all of the Libraries.

One of the most useful sources is the *Dictionary of American Biography*. This source includes lengthy signed biographies of prominent Americans who have been dead for at least a decade. This waiting period is so that scholars will come to a type of consensus over the legacy of the individual.

Thus, if you need biographical information on President George Washington, President John F. Kennedy, or Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., the *Dictionary of American Biography* is your best bet.

Another useful source is the *Marquis Who's Who*. This is the electronic version of the Who's Who series. This source contains brief biographical information about prominent living Americans. It includes politicians, artists, movie stars, academics and athletes, to name a few categories. The information given is very brief, containing the date of birth, address, academic degrees and honors, and major publications of the subject.

For more detailed information about current, prominent Americans and people of other countries, you can use *Current Biography*. This source contains rewritten biographical information drawn from perviously appearing articles in popular magazines and newspapers.

If you are looking for detailed biographies of people in the news, such as Michael Jordan, Kenneth Starr, President Bill Clinton, or Michael Crichton, *Current Biography* is a useful source.

In addition to strictly biographical sources, you can also find biographical information in the *Encyclopedia Americana* and *Encyclopedia Britannica*, which all Touro College Libraries have on-line or on CD-ROM.

Finally, you can search the *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, and journals via *ProQuest Direct* for biographical articles.

## Library Publications

The Touro College Libraries have a number of publications that explain library services, Pathfinders to research in different fields, and Guides to various electronic sources. Below is an up-to-date list of these publications.

### PATHFINDERS

*Business & Economics*  
*Education & Psychology*  
*Health Sciences*  
*Human Services*  
*Humanities*  
*Jewish Studies*  
*Language & Literature*  
*Mathematics & Computer Science*  
*Natural Sciences*  
*Social Sciences*  
*Speech & Communications*

### GUIDES

*Books-in-Print Plus*  
*Ulrich's Plus*  
*CARLweb*  
*Internet Search Engines*  
*Touro's Online Catalog*  
*PubMed*  
*AskERIC*  
*New York Times & Wall Street Journal*  
*OT Bibsys*  
*ProQuest Direct*

In addition to Pathfinders and Guides, each Touro Library has an individualized FactSheet that gives general library information as well as specifics, such as hours

### NOTICE TO FACULTY

To schedule a class orientation in the use of library resources, please contact the librarian at the site where you are teaching. Appointments should be made early in the semester.



**The Director's Desk** *continued from p. 1*PERSONNEL CHANGES

We have three new Assistant Librarians: **Howard Cooper** and **Sara Marcus** at Midtown and **Paul McIntosh** at Harlem (formerly Librarian at Highbridge). New Library Assistants include **Pannette Smith** at Harlem and **Jolanta J. Becker** at Union Square. New Library Aides include **Maria Lugo** at Harlem, **Larisa Raziyeva** at Flushing (formerly at Forest Hills), and **Pesay Klein** at Midwood.

METRO GRANT

The Touro College Libraries have been awarded another METRO Grant, this time in the amount of \$13,602. These funds will be used by Midtown, the Women's Building, Midwood, Harlem, and Boro Park to acquire resources in areas such as computer science, management information science, special education, business administration, speech pathology, occupational therapy, and school psychology.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN ONLINE

Libraries at Midtown and Midwood have begun using the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Subsystem to submit, receive, and track interlibrary loan requests online. This will reduce the amount of paperwork involved in obtaining materials from other libraries and greatly decrease turnaround time.

BENSONHURST MOVE

The Bensonhurst Main Facility, formerly located on Bay Parkway, has moved to a newly renovated building at Stillwell Avenue. Look for the Library on the second floor.

FACULTY LIBRARY ORIENTATIONS

Touro College Faculty are encouraged to contact Robert J. Kayton, our Electronic Services Librarian, for hands-on instruction in the use of the Libraries' various electronic information resources. To schedule a session tailored to your needs, contact Robert at 212.463.0400.658 or via robertjk@touro.edu.

**Research on the Internet**

One of the unfortunate results of the popularity of personal computers with Internet connections is that many people are under the impression that "surfing the Web" is the best way to retrieve information.

While there is a wealth of information on the Web, free searching on the Internet is not the best way to find information for scholarly pursuits. If one is interested in finding information on sports statistics, recording artists, or purchasing an automobile, the Web might be the best place. But if one is interested in finding information on child abuse, abortion, capital punishment, and other popular undergraduate research topics, the Web is not the best place.

This is where your Touro College Librarian can help. When you sign up to use a library computer, your Librarian, as an information specialist and teacher, will ask what type of information is being sought. Then, s/he will help you select the best source to search.

For example, if you are looking for biographical information, your Touro Librarian will guide you to a number of non-Internet sources that are better suited to provide this information. These sources are discussed in the article on "Electronic Biographical Sources" on page 2.

In a *New York Times* article (11-2-97) Dr. William Miller is quoted as noting that free web sites are often constructed "because somebody has an axe to grind or a company wants to crow about its own product." He added that creators of many sites fail to keep them up-to-date, rendering much of the information obsolete.

In the same article a professor from the New Jersey Institute of Technology notes his students' papers have declined in quality since they began using the Web for research. A professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison concluded "One of the things you're missing on the Web is a reference librarian."

The reality is that most of the useful research information on the Web is not free. It is contained in databases that libraries must pay for, such as *First-Search*, *ProQuest Direct*, *Dialog Select*, and the *Encyclopedia Americana*. If you use the Web from home, you may not be familiar with these sources. Go to your site's library and your Touro Librarian will acquaint you with them.

# DIRECTORY OF TOURO COLLEGE LIBRARIES

**Main Campus Midtown**

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27-33 West 23rd Street, New York, NY 10010  
tel 212.463.0400.321; fax 212.627.9144

Hours: Su 10 am - 6 pm  
M - Th 9 am - 9 pm  
F 9 am - 2 pm

**Main Campus Women's Building**

Shaindy Kurzmann, MLS, Librarian [kurzs@touro.edu]  
160 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10016  
tel 212.213.2230.119; fax 212.683.3281

Hours: M 9:30 am - 6:30 pm, 6:30 - 7:30 pm \*  
Tu - W 9:30 am - 6:30 pm  
Th 9:30 am - 6:30 pm, 6:30 - 7:30 pm \*  
F 10 am - 2 pm

\* *Except August.*

**Main Campus Harlem**

Elaine Braithwaite, MLS, Librarian [elaine@touro.edu]  
240 East 123rd Street, New York, NY 10035  
tel 212.722.1575.297; fax 212.348.6971

Hours: Su 11 am - 3 pm \*\*  
M - Th 9 am - 5:30 pm, 5:30 - 9 pm \*  
F 9 am - 2 pm

\*\* *Fall & Spring semesters only.*

\* *Except August.*

**Union Square Facility**

Dulce Maria Juarbe, MLS, Librarian [dulcej@touro.edu]  
145 4th Avenue, New York, NY 10003  
tel 212.780.4000.110; fax 212.358.8597

Hours: M - Th 10 am - 4 pm \*, 6 - 9 pm \*\*  
F 9 am - 2 pm \*

\*\* *Fall & Spring semesters only.*

\* *Except August.*

**Midwood Facility**

Bashe Simon, MLS, MA, Chief Librarian [simonb@touro.edu]  
1602 Avenue J, Brooklyn, NY 11230  
tel 718.252.7800.226; fax 718.338.7732

Hours: Su 10 am - 3:30 pm - Women's Division  
3:30 pm - 6 pm - Men's Division  
M - Th 9 am - 2 pm - Sch. Career & App Sci.  
M & W 2 - 10 pm - Men's Division  
Tu & Th 2 - 10 pm - Women's Division  
F 9 am - 2 pm

**Kings Highway Computer Center Facility**

Judah Rackowsky, MLS, Librarian [judahr@touro.edu]  
1103 Kings Highway, Brooklyn, NY 11229  
tel 718.336.6820; fax 718.336.7001

Hours: M - Th 10 am - 4 pm, 5 - 9 pm

**Bensonhurst Main Facility**

Margaret Hamm, MLS, Librarian [margareh@touro.edu]  
1870 Stillwell Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11123  
tel 718.265.6534.1006; fax 718.265.0616

Hours: M 10 am - 8 pm  
Tu 10 am - 4 pm, 4 - 8 pm \*\*  
W 10 am - 4 pm  
Th 10 am - 8 pm  
F 9 am - 1 pm \*\*

\*\* *Fall & Spring semesters only.*

**Brighton Beach Main Facility**

Idelle Rudman, MLS, MA [rudmani@touro.edu]  
532 Neptune Avenue, Brooklyn, NY 11224  
tel 718.449.6160.118; fax 718.265.6413

Hours: Su 10 am - 2 pm \*\*  
M - Th 10 am - 8 pm  
F 10 am - 2 pm

\*\* *Fall & Spring semesters only.*

**Sunset Park Facility**

Tobi Adler, MLS, MA, Librarian [adlert@touro.edu]  
475 53rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11220  
tel 718.492.9013; fax 718.567.9166

Hours: M - Th 10 am - 2 pm, 4 - 8 pm \*  
F 10 am - 2 pm

\* *Except August.*

**Boro Park Main Facility**

Yeshaya Metal, MLS, Librarian [metaly@touro.edu]  
12734 53rd St., Brooklyn, NY 11219  
tel 718-871-3779; fax 718-871-4072

Hours: Su 9am - 3pm\*  
M 10am - 2pm, 4 - 8 pm\*  
Tu 10am - 1pm, 6 - 10 pm\*  
W 6pm - 10pm\*  
Th 10am - 2pm, 6 - 8 pm\*

\* *Fall & Spring semesters only*

**Flushing Facility**

Jerry Goldstein, MLS, Librarian [goldst@touro.edu]  
133-35 Roosevelt Avenue, Flushing, NY 11354  
tel 718.353.6400; fax 718.353.8952

Hours: M 10 am - 6 pm, 6 - 8 pm \*  
Tu 10 am - 7 pm, 7 - 8 pm \*  
W - Th 10 am - 8 pm \*  
F 10 am - 2 pm \*

\* *Except August.*

**Forest Hills Facility**

Jerry Goldstein, MLS, Librarian [goldst@touro.edu]  
71-02 113th Street, Forest Hills, NY 11375  
tel 718.261.4719; fax 718.520.8170

Hours: M - Th 9 am - 6:30 pm  
F 9 am - 11 pm \*\*

\*\* *Fall & Spring semesters only.*

**School of Health Sciences Dix Hills**

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135 Carman Road, Building 10, Dix Hills, NY 11746  
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Hours: Su 10 am - 6 pm  
M - Th 8 am - 10 pm  
F 8 am - 2 pm