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## The TCL Letter

## A Newsletter of the Touro College Libraries

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## From the Director . . . Dr. Jacqueline A. Maxin

The library staff extends a thank you to all who responded to our second online user satisfaction survey. Results compared to our first survey are displayed on page 4. We are pleased to see our ratings improve, particularly the perceptions of our personnel, PCs, and instruction sessions. With faculty collaboration, we will continue efforts to expand the depth and breadth of our physical and virtual collections to better serve your needs.

In our Summer 2005 newsletter, we announced a project to digitize *Touro College ETs (Electronic Theses)*. To date, ProQuest/UMI has digitized nearly 450 of our theses, with approximately 200 to go. When digitization is completed, our theses will be entered into the printed *Masters Abstracts International* and the

ProQuest/UMI Dissertations & Theses database, and archival microfiche will be housed in the UMI vault and at our Midtown Library, Salvatore Russo, project manager, expects our spin-off full-text database to be freely accessible to the Touro community via our Web site soon.

We are pleased to announce a new digitization project, that of converting the *Jewish People's University of the Air* audiotape lectures on Jewish studies to MP3 format. Benjamin Schaffer,

**MIDTOWN LIBRARY TO MOVE SOON, from 33 to 43 West 23d Street. Refer to the article on page 3 for details.**

project manager, anticipates the resultant database to be available on our Web site by the end of the year.

President Lander has initiated a Council for Strategic Planning (CSP), chaired by VPs Robert Goldschmidt and Stanley Boylan, to develop a three year plan addressing the challenges and opportunities facing our institution as we grow locally, nationally, and internationally. As a CSP member, I will chair the libraries' strategic planning sub-committee. Professors Yury Karpov, Kevin Wong, James Musumeci, Lydia Kraus, and Philip Charach have agreed to serve on this committee. Our resultant strategic plan will be posted on the Policies page of our Web site.

## RLG's EUREKA, by Sara Levinson, Technical &amp; Electronic Services

The libraries now have access to EUREKA, a database provided by RLG (the Research Libraries Group).

RLG is a not-for-profit organization of over 150 research libraries, archives, museums, and other cultural memory institutions. The membership, which includes The New York Public

Library, Columbia, Harvard, and Yale, has remarkable collections for research and learning.

EUREKA provides a way to locate unusual, rare, scholarly, and hard-to-find resources. Although we may not be able to borrow many of those resources via inter-library loan, some of the member institutions are close

enough so that our faculty and students can visit and use materials on-site.

EUREKA can be accessed on any Touro College Library PC, the login and password obtainable from library staff. We hope this database will expand the scholarly universe we are able to offer our patrons.

## OUR MISSION . . .

is to provide information resources and services that support and promote the College's academic programs,

and to help members of the College community acquire and refine their information seeking and evaluation skills.

## OFF-CAMPUS ACCESS

Proprietary resources to the right are restricted to the Touro community. All can be accessed from any Touro PC, and most can be accessed off-campus with a login and password. For security reasons, it is our policy not to email the login and password. To obtain them, contact your library.

## Personnel Update

### Welcome aboard!

- Baruch M. Berzon as Library Assistant at Kew Gardens Hills
- Wendy S. Rosa as Library Assistant at Midwood (Avenue J)
- Jingxian (Gohlke) Pi as Library Assistant at Bay Shore
- Wayne T. Lichter as Library Assistant at Kew Gardens Hills
- Aretha E. Fairweather as Technical Assistant at Midtown
- Benjamin (Yitzchak) Schaffer (formerly Judaica Specialist) as Technical Assistant at Midtown
- Amram S. Rister as Judaica Specialist at the Women's Building
- Sylvia G. Lowe as Librarian at West Hollywood, Los Angeles
- Theresa (Terry) A. Zahor as Information Literacy Librarian at Midtown

### Congratulations!

- Boris Kocherga, Library Assistant at Midtown, as author of another book—*Simmetria Sydby: Book of Poems* (Simferopol: Tavrida, 2005)

## New Electronic Resources

**Pre-CINAHL**, a current awareness companion to *CINAHL Plus with Full-Text*, includes limited bibliographic information on new journal articles. Once records are complete and added to *CINAHL*, they are removed from *Pre-CINAHL*.

**Central Search**, a federated search engine that allows one to search both ebook collections and full-text journal databases, is described on page 3.

The **Naxos Music Library** includes the Naxos, Polo, and Dacapo catalogs of over 85,000 classical, jazz, world, folk, and Chinese music tracks.

The **ACM Portal** is comprised of *The ACM Digital Library* of journal, magazine, transactions, proceedings, newsletter, affiliate, and SIG articles published back 50 years and *The Guide to Computing Literature* with over 750,000 bibliographic entries from major publishers.

**The Bibliography of the Hebrew Book** includes about 135,000 titles and over 13,000 author biographies, covering over 90% of all books published in the Hebrew languages from 1473 to 1960.

**Literature Online** has over 350,000 works of English and American poetry, drama, and prose; 175 full-text journals; and other key criticism and reference resources.

**NoodleTools**, an MLA citation and APA reference generator; is covered on page 3.

**RLG's EUREKA**, a scholarly bibliographic database, is discussed on page 1.

**Library, Information Science & Technology Abstracts** has citations and abstracts of articles in over 600 journals going back to the mid-1960s.

**Education Full Text** includes articles in over 290 journals going back to 1992.

**Management & Organization Studies: A SAGE Full-Text Collection** has articles in 26 peer-reviewed journals going back to 1974.

**Health Sciences: A SAGE Full-Text Collection** has articles in 26 peer-reviewed journals going back to 1982.

**ScienceDirect Health & Life Sciences College Edition** includes articles in over 900 journals, as well as reference works, handbooks, and book series.

**PsycCRITIQUES** releases over 15 reviews of current books and films each week. You can browse releases back to 1995 and search all releases plus the 10-year backfile of *Contemporary Psychology* book reviews.

The **JSTOR Arts & Sciences IV Collection & JSTOR Business Collection** includes articles in over 120 arts and sciences journals and 65 business journals, some going back to the mid-1800s.

## Central Search, by Michael Ronn, Assistant Director of Technical & Electronic Services

Touro now has access to Serial's Solutions' federated search engine, *Central Search*. A federation is a group of independent entities that unite under one authority for a specific purpose while retaining their independence. In a federated search engine, individual databases, which are independent of one another in all other ways, allow themselves to be searched by a single central agency. In our case, this single central agency is Serial's Solutions *Central Search*. This ability makes searching easier. It also renders much more complete search results without having to repeat the

same search strategy in separate databases.

*Central Search* will search the entire text of our ebooks and e-journals, not only in one database, but in **all** our databases at once. It will also allow you to limit your search by location and subject area, or you can search everything at once. Subject areas that you can search include business, education, general reference, the health sciences, humanities, Jewish studies, K-12 sites, literature, mathematics and science, news, psychology, and the social sciences.

After extensive negotiations, netLibrary has allowed Touro College to become the first institution permitted to search its holdings with a federated search engine, such as Serials Solutions' *Central Search*. As a result, when you use *Central Search*, you are now able to search the full-text of our extensive e-journal holdings at the same time as you search the full-text of all our netLibrary ebooks. netLibrary has told us that it may include an article about Touro's use of this ability in one of its future newsletters.

## Midtown Library To Move, by Marina Zilberman, Chief Librarian

The Midtown Library will soon move from 33 to 43 West 23rd Street. The library will continue to serve the Graduate School of Education and Psychology, Graduate Business Programs, School of Health Sciences, and the New York School of Career and Applied Studies. In addition, it will incorporate the Graduate School of Jewish Studies' Judaica collection that is currently housed in the Woman's Building at 160 Lexington Avenue.

The new library space at 43 West 23rd features a bank of 20 public access PCs, and a library instruction room with 16 PCs in support of the Touro Information Literacy Initiative (TILI). It also has study carrels hard-wired for the Internet, as well as wireless capabilities throughout.

The new library space also has a separate media room for audiovisual resources and equipment.

The library at 43 West 23rd will occupy the entire fifth floor. Floor to ceiling windows will light expansive shelving ranges, group study tables, and comfortable lounge seating areas.

We look forward to making our new space a place where everyone will be able to study, conduct research, and pursue their educational goals in a quiet and friendly atmosphere.

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## NoodleTools, by Salvatore Russo, Distance & Off-Campus Services Librarian

*NoodleTools* is an MLA citation and APA reference generator. With it, you can input bibliographic information for the sources you have used and generate, edit, and publish an MLA Works Cited list and an APA Reference list that complies with the rules of the current *MLA Handbook* and *APA Publication Manual*.

*Noodletools* covers all citation types. It covers print sources such as journal articles, books, and pamphlets, and electronic/online sources such as blogs, email, and Web sites. It also covers audiovisual sources such as film and video, paintings, and sculpture, and legal sources, interviews, and letters.

When you log in to *NoodleTools*

the first time, be sure to create your own account. When you are finished, click on "log out" to close your session.

Faculty, note that you can create a "Class Name" for your students. This will allow them to share with you their citation and reference lists for your review and comment.

## CONTACT US

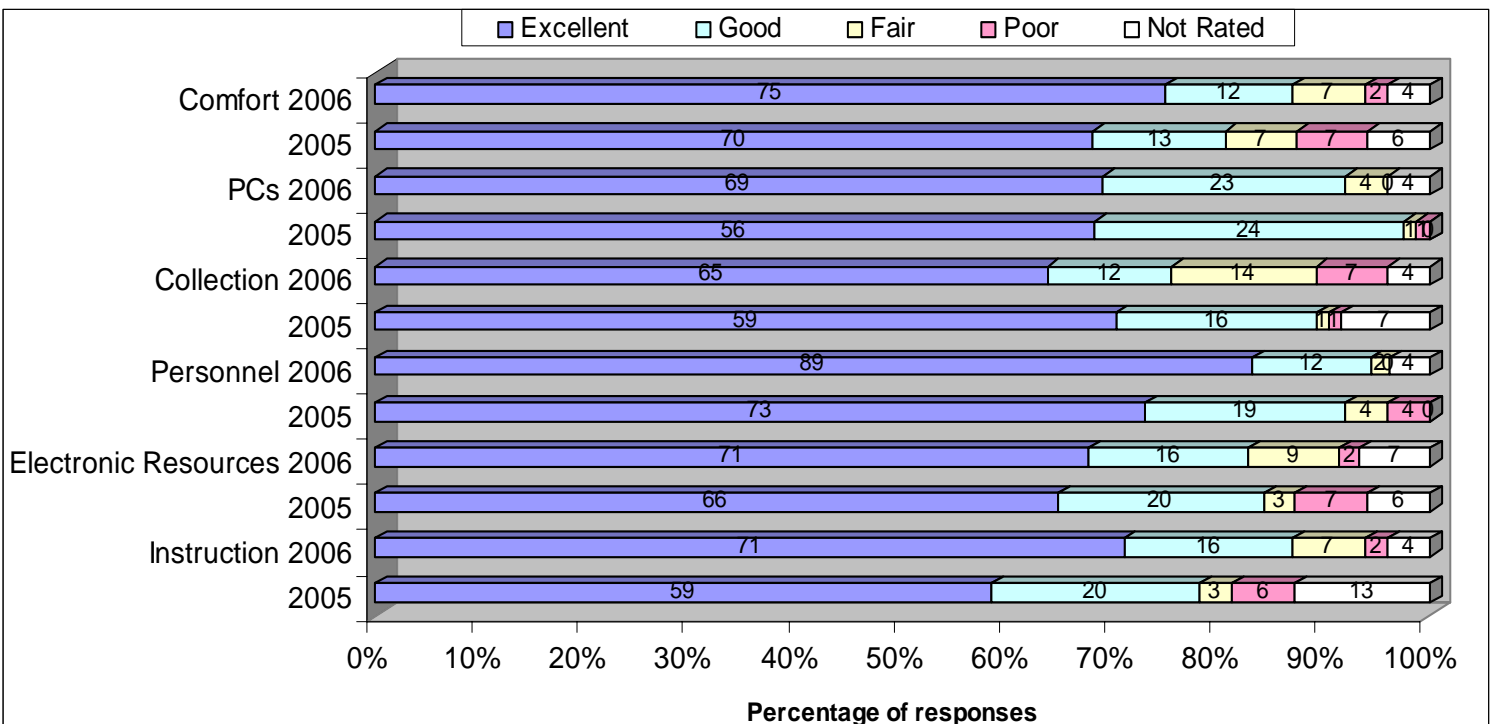
Bay Shore	631.665.1600 x 224
Bensonhurst	718.265.6534 x 1006
Boro Park 45th St.	718.437.6631 x 462
Boro Park 53rd St.	718.871.6187 x 17
Brighton Beach	718.449.6160 x 118
Flushing	718.353.6400 x 112
Forest Hills	718.261.4719
Harlem (Taino)	212.722.1575 x 171
Kew Garden Hills	718.820.4894
Kings Highway	718.301.2032
Midtown	212.463.9499 x 321
Midwood (Ave. J)	718.252.7800 x 260
Starrett City	718.642.6562 x 104
Sunset Park	718.748.4776 x 4
Women's Building	212.213.2230 x 119

## STATISTICS

	2003-04	2004-05
Entrance (walk-ins)	156,147	198,096
Reference questions	28,712	38,989
Ask a Librarian (online reference)	379	530
Instructional sessions	260	394
Students in instructional sessions	2,697	4,300
Book/Reserve Circulation	25,205	52,706
Electronic Product Use	115,697	202,311
Intra-library loans supplied	521	527
Intra-library loans borrowed	751	767
Inter-library loans supplied	301	531
Inter-library loans borrowed	1,577	1,578
Books & media purchased	7,939	8,311
Electronic books	15,500	17,300
Electronic journals	13,600	14,500
Print journal subscriptions	400	550
<b>Total collections</b>		<b>373,300</b>

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# Library User Satisfaction Survey Results



Graph by Mikhail Smolyanskiy, Library Assistant at Midtown