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News from York College Library

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Greetings from the Acting Chief Librarian

During Spring 2008, the Library underwent a continuation of the renovation that began last year. Phase One covered new carpeting and furniture for the G-wing's Reference area. Phase Two included carpeting for the rest of the G-wing's public seating area, as well as the Reference seating area and stacks, and the H-wing.



H-Wing Before



H-Wing After

The Library's renovation is more than just cosmetic, however. Library Faculty have been busy for over a year ordering new books to replenish our collections, both Reference and Circulating. Approximately \$80,000 worth of new books were ordered during May alone! New signage has also been ordered, which will hopefully seamlessly guide users as they move through the Library.

And, last but certainly not least, the Library recently welcomed two new Faculty members (Daniel Cleary and Sandra Urban) and one new Staff member (Cindy Rodriguez). Like the College, the York Library continues to be on the move, and it has been my pleasure to serve as the Library's Acting Chair over the past year.

Prof. John A. Drobnicki
Acting Chief Librarian

To view more photos of the Library renovation, see page 7.
Photos taken by Prof. Di Su.

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Library Exhibits

In September, the Library hosted the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) traveling exhibit, "Faces of Liberty." The exhibit comprises 24 panels, each with a photograph and information about important First Amendment cases argued by the ACLU over the past 30 years.

Inspired by Irving Edelman's stock notations, Renee Edelman and Rosalie Hatch created "Handwritten," an exhibit featuring handwriting as art. In creating the exhibit, the artists invited the viewer "to look anew at the way we connect with one another through these magical marks on paper and expand our perception of this intimate means of communication by reframing it in a visual and artistic context." In addition to Irving Edel-



Irving Edelman's stock notations

man's notations, the exhibit included books and diaries, letters,

grocery lists, and all matter of handwriting from old to new.

To celebrate African American History Month and the contributions of people of African descent to America's past and present, Geraldine Bacon (York College-Admissions) and I created an exhibit featuring Ms. Bacon's art. Also included in the exhibit were books and memorabilia about famous African American trailblazers, including writers, artists, politicians, and other leaders in their respective fields.

The Library's current exhibit features books and artifacts from India, Pakistan and other countries in South Asia.

Christina Miller

York High School Librarian

Reminder: E-mail Reference Service

Members of the York College Community can now receive reference help via e-mail. E-mail your question(s) to reference@york.cuny.edu.

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Now available: Electronic Forms

We encourage faculty, staff, and students to use our electronic forms to request interlibrary loans and to schedule information literacy classes. Individuals may also recommend book titles to improve the library collection.

These forms are available on the York College Library webpage (www.york.cuny.edu/library). To access the forms, click on the tabs labeled Interlibrary Loan, Information Literacy, and Recommend a Book on the left side frame of the library homepage. We would like to thank Eric Tyrer, Rafael Nunez, and the library faculty for developing the forms.

Anamika Dasgupta

Coordinator of Electronic Resources



New Faculty & Staff Profiles

Daniel Cleary, Science Librarian, spent over five years at York College as an evening Adjunct Librarian and a Substitute Librarian before accepting his current position. He is working towards a master's degree in Urban Studies.

Sandra Gall Urban, Cataloging Librarian, joined York College after working for ten years in both academic and public libraries. She earned her MLIS from Rutgers University and is currently working towards her second master's degree at Queens College.

Cindy Rodriguez, Staff, Circulation & Reserves, worked at Queensborough Community College's library prior to coming to York College. She hopes to continue her education within CUNY and is pleased to be a part of the Library's staff. She earned her MLS from Queens College.

Exploring CUNY+

CUNY+ is the name of the online public access catalog of CUNY libraries. In CUNY+, you can search either an individual library's catalog, or the Union Catalog which covers collections of all 20 CUNY libraries. At York College, our own library's catalog is the default page on the public computers.

This article's purpose is to remind our patrons about certain functions that are useful yet sometimes neglected.

Saving time

In Title Search, a) you do not have to enter a complete title; b) you can always omit the subtitle; and c) you need not worry about capitalization because the

catalog is not case-sensitive. For example, to search the book title: *Clinical And Research Uses Of An Adolescent Mental Health Intake Questionnaire: What Kids Need To Talk About*, you can simply type: "clinical and research"; the book will appear in the result list. How so? Because library catalogs are alphabetical indexes, arranged in the same way as the old card catalogs.

You can also copy the typed search term and later paste it in the search box, if, a) both individual and union catalogs are to be used; b) catalogs other than CUNY+, e.g., Queens Library, WorldCat, etc. are also to be searched.

Hard copy only

Doing a search on *global warming* brings up a result list of 56 "records" (as of May 21, 2008). This doesn't mean 56 books. The result list actually contains books, serials, and electronic resources.

If you only want "real books", i.e., hardcopy books, you could utilize *Guided Search* to achieve this goal. *Guided Search* is an advanced keyword search. Besides having better control with keyword searching fields, you can limit records by format. In this case, you could limit the results to books only, eliminating serials and electronic resources by following these steps: Click *Guided Search* >

Type *global warming* > Choose *Book* (from pull-down menu for *Record type*) > Click *Search*

It should be noted that in *Guided Search*, the search result is not displayed in the same way as seen in Basic Search. You see a result number instead. In the above-mentioned search, the result number is 22 (as of May 21, 2008). Click on the number either under *Results* or beside *View results* to get the list of books.

Foreign languages

In *Guided Search*, you can limit the results to a certain foreign language. For example, if looking for books written by Cervantes in Spanish, you could follow this search-procedure:

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What's New in Electronic Resources?

The Library is dedicated to offering electronic resources to the college community in order to supplement research and course curricula. Therefore, we are constantly involved in setting up databases and e-books for trial and evaluation.

To support our new Nursing program, we recently subscribed to OVID Nursing and Health professions and set up trials to evaluate Factiva and World News Connection for the Journalism program.

We would like to encourage faculty and staff to look at the *Trial Databases/ Products* on the library homepage. This will give you the opportunity to take advantage of the databases that we can only access temporarily. Also, as always, we welcome your feedback on those databases.

The following databases have been added since 2007 to our existing electronic resources:

- Access Newspaper Archive
- Blackwell Synergy Journals
- Cochrane
- Columbia International Affairs Online (CIAO)
- Earthscape
- The New Palgrave Dictionary of Economics Online
- OVID Nursing and Health Professions
- Philosopher's Index
- SciFinder Scholar

Anamika Dasgupta

Coordinator of Electronic Resources

Service Spotlight: How to use CLICS

CUNY Libraries Inter-Campus Services (CLICS) allows students, faculty, and staff to request materials from other CUNY campuses.

To obtain a book from another CUNY library, follow these steps:

- Search for the book in the (CUNY-wide) library catalog and click on the book's title.
- At the top of the screen, you'll see "All items" – click on this link to see call numbers and book statuses.
- Scroll to the table at the bottom of the screen and look for the

word "Request" in the left-hand column.

- Click on "Request" and then type in your library barcode number and password.
- Click on "Go" and wait for notification that the book is ready for pick-up at York College.

An important reminder for this service: *Be sure that your library card is active.*

Each semester, you must bring your York College ID card to the Circulation Desk to be authenticated; after this is done, you can use CLICS as well as access the library's elec-

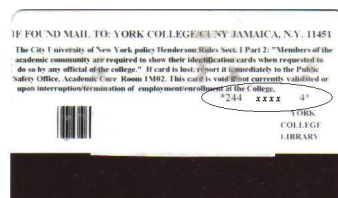
tronic resources from off-campus.

For library-related access, your username and default password are both the barcode number found on the back of your ID card, without asterisks.

This means that, unless you change your password, you will be entering your barcode number twice to complete the transaction.

Sandra Gall Urban

Cataloging Librarian



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Click *Guided Search* > Choose *Author* (from pull-down menu of *Search keyword(s) in*) > Type *Cervantes, Miguel de* > Choose *Spanish* (from pull-down menu of *Language*) > Choose *Book* (from pull-down menu for *Record type*) > Click *Search*

The result is 14 books, all in Spanish (as of May 21, 2008.)

More?

More CUNY+ information to come in subsequent parts of "Explore CUNY+."

Prof. Di Su

Head of Reference Services



Newspapers at York College

The York College Library has an extensive collection of newspapers from around the country and around the world, mostly on microfilm, with some recent issues in print.

In the early years of York College, the Library decided to build a strong microforms collection, and part of that collection would be local, national, and international newspapers. Rather than duplicate what surrounding libraries already owned, the serials librarian (Marta Franco) collected newspapers that other institutions didn't have, and/or went back further than other libraries.

Although many libraries have the *New York Times* on microfilm – and we have it from 1851 to the present – some of the other notable newspapers that the York Library has are: the *Los Angeles Times* (from 1881-forward), *New York Amsterdam News* (from 1963-current), *New York Herald Tribune* (from 1841-1966), and the *Washington Post* (from 1887-2005). Many of these papers are either not available anywhere else in the tri-state area, or other libraries' holdings do not go back as far as we do. Many researchers and scholars make special trips to York to access these newspapers, especially for the *Los Angeles Times* and the *New York Herald Tribune*. Some other newspapers that have been used at York recently include the *Chicago Tribune* (1849-1972), *Miami Herald* (1911-1994), *Atlanta Journal* (1843-1971), *Atlanta Constitution* (1868-1975, and 1980-1994) and *New Orleans Times Picayune*

(1837-1979). It is no coincidence that the Library's holdings for some of these papers ended in the 1970s, when New York City's fiscal crisis resulted in drastic budget cuts.

“One can also use the CUNY+ Online Catalog from the Library website...to search for specific newspaper titles.”

Among the print titles that the Library still subscribes to (either daily or weekly) are:

- *New York Amsterdam News*
- *Chief*
- *New York Times*
- *Village Voice*
- *Wall Street Journal*

Some of the newspapers that the Library has subscribed to on microfilm for various time periods include:

- *Atlanta Constitution*
- *Atlanta Journal*
- *Birmingham Post*
- *Chicago Tribune*
- *Christian Science Monitor*
- *Delta Democrat Times*
- *Japan Times*
- *Los Angeles Times*
- *Manchester Guardian*
- *Miami Herald*
- *New Orleans Times Picayune*
- *New York Amsterdam News*
- *New York Herald Tribune*

- *New York Times*
- *Newsday*
- *San Francisco Examiner*
- *St. Louis Post Dispatch*
- *Times* (London)
- *Times Educational Supplement*
- *Times Literary Supplement*
- *Village Voice*
- *Wall Street Journal*
- *Washington Post*

To check the exact holdings for each of the newspapers, you can check the periodical “Black Binder” in the Library. One can also use the CUNY+ Online Catalog from the Library website <<http://york.cuny.edu/library>> – use the “Journal Title Search” tab within CUNY+ to search for specific newspaper titles.

Library users also have access to many newspapers through the Library's subscription reference databases. Some of the more important databases which contain newspaper articles are *Lexis-Nexis*, *InfoTrac Custom Newspapers*, *Academic Search Premier*, and *ProQuest Historical Newspapers (The New York Times)*. Use the “Find E-Journals” link on the York Library website to look up a particular newspaper and see if/where the full-text is available in our reference databases.

Prof. Robert A. Machalow
Head of Circulation and Reserve

Queens High School for the Sciences at York College

Congratulations and best wishes to the Class of 2008! We hope during their four years at QHHS they took full advantage of the library's resources and staff, and especially the availability of York's High School Librarian. I assisted them in their individual visits to the library, visited their teachers, and provided library skills instruction in the Library's Information Literacy Classroom in many subject areas.

For the sixth year, the Library hosted QHSS' annual science poster presentations, a three-day event in the Library; this year Library faculty and staff helped critique posters.

Last Spring, Principal Jie Zhang and I, with help from teachers Elinore Kaplan, Ross Bloomfield, and Bonnie Peritz, applied for and were awarded a *Picturing America* grant from the National Endowment for

the Humanities (NEH). The grant provides 20 double-sided laminated posters (received in February 2008) with reproductions of masterpieces by American painters, photogra-



Bulletin board featuring Puryear's "Ladder for Booker T. Washington"

phers, and architects.

Teachers have used the images in history, English and art classes. Inspired by the Martin Puryear exhibit

at MOMA, I created a bulletin board at QHSS featuring one of the posters, Martin Puryear's "Ladder for Booker T. Washington."

Those with any other proposals to highlight/utilize the collection should approach me. I hope to attend a four-day seminar in August hosted by the Newark Museum and designed to share ideas about optimizing the collection's use. *Picturing America* is co-sponsored by the NEH and the American Library Association; to learn more about this initiative, go to www.picturingamerica.neh.gov.

Christina Miller

York High School Librarian

@ the Library

The Library and its users are doing their part in making York College a bit greener. While faculty and staff recycle paper in their office areas, the Library has some user-driven policies that help the environment.

Knowing that paper is very heavily used in the Library, we have placed recycling bins near the public printers and photocopiers and have made scrap paper readily available at the Circulation Desk, Periodicals Desk, and Reference Desk. If you have a print-out you no longer need, please add it to either the recycling bin or the scrap paper bin so your classmates can use it to write down call numbers and to take notes.

The Library has, in its Stacks and office areas, sensors to control lighting. Sensors turn off lights when they are not needed and turn them back on when someone is

nearby; this saves energy and helps lower costs.

Students, faculty, and staff can also help out when they are in the Library. Before printing out an article, consider reading it on the screen, downloading it to your floppy/flashdrive, or emailing it to yourself. Before filling out an interlibrary loan form (ILL) in person, consider using the Library website's online request form. These actions help reduce paper waste and move us closer to a more sustainable York.

York College Library is "on the move" towards a greener working and studying environment. Please let us know if you have any additional suggestions.

Sandra Gall Urban

Cataloging Librarian



Images of the Library Renovation



G-Wing Study Area



G-Wing Entrance

Why do faculty make conference presentations?

Like the subject faculty, library faculty are also required to engage in research and scholarship. Part of that involves presenting papers at scholarly conferences. For example, in the last year, I taught both skills and techniques which I have honed here at York in the form of two professional panels in other states.

The first panel was taught in Georgia, where I taught a session at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy which was held in Savannah on Information Quality, a subject I frequently teach here at York. The second session I taught was in Pennsylvania. That session was on how to teach to the disabled (a subject I am particularly interested in) to a group at ALA Midwinter, the January conference of the American Library Association, which was held in Philadelphia.

In speaking to and interacting with colleagues from around the nation, faculty are able to get feedback (both positive and negative), which will hopefully help to improve their skills. Thus, when I return to York from presenting at a conference, my skills are a little better, and I'm both a better teacher and a better scholar.

*Prof. Scott Sheidlower
Head of Information Literacy*



In Memoriam: Gladys W. Jarrett, Alyce A. Stiegelbauer, Gladys Shy



Prof. Jarrett

The Library began the Fall 2007 semester on a sad note, having just learned of the passing of one of the original Library faculty

members: Professor Gladys W. Jarrett.

Professor Jarrett had a long career before beginning at York College in 1967 as a charter faculty member. She was a Cataloging Librarian, and then became Head of Public Services. After the first Chief Librarian left, she was Co-Acting Chief Librarian (1971-1972), then Acting Chief Librarian (1974-1976), and finally Chief Librarian (1976-1985).

Professor Jarrett was held in such high regard by her colleagues that she was elected President of LACUNY (the Library Association of The City University of New York) for 1972-1973. After planning the Library's move from the temporary campus on Jamaica Avenue to the permanent campus on Guy R. Brewer Boulevard, she retired at the end of the Fall 1985 semester, never working in the "new" Library that she helped to design.

Based on our research, we believe that Professor Jarrett was the first African-American woman to be a Chief Librarian in The City University of New York system. She passed away peacefully on July 25, 2007, at the age of 91.

*Prof. John A. Drobnicki
Acting Chief Librarian*



Prof. Stiegelbauer

Also during the Fall semester, the Library was saddened to belatedly learn of the passing of our former

colleague Professor Alyce A. Stiegelbauer, who died on Dec. 22, 2006, at the age of 79.

Professor Stiegelbauer had a long and varied career in the Library, having begun working for us in 1971 as a College Assistant. After earning her MLS from Queens College, she was appointed an Instructor in the Library in 1978, and was promoted to Assistant Professor in 1982 upon completion of a Master's degree in English, also from Queens College.

During her York Library career, Professor Stiegelbauer served at various times as an Evening Librarian, Head of Cataloging, Head of Circulation, Head of Public Services, Systems Coordinator, and then Deputy Chief Librarian. She retired in 1988. There are still several people in the Library who worked with her, and who can attest to her very hard work, impeccable character, and sense of humor.

*Prof. John A. Drobnicki
Acting Chief Librarian*



Mrs. Shy

For more than eight years, Gladys Shy volunteered her time and talent, primarily in the Serials and Microforms Divisions, compiling

and recording the statistical usage of our periodicals and microfilm collection, as well as assisting with the shelving and maintenance of the periodicals stacks.

She joined in these activities at York College to fulfill a community need by making social contacts. She continued her dedicated service at the Library up to the end of the Spring semester of 2007. In the summer she became ill and was laid to rest on August 16th, 2007.

Gladys loved to travel, and she was blessed and privileged to have visited many countries. She enjoyed sharing the excitement of her trips with the library staff and was a fun-loving volunteer who had a good sense of humor. She was also a very devoted and faithful member of her church.

We will continue to cherish her memory and the good times spent working with her here in our library.

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- **Behavioral Sciences/** Lucas, Drobnicki
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- **Performing & Fine Arts/** Sheidlower, Su
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