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The York College Library Newsletter

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For a long time, Libraries have been known for the books and journals they have. At York College, the Library has about 175,000 books and subscriptions to nearly 900 journals. But books and journals are not the only things that can be used in Libraries nowadays. Today, the print sources are supplemented by electronic sources, most of which are available on the World Wide Web.

In order to better aid Library users with finding information on the World Wide Web, the York College Library has a home page:

(web address [www.york.cuny.edu/~lib/sources.html](http://www.york.cuny.edu/~lib/sources.html)).

When doing research, this is often a good place to begin. This page links to many reference sources that might be useful to you, including:

- The CUNY Libraries Homepage, which includes CUNYPLUS, the online catalog of the Libraries of the City University of New York, links to the homepages of the individual Libraries of the City University, links to licensed resources such as Lexis-Nexis, Searchbank, the Encyclopedia Britannica and Ethnic NewsWatch.. Also included here are links to trial products: these trials are time-limited, and change often.

- Library Reference Tools: includes links to standard dictionaries, encyclopedias, databases of quotations, and indexes and abstracts of newspapers and magazines.
- Library Catalogs, which includes links to the Brooklyn Public Library, the Queens Public Library, and the New York Public Library, as well as the Library of Congress (Washington D.C.) and St. John's University.
- Newspapers: Including links to the New York Times as well as the New York Post and the New York Daily News.
- New York City Information: including a link to the official New York City Website, the Queens Chamber of Commerce and the CARES Directory (the Sourcebook of Social Service Agencies in the New York Metropolitan area)
- Government Information: including links to the Statistical Abstract of the United States, the U.S. Census Bureau, New York State and Federal legal material, and the FedWorld Information Network Homepage
- Sections on various subject areas, including: Business and Company Information (with links to the Occupational Outlook Handbook, the SEC Edgar Archives, the North American Industry Classification System, and 200 Cover Letters for Job Seekers), Education (with links to a guide to higher education and sources of statistics related to education), Health (with links to NY Online Access to Health, Medline, and sources of health statistics), African American Studies (including links to Africa Online, Black History Month, and a Library of Congress resource guide), and Social Work (including links to various university schools of social work),
- Miscellaneous Sources: including links to a text archive, astronomy information, and various source of international information.

It can clearly be seen that access to information on the World Wide Web is of importance, and that is why the York College Library presently has twenty computers connected to the World Wide Web for students to use. Of the twenty computers, the six closest to the reference desk on the G-wing are somewhat restricted and do not permit free searching. Instead, they are limited to the sources linked to the York College Library homepage. Four of the computers (those with laser printers) are for both word processing and searching the World Wide Web, but priority is given to students who need to print documents. The printers cost \$.10 per page, and a copy card must be purchased prior to use.

The remaining ten computers offer students unrestricted access to the World Wide Web, though priority is given to York College students, and a limit of one hour is the policy when others are waiting to use the computers. Unaccompanied children are not permitted access to the computers in the York College Library.

Additional information can be found on pages created by the Librarians of York College. At [www.york.cuny.edu/~lib/main.html](http://www.york.cuny.edu/~lib/main.html), links to the following can be found:

- Copies of Library handouts
- Copies of the Library newsletter (INFO.\*)
- Information on using the World Wide Web for research
- A general Library tour can be taken
- Information on learning to search CUNYPLUS, the online catalog of the City University of New York
- General information about the York College Library, including Library hours

In the not too distant future, the Library hopes to be able to have additional computers for students to use the resources of the World Wide Web.

### Library Hours

During the Fall and Spring semesters, when classes are in session, the Library is generally open:

- Monday through Thursday 9:00 A.M. to 8:30 P.M.
- Friday 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.
- Saturday 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
- Closed Sundays

Certain Library services close 15 minutes prior to the Library's closing. These services include the circulation/reserve desk, the microforms room, the current periodicals desk and the reference desks.

When classes are not in session but the college is open, the Library will usually be open from 9:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M.

When the College is closed, the Library is closed.

Beginning Tuesday, September 21, 1999, the H-wing of the Library will be open for late study: Monday through Thursday 8:30 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.