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York College Library
Newsletter
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World Wide Web in the Library

At the present time, the Library of York College has 20 computers connected to the World Wide Web. These computers are available on first come, first serve basis: there is no reservation systems at the present time. These computers are to be used in an appropriate manner. Some guidelines follow:

1. The computers are to be used for academic purposes only;

2. When individuals are waiting, use of these computers is limited to one hour;

3. These computers are to be used for searching the world wide web only: adding or editing the computer software on the computers is prohibited; Anyone caught damaging, editing, or modifying hardware or software on these computers will face disciplinary action and lose all Library privileges;

4. There are presently four computers that have both the World Wide Web and WordPerfect available: these four computers are connected to laser printers. Priority in the use of these four computers is given to those students who are printing ;

5. E-mail on the Library web computers is discouraged;

6. Chat groups on the Library web computers is discouraged;

7. If you have any questions about the use of these computers, please see one of the Librarians at the Reference desk

Please note that handouts are being created by the Library faculty on how to use these computers. These handouts are available at the Reference Desks. If you have any suggestions on what guides should be developed in the future, please place these suggestions in the Library suggestion box, located on the Circulation desk or tell one of the Librarians at the Reference desk.

World Wide Web Sites Worth Knowing About

There are many World Wide Web sites worth knowing about when you are doing academic research. One of the places to begin is the CUNY Libraries homepage, which can be assessed by going to www.cuny.edu, which is the default homepage on most of the World Wide Web computers in the Library. In the near future, York College's Library will have its own homepage, and the web address will be posted.

Other addresses that you might want to know about:

The Encyclopedia Britannica: www.eb.com

SearchBank: www.searchbank.com/searchbank/york_main

NOAH (health related information): available through the CUNY homepage

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Important Library Phone Numbers:

Library Hours: 262-2023

Circulation : 262-2033

Reference Desk: 262-2035; 262-2036

Microforms Room

There is a new reader-printer machine in the York College Microforms room. This reader-printer is different: it is a new generation of equipment here at York. The older reader-printers simply took the equivalent of a photograph of the microform being displayed. This new machine actually transforms the image that you see on the screen into a digital image and then prints it out. This process is supposed to be much clearer and exact.

Reference At York

Though most Library users at York will not notice, the York College Reference area has been modified. In the past, Reference materials were in two places in the Library: in the main reference section or in the Curriculum Materials Center. Now, these two Reference sections have been combined and are located in the main Reference section.

As always, if you need help finding any Library materials, please ask one of the Librarians.

Librarians At York

Prof. Machalow: Chief Librarian, Acting Head of Reference, Head: Computer Services

Prof. Barry: Deputy Chief Librarian, Acquisitions Librarian

Prof. Young: Serials, Interlibrary Loans, Microforms

Prof. Kinyatti: Circulation/Reserve

Prof. Drobnicki: Reference

Prof. Su: Evening/Weekend Librarian in Charge

Future of the York College Library

As we approach the year 2000, the Library faculty and staff are wondering what the Library of York College will be like in the future. We have some ideas about it, but would like your ideas also. Please jot them down and place them in the suggestion box, located on the Circulation Desk in the G-Wing of the Library

Though we must be realistic, as the College will not be likely to have an abundance of money to fund projects in the College, we must dream of the future anyway. .

Some of our ideas include a Library instruction classroom, equipped with a great number of computers connected to the World Wide Web. Also included will be various word processing programs for the students to type papers. This combination classroom and lab would be open to York students when Library instruction classes were not in session.

Another possibility would be the increase of group study rooms in the Library. How and where they would be is still open for discussion, but an increase in the number of group study room seems to be something that Library users need.

So what are your ideas? Please let us know.