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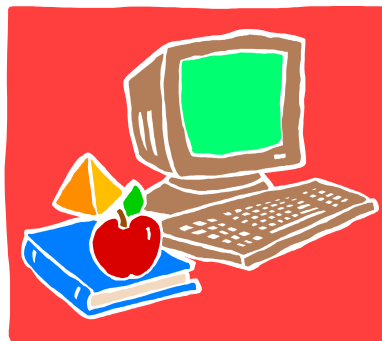
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Library Lowdown: Visit the Library in Person or Online

Welcome to Academic Year 2005-2006 from the Staff of Harcum College Library. We hope that all students, faculty and staff will visit us this year. You can come in person, access our website, or call, email or even IM us.

Our Web Site: The library web site can be found at www.harcum.edu/library. If you come to the library and use one of our public access computers, our web site is the home page you'll find there. Use it as the launching pad to the library information you need.

- **Our Online Catalog-** Our catalog is called **EDITH** (Educational



Databases and Information Technology at Harcum and is named for Harcum College's founder Edith Harcum). You'll find the link to EDITH near the top of the library web page, under "library." Choose "inside" if you are in the library and "outside" if you are anywhere else. Use EDITH to search for books, videos, and reserve materials in the library.

- **Find Journal Articles-** Click on the "find journal articles" link to go to a list of general, veterinary, and medical databases available on our web site. You can use these databases to find articles (many in full-text) on topics from social problems to medical or dental treatments. The librarians can help you use these databases effectively. Some of these databases

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ABOUT OUR NAME

A lodestar is any star that is used as a point of reference (like Polaris, the brightest star in the Little Dipper). The word can also refer to a guiding interest, principle or ambition. At Harcum College Library, we aim to guide members of the Harcum Community toward what is of interest to them and to serve as a "point of reference" for information seekers.

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Protect Yourself from Identity Theft!



Come hear speaker Jay Zeminski of the

MONTGOMERY COUNTY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Tuesday, October 18
1 PM to 2 PM
In the Library Rotunda

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Books to Sharpen Study Skills

Get the year off to a good start with the help of a book that teaches study skills and good educational habits, tips, tricks and techniques. The HC Library has several on display across from the Circulation desk that are available for check-out. Here's a taste of what's available:

The Secrets of Getting Better Grades: Study Smarter, Not Harder! by Brian Marshall

This basic book is simple, clear, and gets right to the point. You'll learn straightforward ways to take good notes in class, read your assignments "with a purpose," write papers, prepare reports, and study for tests with confidence. This book is the place to start for students who know they need to improve their study smarts. (371.3 M367 2002)

Coping with College: A Guide for Academic Success by Alice Hamachek

This is an excellent, concise book that helps students make the transition from high school to college. Try it for help with writing processes, memory techniques, even procrastination and test-taking anxiety! (371.198 H198 2002)

Succeeding in College: Study Skills and Strategies by Jean Reynolds

Delve a little deeper in areas of special concern for you. This book has chapters on time management, active reading, studying math, and studying science. With this book, you can target the areas where you need the most help. (378.17. R463 2002)

Keys to College Studying: Becoming a Lifelong Learner by Carol Carter et al.

Have a challenging paper to write? A tough test to study for? Do you struggle with complex reading as-

signments or with math/science material? There are detailed chapters in this book tailor-made for you. (378.17 C323 2002)

On Course: Strategies for Creating Success in College and in Life by Skip Downing.

For all those who want to learn more about themselves, their strengths and weaknesses, and how to translate it all into success through self-awareness, motivation and self-management skills, this book will prove both helpful and inspiring. (378.17

D751 2002)

You'll find other books on display in the library, including books directed at part-time students and adult learners. Drop by to look at these and other books that can jumpstart the year for you academically! ■



Library Vital Statistics

How to Contact us

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Fax: 610-526-6086
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Web site: <http://www.harcum.edu/library/>

Library Hours for 2005

Monday-Thursday: 8 am to 10 pm
Friday: 8 am to 4:30 pm
Saturday: noon to 4 pm
Sunday: 1 pm to 5 pm, 6 pm to 9 pm

Hours may change during holidays and between semesters

What's Up? Meet the Library Staff

Get to know us! The HC Library holds the unofficial title as one of the friendliest and most helpful places on campus. Here's the scoop on the staff members who provide both the help and the friendliness.

Carol Puchalski, Library Director, has been at

Harcum for over twenty-three years. In consultation with faculty, she chooses the new books, periodicals and other materials that the library acquires. She also develops content for the library homepage, oversees the library budget, keeps library policies up-to-date, and sits on college-wide committees. With all those responsibilities, Carol is still willing to find some time to talk about travel, healthy cooking, knitting, and cool websites related to any of the above. Her phone extension is **6084**.

Kathy Klocko is our **Electronic Resources and Reference Librarian**. She does most of the group training sessions where students (and sometimes faculty) learn to use the databases and the online catalog available from the Harcum College Library homepage, and she also works with library patrons one-on-one to instruct and assist them with library and computer use. Plus she keeps our web site updated and does layout for the Library Lodestar. Kathy is an enthusiastic dog owner and a medieval re-enactor who welcomes conversation on these and other subjects. Her extension is **6062**.

Michele Dougherty is our **Cataloger**, who makes sure that records of library resources in all formats go into EDITH, our online catalog, correctly. She also coordinates A-V equipment requests for faculty and staff, keeping track of when laptops, remotes, LCD projectors, etc. are needed. If you are a cat person or a vegetarian, feel free to bring your tales, tips or questions to Michele. Her

extension is **6022**.

Peggy Langberg is the **Business Administrator and Interlibrary Loan Librarian**. She handles all the ordering, from educational materials to office supplies, and resolves any accounting or shipping problems that may arise. She also keeps all the records for the library. As the Interlibrary Loan Librarian, Peggy assists the Harcum community in borrowing materials from libraries all over the country. Peggy creates exhibits for the library as well, and this year she is coordinating the Library Speaker Series. Peggy is a good person to talk to about crafts, flower arranging, and racehorses past and present! Her extension is **6066**.



From left to right: Carol Puchalski, Kathy Klocko, Mimi Burstein, Michele Dougherty, and Peggy Langberg
Photo by: Pete Peters

I (Mimi Burstein) am Circulation Coordinator and Editor/Writer of the Library Lodestar. I am the

morning (8 AM –1PM) front desk person, and I track both circulation (including overdue books!) and periodical subscriptions, to ensure that publications are being received. I'm always open to suggestions about future *Lodestar* issues and can provide copies of back issues as well. I'm also always happy to talk about children's books, the writing process, or Pennsylvania travel and history. My extension is **6085**.

Other faces you might see in the library include **Clara Salloom**, our **Bibliographer**, and **Carol Martin** (Assistant to the Provost) who often assist library patrons on weekends or evenings. We also have a **Library Assistant**, Harcum student **Riyoko Watanabe** (who will be profiled in the next edition of *Lodestar*). We hire **Work-Study students** so if you have been approved for Work-Study financial aid and would like to work in the library, see Kathy Klocko or call her at X6062. We hope all members of the Harcum community will visit the library.

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require a password to access from home. To get a list of passwords, come to the library with your Harcum ID and ask at the Circulation desk. You will also find a list of the journals and magazines available in the library (titles and dates) if you click on “**Journals owned by the Library.**”

- **Library Links-** On the sidebar of our web page, you’ll find a list of subject guides you can click on that will take you to Internet links of high quality. Following “**General Reference**” and “**General Medical**” is an alphabetic, A-W (Allied Medicine to Women’s Studies) list of topics. Choose any (or all) of them to find web sites and online journals about that topic.

Our Library: The HC Library is one of the most distinctive spaces on campus (we’re the one with the rotunda) and we are a favorite place to study (alone or in small groups), to read (school work or the latest popular magazines), to use computers (we have Word, Internet access, and Harcum email access as well as our catalog and databases available), or to watch instructional videos (we have VCRs and headphones). You can find us on the ground floor of the Academic Building. In fact, you can’t miss us (remember that rotunda?). See “**vital statistics**” on page 2 for our hours.

- **Materials you can borrow:** Books from the stacks (the second floor collection or the **Popular Fiction** collection on the first floor) can be borrowed for three weeks and renewed once, in person or by phone. We have a **Children’s** section on the second floor as well. (Take note, parents and babysitters who want to read aloud to kids!) Most videos can be borrowed overnight. You will need a library card to borrow materials. Stop by the Circulation desk with your Harcum ID to get one. Remember: we do charge fines for overdue books and replacement fees for lost books.
- **Materials you can use in the library:** You will find books, videos, CDs and other materials that faculty have put on reserve at the Circulation desk. If you do not have a library card, you will be asked to leave an ID at the desk while you use these materials. We also have an excellent **Reference** section (in our “distinctive” rotunda) full of atlases, dictionaries, and important reference works on the sciences, medicine, history, and the arts. All

reserve and reference books are cataloged in Edith, and thus can be easily found when you are doing assignments or researching a topic. The library also subscribes to almost 200 **professional journals, magazines, and newsletters.** The most recent issues are on display across from Circulation. To see back issues, just ask library staff for the issues you want.

- **AV Materials for faculty and staff:** If you will be needing a laptop, an LCD projector, or a remote for use in the classroom or for a presentation, please contact the library at least 24 hours in advance. Ideally, you should fill out the forms, available at the front desk, for borrowing laptops and other AV equipment.



➤ **Library places and spaces:**

The space across from and to the left of Circulation contains 12 computers and large tables for reading and study groups. There is a public photocopier (copies are 10 cents a page and change is available from the front desk). You can also print from our computers for 10 cents a page. Food and drink

are permitted in the library if neatness, common sense - and trash receptacles- are used. Upstairs you will find 6 more computers and a group study space (in the Children’s section). The rotunda (both upstairs and down) is the **quiet area.** Please study or read quietly, and wear headphones if using the VCR.

Other ways to contact us: To reach the **Circulation desk**, call **(610) 526-6085.** For reference questions, call **(610) 526-6062.** If the Reference Librarian is unavailable, you can call **(610) 526-6085** or **(610) 526-6066.** And this year, we are offering **IM Reference!** To use IM, from AOL type kathyklocko and from Yahoo type kathleenklocko. At this time, IM will usually be available Monday through Friday, 9 AM to 12 noon and 1 PM to 5PM. Whenever IM is not available, you can call the above numbers for help.

We look forward to being of service! ■