1. New Librarian – Todd Heldt

Todd Heldt moved to Chicago in 1998 and fell in love with the city’s culture, restaurants, and entertainment. He joins the Harold Washington College library faculty after holding positions at several Chicago schools, including DeVry University, East-West University, and Columbia College. He holds degrees in literature, creative writing, and library science and looks forward to working with the students and faculty here. His chapbook of poetry, *The Science of Broken People*, was published in 2003 by Little Poem Press.

2. Information Literacy Workshop

On Thursday, August 25, 2005, the library faculty held a two hour workshop on information literacy titled "Information Literacy Across the Curriculum: Preparing HWC Students for Success in College and Beyond." The workshop was sponsored by the HWC Assessment Committee and came about as a result of the college’s assessment of information literacy skills in the fall 2004 semester. The goals of the workshop were to introduce faculty to information literacy and its role across the curriculum, as well as to promote collaboration between librarians and subject faculty to ensure that students leave Harold Washington College with the information literacy skills important to their success inside and outside the classroom. PowerPoint presentation and handouts from the workshop are available online at: [http://hwclibrary.net/downloads/](http://hwclibrary.net/downloads/).

3. New Electronic Resource

New this semester is *Literature Resource Center*, comprised of content from journal articles and traditional reference sources including *Dictionary of Literary Biography*, *Contemporary Authors*, and *Contemporary Literary Criticism*. There are over 400,000 full-text articles from 250 academic journals, as well as thousands of critical essays, work overviews, plot summaries and explications, author biographies, and links to authoritative content-related Web sites.

4. Index to Periodicals

Last spring we highlighted a resource that we would like to highlight again, *Periodical / Newspaper Finder*, a Web index to all periodicals available in our collection – electronic content, and print and microfilm subscriptions. Search on the name of a journal, magazine or newspaper to find out where that periodical title is available.

Title search example: *New Yorker*.

*New Yorker* (0028-792X)
from 01/01/2002 to 7 days ago in *Literature Resource Center*
from 01/05/2004 to present in *MAS Ultra - School Edition*
from 07/03/2001 to 01/08/2002 in *ProQuest Research Library*
from 10/23/2002 to 08/08/2003 in *ProQuest Research Library*
from 1940 to present in *Periodicals in Print And Microfilm*

The first four lines point to electronic database holdings, the last line to print and microfilm holdings. (lines three and four indicate a break in coverage). Also, you can browse journal, newspaper and magazine titles by subject category. Link from the library Web page, or [http://hwclibrary.net/new/](http://hwclibrary.net/new/).

5. Audio-Visual Reservations

AV reservations (materials and equipment for your classes) can be scheduled via the Web. Link from the library Web page, or [http://hwclibrary.net/avform/](http://hwclibrary.net/avform/).

6. Assessment Collection

The Library is developing a collection of assessment materials. The collection will include books on assessment, pamphlets, assessment committee publications, survey and test results related to HWC and publications from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. These items will be available at the Library’s main Reference desk for check out to administrators, faculty, and staff. The Library will also accept any donations to this collection from faculty, staff and administrators.

7. Faculty / Staff IDs

As you may be aware, we require that students have their current College ID with them in order to check out books. We would like to request of all faculty, staff and administrators that you bring your College IDs with you to the library when you intend to borrow materials.

8. Library Web Site Redesign

A month or so after the HWC Building Rededication we plan to introduce a fully revamped, easier-to-navigate, library Web site. New interactive features will be added to those that are already available.