Workshops: Citations, Writing a Research Paper and Internet Searching

Introduction to Citations: The why and how of citing information

This workshop will provide an introduction to citations—why and when they are needed. Emphasis will be placed on citing in MLA style.

⇒ Tuesday, October 6th:  Tuesday, November 10th:
10:00am - 11:10am   10:00am - 11:10am

⇒ Wednesday, October 7th:  Wednesday, November 11th:
10:00am - 11:10am   10:00am - 11:10am

Write a Research Paper

This workshop will show you how to turn a research question into a paper in 6 steps. In order to get the most out of this workshop, please come prepared with a research paper topic in mind.

⇒ Monday, October 5th   Monday, November 9th:
1:00pm - 2:10pm   1:00pm - 2:10pm

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⇒ Thursday, October 8th:  Thursday, November 12th:
1:00pm - 2:10pm   1:00pm - 2:10pm

Introduction to Internet Searching

This class will introduce you to searching the Internet—using effective search strategies, choosing appropriate search tools and evaluating Web sites.

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All sessions will take place in the library computer lab, room 501K.

Textbooks @ the Library

Do you have an extra copy of the textbook you are using for your classes? If so, please consider placing it on reserve at the HWC Library. As many of you know, the high cost of textbooks, even used books, can be a financial obstacle for many of our students.

The beginning of each semester always brings a wave of students looking for copies of their textbooks, and, unfortunately, we are not able to purchase copies of all current books. The current textbooks we maintain in our reserve collection are graciously donated by faculty. These books are library-use only, and are a great help to students who can’t purchase books or who need, but don’t have, a specific book with them. If you are interested in placing current textbooks on reserve, please stop by the library and speak with a librarian.

New Electronic Resources

CAMIO (Catalog of Art Museum Images Online) is a First Search database of images of works of art from the collections of twenty-four museums including the Smithsonian and the Whitney Museum of American Art. Each entry includes information on the creator of the work, museum, date, and medium. Accessible at http://camio.oclc.org

Gale Global Issues in Context offers up-to-date news and perspectives on global issues from a variety of international publications including magazines, journals, newspapers, wire services, radio broadcast transcripts with audio files, and reference books.

Current book display
Assessment in the Library

Why We Assess

The Harold Washington College Library is serious about student learning. We want our students to become well acquainted with the concept of information literacy, which is defined as the ability to know when information is needed and to have the ability to retrieve, evaluate, and use that information. In order to make sure that our students are learning these important skills, we have begun a detailed assessment program to help us understand which teaching approaches work best. We teach students at the reference desk, in formal classroom instruction sessions, and in a variety of standalone workshops. By paying close attention to the general trend of student learning, we are able to make our teaching more informative, relevant, and efficacious.

Last Year’s Results

74.8% of students agree or strongly agree that Library Instruction has made them more confident of their ability to determine appropriate concepts and terms (keywords, synonyms, and related terms) to describe the information for which they are looking.

75.5% of students agree or strongly agree that Library Instruction has made them more confident of their ability to construct search strategies using appropriate commands, including Boolean Operators.

84.5% of students agree or strongly agree that Library Instruction has made them more confident of their ability to retrieve information in a variety of formats using various information resources.

Audio-Visual Materials Access

The Audio-Visual department of the Library offers faculty a variety of A-V materials and equipment including DVDs, VHS tapes, and mobile laptop carts. Equipment and materials are heavily used, and all requests for service MUST be given to the A-V department 48 hours in advance. Requests can be made via paper or electronic forms. The electronic request form can be found at http://hwclibrary.info/. When equipment or materials are required immediately and no early request has been submitted, faculty may pick them up from the department in Room 501E (inside the Library), depending on availability. These items must be returned to Audio-Visual immediately after the class is over. Prior arrangements are preferred.

Faculty Library Logins

All faculty and college employees may log in to the library Web site for access to the library’s subscription, online collection of e-books and journal, magazine and reference databases. While student access is set up automatically through a tie-in between PeopleSoft and the library system, faculty and college employees may still need to be updated. Please contact the library if you do not already have the capability to log in to the library’s Web site.

One Book One Chicago

This fall’s entry in the One Book One Chicago program is The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the Remaking of the American City.

More information is available on the Public Library’s Web site at the following address: http://www.chipublib.org/eventsprog/programs/oboc/plan_of_chicago/burnham_bio.php

About the HWC Library: The Harold Washington College Library will provide a well-organized and easily accessible collection of materials – print, as well as non-print and electronic – primarily to support the college curriculum and services for students at the home campus and for students in our distance learning programs. The Library faculty will be available all hours the Library is open to offer students instruction and assistance, either individually or in formal bibliographic instruction sessions.

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