African-American History Month: Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti to speak

As part of the celebration of African-American History Month, the Harold Washington College Library is pleased to sponsor a program featuring Dr. Haki R. Madhubuti on February 6, 2008 at 10:00 am in Room 1115. Dr. Madhubuti, a poet, lecturer and founder of Third Word Press, has been named one of the Chicagoans of the Year for 2007 by Chicago Magazine. He has convened workshops and served as a guest lecturer at more than 1,000 colleges, universities, libraries and community centers in the U. S. and abroad. He earned his MFA from the University of Iowa. In 1996, Dr. Madhubuti was awarded the Doctor of Humane Letters from DePaul University and Sojourner-Douglass College in Baltimore. He is currently the Director of the Master of Fine Arts Program in Creative Writing and is a Distinguished Professor at Chicago State University. Third World Press is one of the oldest independent publishers of black thought and literature in the United States.

Coming in February — Library to Offer Internet and Citation Workshops

Beginning in February, in addition to our standard library orientation and instruction sessions, we will offer two additional types of workshops: general Internet searching and citing sources. These will be scheduled as follows: general Internet searching (articles, news, photos, etc.) on Wednesday and Thursday, February 20th and 21st, at 11am and 2pm (45 minutes to an hour); and citing sources on Wednesday and Thursday, February 27th and 28th at 11am and 2pm. Those interested may sign up on the library’s Web page or in person in consultation with a reference librarian. In addition to this newsletter announcement, a flier will be available in the library and in the computer lab at the end of January. Further details to come.

Microsoft Office and Word 2003 in the Library

Microsoft Office Word 2003 is now available on all computers in the main computing area of the library. With the increase in usage, the Library faculty decided to make these additional workstations available for students writing research papers, essays and working on other class projects. This is part of the Library’s ongoing commitment to the college community.

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.

Departmental Liaisons

As we announced in a previous newsletter, the librarians have designated themselves as liaisons to specific departments in order to best meet the information needs of the Harold Washington College community. Your library liaison is your primary contact person for assistance with collection development (this includes adding to and weeding from the collection), questions about online and print library resources available in your area, questions and assistance with course reserves, and keeping up-to-date with library developments. We invite you to contact us with any questions you may have or simply to chat about what the library can offer you.

Sherry Ledbetter: Criminal Justice; Social Services; Biology; Business; Physical Science; Mathematics; Career Programs.

John Kieraldo: Child Development; Computer Information Systems; Foreign Language / ESL; Social Science (with Celia Perez); Center for Distance Learning.

HWC College students in one of the library's group study rooms
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.

Faculty Access to Library Holdings

All faculty and administrators are encouraged to come to the Library to create their accounts for remote access. The Library’s automated system (Millennium) requires certain information to ensure access to the Library’s many collections when off campus. These collections can be accessed from home, the college, public libraries and Internet sites as long as personal accounts have been created. Please contact your departmental liaisons for more information, or contact any librarian for assistance. Or, go to the Web page http://hwclibrary.ccc.edu/remotelib and fill out and submit the form to have your login set up (or your password re-set).

New Titles in the Gale Virtual Reference Library

The HWC Library has purchased seven titles to be added to the Gale Virtual Reference Library, a collection of more than one hundred full text reference e-books. The newly purchased titles are: Encyclopedia of Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History in America; Encyclopedia of Multicultural Psychology; Latinas in the United States: A Historical Encyclopedia; Real-Life Math; Research Techniques for Clinical Social Workers; Science in Dispute; and Third World Women’s Literature: A Dictionary and Guide to Materials in English. These titles supplement our existing print reference collection. We hope to expand coverage of subjects and areas of study with the purchase of additional titles in future semesters.


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.

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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