Ms. Carnes Goes to Washington!

It is with great pleasure that the Library announces the recent internship of Michelle Carnes, adjunct librarian, with the Obama transition team. Michelle has been in Washington, DC for the past seven weeks as a member of the President-elect’s (now President Obama) transition team. Michelle was a volunteer in the Obama campaign beginning in 2006. An enthusiastic supporter of Obama, she enlisted many people to support his run for the presidency. Michelle was invited to work on the transition team in November of 2008.

Michelle began working at the HWC Library in August 2007, and has been a most welcome addition to the Library staff. Her experience and skills have greatly enhanced the level of service we provide to the students, staff and administrators of Harold Washington College. She has a degree in English and has worked on the Library’s inventory project. Michelle is a native of Chicago and is a graduate of Clark-Atlanta University’s Graduate School of Library and Information Science. We eagerly await her return on January 26.

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Assessment in the HWC Library

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.

Alison LaTendresse—Library Intern

In 2006, HWC and KKC were honored to be the recipients, along with 11 other community college libraries in Illinois, of an Institute for Museum and Library Services grant. The three-year, $1 million Laura Bush 21st Century Librarian grant supports the recruitment and education of new professional librarians to serve in Illinois and other community college libraries. The goal is to build a diverse, professional workforce that understands community-based library staffing and service strategies and the challenges of serving a non-traditional, commuter-based student population. Ten Partner Libraries, HWC included, are mentored internships for 6-9 months after the completion of the MLS degree program.

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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.

⇒ Monday, March 23rd:  Monday, April 20th:
  10:00am - 11:10am  10:00am - 11:10am
⇒ Thursday, March 26th:  Thursday, April 23rd:
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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.

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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.

Schedule a Library Orientation / Instruction Session for your Class

We encourage you to schedule a library orientation / instruction session for your class. We provide a physical tour of the library and a hands-on instruction session in the library’s computer lab. Your students will learn how to find books, magazines, newspapers, and academic journals. To schedule an instruction session, please use the “Schedule Instruction” link on the Faculty tab at the top of the library Web page.

Alternatively, you can e-mail librarian Celia Perez directly at cperez2@ccc.edu.

Current book display
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 stand-alone workshops. By paying close attention to the general trend of student learning, we are able to make our teaching more informative, relevant, and efficacious.

Though assessments are anonymous and students will not receive grades for their participation in them, they should take them seriously. The information we receive from them is imperative for the continued improvement of teaching and learning in the library. For more information about our assessment program, please see the library website, http://hwclibrary.ccc.edu/assessment/

**Special Collections**

There is nothing new about discovering new books to read at the library, but now, thanks to our special collections, finding interesting new books is easier than ever. We have set aside numerous titles in new collections throughout the library. Ask a librarian to show you where the following collections are kept:

- **Child Development Association Collection**
  This collection of children’s books specifically supports faculty and students in the child development program.

- **ESL Collection**
  This collection of readers supports the English as a Second Language program.

- **Assessment Collection**
  This collection contains books about student learning outcomes; institutional, programmatic, and classroom assessment; and classroom assessment techniques.

- **GIC Collection**
  This collection contains books about issues discussed by Global Initiatives Chicago, including globalization, social justice, the environment, peak oil, and more.

- **TLT Collection**
  Designed for the CAST Committee, the Teaching, Learning, and Technology collection supports faculty interested in best practices, emerging technologies, and pedagogy.

- **Textbooks @ the Library**
  Do you have an extra copy of the textbook(s) 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 Circulation Desk of the Library and ask for a librarian, or stop by a reference desk and we’ll be happy to help.

**Ethel Johnson’s Retirement from the HWC Library**

It is with joy and pain that the Library faculty and staff announce the retirement of Ethel Johnson. She gave 27 years of commitment, loyalty and professionalism to Harold Washington College and the Library. Through her Library service, she became known all over the College as a tireless worker and a wise woman. As the mother of four children, she set high standards for them as well as her colleagues.

Mrs. Johnson began her career in libraries at Kennedy-King College. When she came to Harold Washington, she worked in the Technical Processing unit, preparing books for the shelf. She eventually became the Circulation Supervisor, training hourly staff; work-study students and new full-time 1708 staff. Her dedication to her job paid off for everyone alike, students, faculty, administrators and staff throughout the college.

As we celebrated her retirement with a luncheon on December 3, 2008 at the Renaissance Hotel, it was obvious that she is much loved and will be truly missed. Testimonials were made by past and present Library staff and peers from other departments throughout Harold Washington College. Ethel will always remain a wonderful friend and a model employee.

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