

**Miami-Dade College**  
**North Campus Library Newsletter**  
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**NEW BOOKS**

Over two thousand books were added to the library collection during fiscal year 2002-2003. Special funding was received not only to strengthen the areas of the collection that directly support the 4-year degree programs at the College (education and the sciences) but also to update the collection in general. Additionally, a collection of children's books that will benefit our early education students was given to the library as a gift. These are some of the new works in the reference section:

*American Men and Women of Science*, 21<sup>st</sup> ed., 8 vols., 2003  
*Cities of the World*, 6<sup>th</sup> ed., 4 vols., 2002  
*Dictionary of American History*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed., 10 vols., 2003  
*Encyclopedia of Crime and Justice*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 4 vols., 2002  
*Encyclopedia of Human Biology*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 9 vols., 1997  
*Encyclopedia of Psychology*, 8 vols., 2000  
*Encyclopedia of Public Health*, 4 vols., 2002  
*The Gale Encyclopedia of Medicine*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 5 vols., 2002  
*Harlem Renaissance*, 3 vols., 2003  
*History of Modern Science and Mathematics*, 4 vols., 2002  
*International Dictionary of Films and Filmmakers*, 4<sup>th</sup> ed., 4 vols., 2000  
*International Encyclopedia of Marriage and Family*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 4 vols., 2003  
*The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 29 vols., 2001  
*Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*, 10 vols., 1998  
*Science of Everyday Things*, 4 vols., 2002  
*World Education Encyclopedia*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed., 3 vols., 2002

A link to a list of new books in the collection is located at the bottom of the main library page at <http://www.mdcc.edu/north/library>.

**RENEWING BOOKS ONLINE**

Students are always happy to learn that it is possible to renew library books online as this can save them a trip to the library. To renew books online, go to the North Campus Library page at <http://www.mdcc.edu/north/library>, click LINCC Search, and click myAccount. You will have to select the college and campus where you are registered, enter your BORROWER ID (your social security or student number without spaces or hyphens) and PIN (the last four digits of the BORROWER ID), and click the Login button. The title of any books currently on loan to you will then appear on the screen. If you wish to renew a book, click the square by the title of the book and click Renew. The system will renew most books and will generally extend the due date by three weeks. Overdue books are an exception since they have to be returned to the library before they

can be checked out again. For questions regarding our circulation policies you may want to call the North Campus Library's Circulation Desk at 305-237-1142.

## NEW COURSE

LIS 2004, "Introduction to Internet Research," is being offered this fall term at the North Campus of Miami-Dade College for the first time. North Campus faculty librarians are teaching both sections of this one-credit course. Some of the topics covered in LIS 2004 are research strategies, web search engines, library-based electronic resources, evaluating and documenting Internet sources, etc. Plans are underway to offer four sections next semester. The prefix LIS stands for Library Information Science.

## EDUCATION DATABASE

A full-text education database is now available to MDC students. This H.W. Wilson database includes articles from education journals and supports the College's new four-year programs in education. The database is listed on the LINCC Web Electronic Resources menu. A link to this menu can be found on the Research menu of the North Campus Library's Web page. As explained above, your BORROWER ID is your social security or student number.

## INFORMATION LITERACY TUTORIAL

If you wish to learn more about information literacy or test your knowledge of this concept, you may want to check our new online Information Literacy Tutorial. The tutorial includes three modules and each module ends with true or false review questions. You will see a link to the tutorial on the Research menu of the North Campus Library's Web page.

## LIBRARY STATISTICS

These were some of the Library's statistics for the July 1, 2002 to June 30, 2003 fiscal year. There were noticeable increases in several instructional and service categories. For instance, the number of questions answered by the reference librarians went from 26,726 in FY 2001-2002 to 29,220 in FY 2002-2003.

Questions answered by the reference librarians: 29,220  
Questions answered by the circulation technicians: 10,715  
Circulation transactions: 31,224  
Requests for unbound periodicals: 2,742  
Usage of periodicals on microfilm (reels used): 1,412  
Interlibrary and intracampus loan transactions: 1,990  
Students who signed in to use Internet computers: 21,377  
Library instruction sessions scheduled: 190  
Gate count: 465,274