

Report to the Baruch College General Faculty
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William and Anita Newman Library

Wall Street Journal – The University has licensed access to the *Wall Street Journal* via wsj.com for all students, faculty, and staff. The form to create an account is available at: <https://partner.wsj.com/enter-redemption-code/CUNYnd5wtb6z>. Once an account is activated users can log in at www.wsj.com or download the WSJ app to store the username and password. Access is valid for 1 year and then must be reactivated, as is the case with CUNY accounts for the *New York Times*.

Institute for Public Administration – The first 173 files from the project to digitize the Archives of the Institute for Public Administration (IPA) are now available at www.baruch.cuny.edu/library/ipa. This collection contains original typewritten and published reports, books and papers by members of IPA and its predecessor, the Bureau of Municipal Research. There are publications on or about the IPA's history and work, and promotional materials, including pamphlets, brochures and periodicals. The Newman Library is engaged in a long-term project to make the entire contents of the IPA Archive available to the public with another group of 200 items due to be released by June 30, 2018.

Technology Loan Kiosk – A kiosk that loans 12 laptops, 12 MacBooks, and 12 rechargers has been installed on the second floor of the Newman Vertical Campus across from the six-pack elevators. This will enable students to borrow devices on their way to class without having to cross the street to the Library where a similar kiosk is located on the second floor next to the reference desk.

Technology Loan Services – The manager of the Library's technology loan services, Jeffrey Lynch is interested in hearing from faculty about what equipment and software should be added to the loan service to support students with their course work. In some cases the Library has added specific types of equipment, such as digital video cameras, that are needed for course assignments. Jeff has started to visit meetings of academic departments to describe what is available and find out what should be added. Interested faculty may contact him directly at Jeffrey.Lynch@baruch.cuny.edu.

New Media Artspace – The current exhibition is "exonemo: The Life-Cycle of Interfaces", curated by Zhenzhen Qi, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Department of Fine and Performing Arts. It will run through May 4, 2018. According to the curatorial statement, "Exonemo is a new media art collective formed by artist Kensuke Sembo and Yae Akaiwa. Initially established in 1996, they have developed a wide range of experimental works crossing freely between physical and digital, immediacy and virtuality—software programming, hardware circuit bending, multimedia installations, sound and image processing, live performance, networked objects and more."

Baruch Computing and Technology Center

ArcGIS on CUNY VDI – The CUNY Virtual Desktop, which allows students and faculty to log into CUNY-licensed software remotely, now includes ArcGIS. The Virtual Desktop already included SPSS, SAS, Mathematica, Maplesoft, and Matlab. Instructions are located at:

<http://www2.cuny.edu/about/administration/offices/cis/virtual-desktop/>

CUNYfirst Query Training – In November Angel Arcelay, Director of Enterprise Systems and Services delivered four introductory training sessions on how to run queries in CUNYfirst ("Getting to Know Query Viewer"). Forty-four staff and faculty attended. We are obtaining feedback from the attendees and plan to offer the training sessions on a regular schedule beginning in fall 2018.

Hackathon – The spring 2018 CUNY Hackathon (<https://www.cunystartups.com/hackathon>) will be held in the Kaplan Technology Center April 27-29, including overnight. This event brings together over 400 students from all CUNY colleges to work with Google, IBM, Facebook, Spotify, Samsung, and other NYC tech companies on collaborative programming projects. This will be the first time that this CUNY event will be held on a CUNY campus.

WiFi for Field Building – WiFi service has not been possible in the Field Building, because the network infrastructure there has not been upgraded in over a decade in anticipation of the renovation. Several factors now make an investment in WiFi service possible. First, we completed a project to move the data center in the Field Building out of the way of the demolition work in the current phase of the renovation. As part of that project we also moved the path of the fiber into the building that provides network connectivity. Second, we received funding from the Manhattan Borough President's Office to undertake the necessary cabling and installation of equipment for WiFi service. Finally, we now know that the duration of the renovation project will exceed the number of years of use required for a capital investment in WiFi. BCTC is preparing the bid specifications for the work and will announce a timeline for the service as soon as the procurement process is completed.

Office of Institutional Research

The following significant projects are in process/recently completed:

- Designing a new fact book using R software
- Updating Publishing House Common Data Set for rankings surveys
- Assessing transfer course taking patterns
- Analyzing graduation rates of students on scholarships
- Generating data for Enrollment Management Key Performance Indicators
- Generating data for History Department Program Review
- Generating data for Veteran Students Survey