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## What's New in the Library?

- The Library will have more limited hours during the Thanksgiving Break.

	Circulation/Reserve Desk	Card Access
Saturday, November 19	not staffed	10 am – 6 pm
Sunday, November 20	not staffed	2 pm – 10 pm
Monday, November 21	9 am – 4 pm	6 am – 10 pm
Tuesday, November 22	9 am – 4 pm	6 am – 10 pm
Wednesday, November 23	9 am – noon	6 am – noon
Thursday, November 24	not staffed	no access
Friday, November 25	not staffed	10 am – 10 pm
Saturday, November 26	not staffed	10 am – 10 pm

- Immediately after Thanksgiving is over, we move into the exam weeks. Beginning the night of Sunday, November 27, the Library will offer card access to the building until 2 am (instead of the normal midnight closing). This extended access will end on the last day of exams: Friday, December 9, at 5 pm. If you've lost your ID card, stop by the Circulation/Reserve Desk during normal business hours with \$5 (cash/check) for a replacement. (Please be aware it might take up to 30 minutes to process the ID card, so we can't guarantee we can issue one just before your exam starts!)
- As a reminder: our group study rooms are not dining areas. Food isn't allowed in the Library (at any time, even during our extended hours!). Over the years, we've had infestations of mice and creepy crawlies, not to mention some pretty bad smells. Tobacco use is also prohibited in the Library, which includes smokeless tobacco and the associated "spit cups." Please help us keep the group study rooms clean for the people who use the rooms after you!
- As you begin to prepare for finals, don't forget about the many CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Learning Instruction) tutorials available online, all for free! You should have registered during Orientation, but if you procrastinated, you can still register now at <http://www.cali.org/> with our school's authorization code of **[not in online version!]** (which is case-sensitive). The tutorials cover all topics – 2Ls and 3Ls can also benefit, as it's not just limited to 1L classes.

## Other News

- Daylight Saving Time ends on the first Sunday in November, which this year falls on November 6. "Fall back" by setting your clocks one hour in the past at 2 am on that Sunday. You're also encouraged to replace your smoke detector batteries, plus you should check your carbon monoxide detector if you have one of those.
- This has been one of the more unusual election cycles, but voters will finally get their say on Election Day, November 8. If you're voting here in Grundy, you'll have to pick the presidential/vice-presidential candidates, plus the House of Representatives member. There are also two constitutional amendments up for ratification. One would elevate Virginia's existing right-to-work law from a statute to a constitutional provision (thus making it harder to amend or repeal). The other could expand property tax exemptions for surviving spouses of any emergency services personnel (police, firefighters, etc.) killed in the line of duty; this is currently done for surviving spouses of veterans. For more details about these amendments (and later to find out the winners on Election Day!), check out the Virginia State Board of Election's web site at <http://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2016/>
- We'll empathize with those who feel that checking citations – aka "Bluebooking" – is a pretty tedious task. We think we've found at least one judge who actually does care about the peculiarities of Bluebook citation. In a recent case, even before discussing the merits of the motion to dismiss, Maryland District Judge James Bredar reminded both parties that footnotes in court documents should *not* have citations; rather, citations should appear in the text of the court filings. That's in the Blue Pages, which most students skip to get right to the rules. Adding insult to injury, the lawyers involved in the case attached some unpublished opinions to their filings, which Judge Bredar pointed out hasn't been required by the rules of court in some time. (The case is *North Valley GI Medical Group v. Prudential Investments LLC*, JKB-15-3268, 2016 WL 4447037, 2016 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 112413 (D. Md. Aug. 23, 2016). We hope we cited that properly.)
- It's almost a rite of passage – bringing home a girlfriend or boyfriend, and having your parents take out the photo albums containing all your embarrassing baby pictures. With the advent of social media, now that humiliation can spread globally! An unnamed woman from Austria is allegedly suing her parents after they posted over 500 baby and childhood pictures without her consent, including the seemingly traditional sitting-on-the-toilet pose and a handful of her playing without clothes on. Austria doesn't have very strong right-to-privacy laws, unlike, say, nearby France, which punishes publication without consent with up to a year in jail (plus significant fines). [A few days later, a prominent German broadcaster strongly questioned whether the story was made up. See <http://www.dw.com/en/story-of-austrian-teen-suing-parents-over-facebook-pictures-debunked/a-19562265> ]

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