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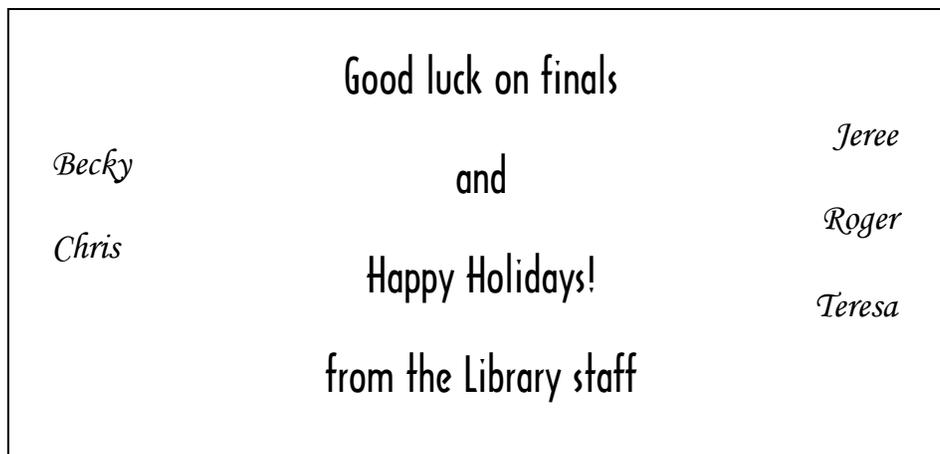
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What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** The Library is now offering extended student access hours. Starting the evening of Sunday, November 27, we're letting students with a valid ID card enter the Library until 2 am instead of the traditional midnight closing time. Please note that our Circulation/Reserve Desk hours will remain the same. We'll keep those exam access hours until Friday, December 9, when we'll close at 5 pm.

If you need a replacement ID card – for Library access or for exams – stop by the Library's Circulation/Reserve Desk during normal business hours with a check or cash (\$5), and it will take us about fifteen minutes to process.



- During Winter Break, the Library will have very limited hours. The following chart shows when the Circulation/Reserve Desk will be staffed, plus any additional card-access times that we offer.

	Circulation Desk	Card Access
Saturday, December 10 and Sunday, December 11	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday, December 12 through Friday, December 16	9 am – 4 pm	9 am – 4 pm
Saturday, December 17 through Sunday, January 1	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday, January 2 through Friday, January 6	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 10 pm
Saturday, January 7	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday, January 8 (regular school hours begin)	12 noon – 8 pm	12 noon – 12 midnight

Other News

- If you've received a Library fines notice, please pay at the Circulation/Reserve Desk any time Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4 pm, before the end of classes, or your grades may be withheld. Please also be sure to return all overdue Library books before the exam period begins.
- Since the presidential election took over the news cycle for the last several months, you may not have heard about some changes to the Federal Rules, which go into effect on December 1, 2016 (assuming that Congress doesn't specifically reject them). Due to the "stability" of electronic methods of service, the folks who write the rules – that would be the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Bankruptcy, Civil Procedure, and Criminal Procedure – have determined that there's no need to add three extra days for a response; now electronic methods of service are treated just like the older send-via-mail or courier process. But the most controversial changes take place in the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, where all page limits have effectively been replaced with word counts. The new Appendix has a handy chart that shows what the new rules require, although it would have been more complete if they had added the items excluded from the word count as well. To review the new rules, check out the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' web page (look near the bottom for "Amendments Adopted by the Supreme Court") at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-and-forms-amendments>
- Lexis has announced that their original research platform (known as "Lexis.com") will be removed from law school access on December 31, 2016. All of the content will, by then, be transferred to Lexis Advance. (This is similar to when Westlaw retired "Westlaw Classic," its original research platform, in 2014. In the January 2016 *ASL Library News*, we noted that WestlawNext had been rebranded as "Thomson Reuters Westlaw.") If you explored the original Lexis and now can't find a particular database on Lexis Advance, let Chris know and he'll help you figure out where to look.
- We've highlighted a few e-book resources before in this newsletter (for example, we noted some rules books from CALI in the October 2015 issue), but we've just noticed that Virginia's Legislative Information Service has converted their unannotated code into a set of e-books. (Of course, it would be really nice to have the court rules as an e-book too, but that's probably a job for the Virginia Supreme Court, not the legislature.) If you have a Kindle, click on the MOBI links; for any other e-book reader, select the EPUB or PDF versions at <http://law.lis.virginia.gov/law-library> Be aware, though, that you'll have to download a new version each time the law changes; there's no notification that a new version is available.