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What's New in the Library?

- Welcome back from Winter Break! It's hard to believe we're already taking our first holiday of the semester. The Library will not be staffed (meaning no Circulation/Reserve Desk hours) on Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, which is Monday, January 16, but we will have card access for students from noon to midnight. The prior weekend hours will be unchanged: Saturday, staffed 9 am to 5 pm with card access from 9 am to midnight, and Sunday, staffed noon to 8 pm with card access from noon to midnight.
- Please remember that winter weather may unexpectedly change our staff schedule. This may impact the hours Reserve material is available, so don't wait until the last minute to get access to your assigned readings! The law school posts a weather alert notice when necessary on the main page of the web site, and also sends around text messages to those who have signed up (check with the Information Services department to double-check if your number or e-mail is correctly listed).
- Our Lexis student representatives are still available by e-mail if you need them. While they don't have "office hours" any longer, please contact them to determine a time to meet that works for both of you.
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Roger Matney joins us as our new full-time Circulation Assistant. Roger was born and raised in Buchanan County, where he graduated from Hurley High School. He received his A.A.S. in Human Services/Mental Health from Southwest Virginia Community College. For the last three years, Roger had been enrolled in a training program known as Experience Works, which is how he started working part-time for us in the Library.

Other News

- We had a suggestion in our suggestion box to get some "new hole punch machines." We've put new hole punches in the current machines, so we hope that you now will be in hole-punching nirvana. If some of our equipment isn't working for you, please feel free to ask for assistance at the Circulation/Reserve Desk, or leave us a suggestion in the upstairs suggestion box in the copy area.
- The Constitution (via the Twentieth Amendment) sets the country's presidential inauguration on January 20. There's a lot of information out there about the big day, but some of the more reputable Internet sites include
 - <https://www.usa.gov/inauguration-2017>
 - <http://www.inauguralsupport.mdw.army.mil/index.html>
 - <http://www.inaugural.senate.gov/days-events>
- Also in January, the 115th Congress will convene (with one of its first acts being the counting of the electoral votes from the presidential election). If you're interested in keeping up with legislative information, including bills and committee hearings, check out ProQuest Congressional, which is linked from our Library Databases page. One neat feature is that the "Members of Congress" section showcases each member of Congress, detailing the bills that the member sponsored, plus any remarks on the floor of the chamber and the way the member voted on various bills. (Note: That could be particularly helpful if doing an internship with a Congressperson!) If you need help navigating around the site, set up an appointment with Chris and he'll (hopefully) help you find what you're looking for!
- We're always looking for stories about people who look at the law just a little bit differently, and this month we've found someone who comes from an artistic background. Her web site kicks off with the question "How can we use human-centered design to make law more accessible, useful, and engaging?" She thinks flowcharts may be one answer. Check out her site – which includes the pretty funny "Are You A Nuisance" trip through Property along with a handful of other flowcharts – at <http://www.margarethagan.com/drawings/illustrated-law-flow-charts/>

Also in the art-related realm is LawComic.net, which offers a graphical overview of three major legal topics: Criminal Law, Criminal Procedure, and Constitutional Law. If you enjoy them, you can even support the author/artist by purchasing paperback book versions. Swing by <http://lawcomic.net/guide/> to view what's there; he also offers a comments section for most of the comics.

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