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Welcome!

Welcome – or welcome back – to the ASL Library. The Library is designed to complement the Law School's educational program. We strive to provide a clean and secure area to study and to do research. We have very dedicated staff members who will try to help you find the materials you need in our collection.

Take the time to walk around and look at what the Library has to offer. We have a solid Virginia law collection and a strong collection of regional legal materials and general reference materials. We continue to purchase books that cover the topics that you will learn in school, including several study-guide series on Reserve. Our print collection is enhanced by our microfiche holdings, as well as electronic databases that you have access to (see our web site, at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>). Of course, we also provide training on all these resources, with class-like tutorials and one-on-one reviews with our professional librarians.

Please feel free to ask questions or make suggestions as to how we can improve your law school experience. Our suggestion box is upstairs in the copy area (for anonymous suggestions), or you can pass along your ideas to a Library staff member.

What's New In The Library?

- The school's "drop box" is now located in the Library, in the first floor hallway in between the school's photocopier/printer and the Lexis printer. It's the same one that used to be in the Classroom/Administrative Building, so you'll still need to timestamp only one page at a time.
- We've moved a few things around in the Library over the summer. Most noticeable is the upstairs addition of *Southeastern Reporter* (the first series), which had been downstairs for many years. If you're looking for something specific and it's not where you expect it to be, please check at the Circulation/Reserve Desk and we'll help hunt it down for you!

Other News

- Our normal school year student access hours are the same as last year – Monday through Friday, 6 am to midnight; Saturday, 9 am to midnight; and Sunday, noon to midnight. (Our hours can always be found at <http://www.asl.edu/hours/> but we'll post modifications due to holidays on the main Library page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>).
- On Labor Day, Monday, September 4, the Library will have more limited hours. We'll offer card access from noon to midnight, but the Library's Circulation/Reserve Desk will be closed all day. The prior weekend hours remain unchanged.
- One of the best ways to keep up with your legal studies is by using CALI tutorials, as there are over a thousand of them for many law school topics. Sign up for a CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Learning Instruction) account by heading over to <http://www.cali.org> and type in ASL's authorization code, which is **[not in online version!]** (which is case-sensitive). Stop by the Reference Desk for assistance if you have trouble. (1Ls: You signed up – or you *should* have signed up – during Orientation. 2Ls/3Ls: If you created an account before, you should use that one; you should not create a new account each year.)
- We've updated our Student User Guide for the new academic year. To read a copy, find it on our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library-publications/> . We also have a few printed copies which can be found at the "Information Station" across from the Circulation/Reserve Desk. Also in print there – and online – are a "Library hours" handout, and copies of the self-guided Library tour.
- While we usually only run stories about law or libraries in this newsletter, we're in for an out-of-this-world treat in August that is worth mentioning. On Monday, August 21, Earth's moon will block the sun, resulting in a total eclipse throughout part of the United States. Here in Grundy, we'll see about 93% of the sun covered at peak eclipse (around 2:36 pm). Please remember that looking at the sun can damage your eyes, so put in your orders now for special eclipse glasses since ordinary sunglasses are not sufficient. (While it's true that you can look directly at the sun at the moment of totality – 100% covered – we won't reach that anywhere in Buchanan County, so there is no safe time here to look at this eclipse without eye protection.) The eclipse will start here a little after 1 pm, and should last until about 4 pm. Warning, even if you don't care about space stuff: it will get dark in the middle of the day, and the temperature should drop noticeably. If you want to know more about this eclipse, check out NASA's site at <https://eclipse2017.nasa.gov/>

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