

ASL LIBRARY NEWS

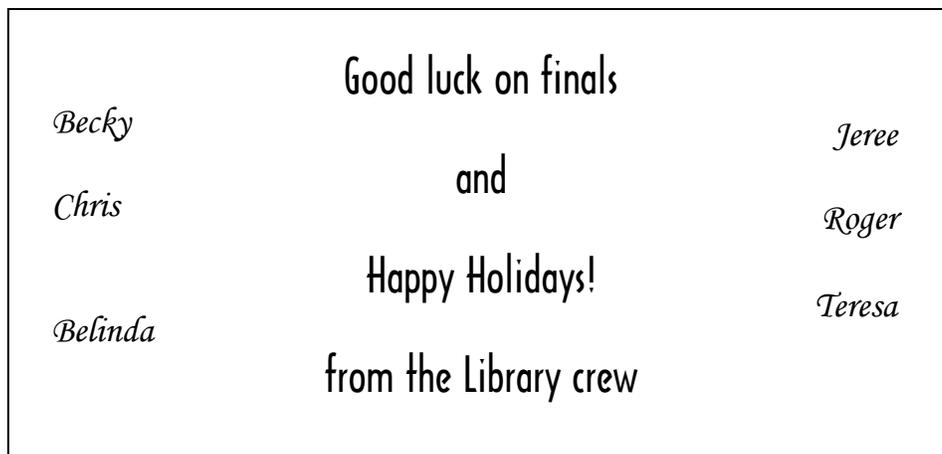
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What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** Extended student hours are now in effect. Beginning the evening of Sunday, November 26, 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 8, 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 9 and Sunday, December 10	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday, December 11 through Friday, December 15	9 am – 4 pm	9 am – 4 pm
Saturday, December 16 through Monday, January 1	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday, January 2 through Friday, January 5	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 10 pm
Saturday, January 6	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday, January 7 (regular school hours begin)	12 noon – 8 pm	12 noon – 12 midnight

Other News

- If you've received a notice about owing Library fines, 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.
- Every December, the Federal Rules usually get updated unless Congress specifically rejects them (see the Rules Enabling Act, especially 28 U.S.C. § 2074). This year, most of the changes are with the bankruptcy rules. (One big issue had been that some bankruptcy courts would not accept a preliminary filing without an initial installment payment; this is now expressly permitted.) Federal Rule of Evidence 803's "ancient documents" hearsay exception is being modified from a floating twenty-years-ago rule to a strict timeline of "before 1998" to ensure that less-reliable electronically-stored information (which began growing rapidly around 1998) would not be admitted. There are also technical amendments to the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure. To read up on all of the changes, head to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' web site at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-and-forms-amendments> (the 2017 changes are at the bottom; the 2018 proposals are near the top of the page).
- We know that there are likely a few of you on campus with dyslexia, and that makes reading the enormous amount of materials in the law school curriculum challenging. Some experts have suggested using a different font for reading could possibly help. In fact, there are several dyslexia-friendly fonts out there, many of which are free. The British Dyslexia Association has an impressive list of them at their web page at <https://bdatech.org/what-technology/typefaces-for-dyslexia/> These fonts can usually be added to any computer, and potentially even to e-readers like Kindle. Of course, this isn't suggesting a font choice can "cure" dyslexia, but it might make reading less of a burden.
- How much could a toothbrush cost you? Well, if you're an attorney who sneaks one to your client in prison, it could be over \$8000! The Wisconsin Supreme Court recently suspended an attorney who had brought into prison a pack of toothbrushes (and a bottle of red pepper). The prison authorities didn't allow those particular toothbrushes, as they were heavier than prison-issued ones, and thus could be modified into weapons. The attorney then pled no contest to delivering contraband to an inmate, which is a felony, along with two misdemeanors. When the attorney had no remorse, the Wisconsin Supreme Court suspended his license and assessed costs for this and another related ethics investigation, which totaled over \$8600. You can read the entire case at 2017 WI 96, posted at <https://www.wicourts.gov/sc/opinion/DisplayDocument.pdf?content=pdf&seqNo=202686>