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What's New in the Library?

- During Spring Break, the Library will have more limited hours. Please note that we will be closed completely on Sunday, March 4, and Saturday, March 10.

	Circulation/Reserve Desk	ID Card Access
Saturday, March 3	9 am – 5 pm (normal)	9 am – midnight (normal)
Sunday, March 4	CLOSED	NO ACCESS
Monday, March 5	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Tuesday, March 6	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Wednesday, March 7	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Thursday, March 8	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Friday, March 9	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Saturday, March 10	CLOSED	NO ACCESS
Sunday, March 11	noon – 8 pm (normal)	noon – midnight (normal)

- As the spring semester begins to wind down, bar application questions increase. Where are the forms? What are the deadlines? Are there sample bar questions – and, perhaps, answers – available anywhere? On what days will the test be held? If you're looking for any information about the bar exam, start by checking out our Bar Examination Resources guide at <http://www.asl.edu/bar-exam-resources/>

Over the last few years, a number of states have been switching to using the Uniform Bar Examination (UBE), so now it's a little easier to transfer scores between jurisdictions. North Carolina will make the change for the February 2019 exam; West Virginia changed in 2017. There's a petition before the Tennessee Supreme Court to implement the UBE in 2019, but that hasn't been finalized yet. Stop by the Circulation/Reserve Desk to review our printed versions of the UBE's components – the Multistate Essay Examination and the Multistate Bar Examination – which have both the questions and some sample answers.

We have a number of books about taking the bar exam as well. Some contain the substantive topics of law that you'll need to memorize, and others have information about studying strategies. If you're interested in any of these, be sure to stop by our Circulation/Reserve Desk to see what we have!

Other News

- Although there are mutterings twice a year about repealing the law, Daylight Saving Time is still a legal requirement across most of the United States. (See 15 U.S.C. § 260a.) That means that on Sunday, March 11, at 2 am, you need to "spring ahead" by advancing your timekeeping equipment – clocks, computers, phones – by one hour, assuming they don't automatically change!
- Last month, we wrote about a podcast from CALI. This month, we'll point out that there are dozens of legally-themed podcasts out there that could make a long commute a little more productive. One title that caught our eye was the American Bar Association's "Law Student Podcast," at <https://abaforlawstudents.com/stay-informed/law-student-podcast/> (if you don't like the iTunes feed, the "secret" listing of episodes is at <http://abalawstudent.ltn.libsynpro.com/rss>). This podcast is pretty broad in scope: there are interviews with famous legal personalities, tips about the future practice of law, and the legal implications of many current events.

Another podcast that might be of interest is "The Law Entrepreneur with Neil Tyra." Based on interviews with solo and small-firm practitioners, the show covers how to drum up business in small towns, technology tips and tricks, and other ideas on marketing and building a small practice. The main page is at <http://thelawentrepreneur.libsyn.com/> but if you want the convenience of iTunes links, you can go to <https://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/the-law-entrepreneur-with-neil-tyra/id1086406592?mt=2>

Perhaps those podcasts weren't interesting to you? Check out the ABA's "Web 100: Best Law Podcasts," which undoubtedly should have something to please everyone. The 2017 list is at http://www.abajournal.com/magazine/article/best_law_podcasts_web_100/P1

- Usually, we run a tax story in April due to the national filing deadline in the middle of the month. But the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) recently released a "be on the lookout" alert for a new scam, and we thought you might want to know about it. Cybercriminals are now calling and e-mailing potential victims and stating that there was an error in their tax refund and the callers (usually posing as the IRS, but sometimes as a debt collection agency) want their money back. Obviously, if you haven't even filed your taxes when you get this notice, you can tell it's a scam – but what if you *did* get a refund? Alternatively, what if the cybercriminals have enough information about you and they submit a fraudulent return, which could result in an erroneous refund to your bank account? If any of these situations happen to you, be sure to call the IRS directly at 1-800-829-1040. They also provide some guidance on identity theft on their web site at <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/taxpayer-guide-to-identity-theft>

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