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What's New in the Library?

- Welcome back from Winter Break! Believe it or not, we're already about to take 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 21, 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).
- Known changes to the Library schedule for Spring Semester 2019 are as follows:

	Circulation/Reserve Desk	Card Access
Monday, January 21	not open	noon – midnight
Sunday, March 3 (Spring Break)	not open	noon – midnight
Monday, March 4	9 am – 4 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Tuesday, March 5	9 am – 4 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Wednesday, March 6	9 am – 4 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Thursday, March 7	9 am – 4 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Friday, March 8	9 am – 4 pm	9 am – 9 pm
Saturday, March 9	not open	9 am – midnight
Sunday, April 21 (Easter)	not open	noon – 2 am (Mon)
Friday, May 3	8 am – 5 pm	6 am – 5 pm
Saturday, May 4 (Commencement)	not open	no access

- If you're a big fan of our group study rooms, we have good news: We're going to change them from a two-hour checkout to a three-hour checkout! We've modified that checkout period in years past, in a delicate balance of "good study time" versus allowing the greatest number of people to use the rooms. If we get more complaints than praise, we reserve the right to revert back to the original checkout period. As a reminder, if you want to use one of our Library group study rooms, you must check out the room at the Circulation/Reserve Desk.

Other News

- If you made a resolution to study more this semester, we may be able to help you out! The Library provides access to many print study guides, including the popular Q&A series and the Examples and Explanation series; the newest editions are available for checkout at the Circulation/Reserve Desk. (Ask if we've got older copies available for a longer checkout period!) If you're a little scared to come directly to the Library, CALI lessons are available at <https://www.cali.org/> (if you forgot to sign up during your Orientation session, register with the **[not in online version!]** code, which is case-sensitive). You might also be interested in the Sum & Substance audio series available through West Academic; sign up for an account while on campus at <https://subscription.westacademic.com> and then you'll be able to download and listen on your phone, tablet, or some music devices.
- Just a helpful tip: If you got a new phone for the holidays, or even a new thumb drive, be sure you keep some information on the device so you can reclaim it if it wanders away from you! If you're dealing with a thumb drive, create a small file that has your name or phone number in it. If you want to protect your phone, consider creating an "In Case of Emergency" (ICE) lock screen, which is detailed here: <https://www.wikihow.com/Add-ICE-to-Your-Cell-Phone>
- The new year always brings changes, and one big one is the retirement of "FDSys," which is being replaced with GovInfo. The federal government's "one-stop" site contains links to hundreds of different federal organizations, plus access to many legal materials, like federal laws and administrative regulations. The site started as "GPO Access" in 1994, changed to the "Federal Digital System" (aka, "FDSys") in 2009, and slowly transitioned to GovInfo in 2016. To find out more about this impressive collection of government materials, head over to <https://www.govinfo.gov/>
- If you think that the Federal Rules were carved in stone and never changed, you'd be quite wrong. In fact, each December, there's usually a batch of updates – sometimes small tweaks, and sometimes very big changes. Some of 2018's modifications included generally eliminating the separate certificate of service if the attorney is using the court's e-filing system (Civil Rule 5), updating the rule on class actions (Civil Rule 23), providing the Criminal Rules with their own set of filing provisions since the old rules just referred back to the Civil Rules (Criminal Rule 49), and updating some bankruptcy and appellate rules as well. To stay up-to-date on these new rules, you can read the very thorough documentation at <https://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/current-rules-practice-procedure>

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