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What's New in the Library?

- Although it's not truly new, our "lost and found" collection has been growing over the semester. We have a jacket, a sweatshirt, several umbrellas, and various textbooks that have been left behind in the Library. If you can identify any of these objects, we will return the items to you. Check at the Circulation Desk to claim your stuff. Items not claimed will be discarded!
- As we mentioned last month, the Library is always in the middle of moving books. During Winter Break, we will be enhancing our Regional Area, so that **all** of our regional states (KY, NC, TN, VA, and WV) will be represented by statutes and the regional reporter (at least!) with other goodies to be added as we purchase them.

**Good luck with finals
and
happy holidays!

from the Library staff**

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Kim Boyd Hibbitts is our new Reference Librarian. She was a member of the charter class of the Appalachian School of Law. Prior to attending law school, she graduated from James Madison University with a B.S. in Political Science and a minor in Criminal Justice. She now lives in Grundy with her husband Brad.

Kim will be available on Sundays and most weekday evenings to answer reference questions. She may also give you insight on how best to approach an ASL class or ASL professor!

Other News

- Don't forget about the many study aids that we have in the Library, many of which are on Reserve. We have hornbooks, nutshells, some old exams, those well-worn audiocassettes, and the CALI CD-ROMs. Just ask at the Circulation Desk for suggestions.
- During Winter Break, we will have limited reference service, as well as shorter hours that we are staffed. Except for holidays, we will be staffing the Library Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 5 pm, starting on December 16 and continuing through January 6, 2001. We will be closed on December 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 31, as well as January 1, 2001. These dates are printed in your Student User Guides and are available on our web site; a handout is available at the Circulation Desk.
- Perhaps over Winter Break, some of you might want to practice arriving at events on time. In a recent federal case, a district court used its inherent authority to sanction a lawyer for being twenty-five minutes late to a court session. The lawyer was fined \$350, and she immediately asked for an appeal, claiming there was no finding of bad faith. The Second Circuit affirmed the fine, declaring that a court did not need to find bad faith when policing the conduct of attorneys as officers of the court. The case is *United States v. Rosario (Seltzer)*, 227 F.3d 36 (2nd Cir., 2000).
- By now, you've probably come in contact with one of the sets of federal rules: Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure. Reading them in a textbook is pretty boring. Now you -- and all other lawyers and interested people -- can make comments on some of the changes that are currently being proposed, including allowing electronic service to a party. The proposed rules can be found on the Administrative Office of the Court's web site at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/> and there's even a place where you can submit your comments electronically. Comments are due by February 15, 2001, and, assuming Congress makes no changes, the rules would become effective in late 2002.
- Soon-to-be Virginia attorneys should keep an eye out on the Virginia state supreme court's web site. There are several amendments to the Rules of Court which will become effective at the start of the new year, including changes to the filing time and number of copies when filing briefs. Look at their web site at <http://www.courts.state.va.us/amend.htm> for more information.