

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- The Library staff hopes that everyone had a happy and healthy holiday season. We look forward to working with you this semester!
- Our Regional Area has now expanded, based on your requests! Now look for these recently relocated items downstairs by the Reference Area:
  - Southeastern Reporter, 1st and 2nd series
  - Southeastern Digest, 1st and 2nd series
  - Southeastern Shepards
  - Southwestern Reporter, 1st and 2nd series
  - Southwestern Shepards
  - North Carolina statutes, digests, Shepards, and legal practice materials
  - Tennessee statutes, digests, Shepards, and legal practice materials

One set of Southeastern 2d and Southwestern 2d & 3rd will remain upstairs. If you need a regional reporter from the first series, we have those on microfiche. As always, ask if you need assistance.

- We have had a very generous contribution of law-related fiction videotapes, ranging from the serious (*Philadelphia*) to the not-so-serious (*Liar Liar*). Look for our list at the Circulation Desk or use our online catalog to find the videos.
- On December 15, 2000, the ASL Board of Trustees approved two new policies: the Computer Use Policy and the Discriminatory Harassment Policy. We have copies of these for your review at the Circulation Desk.
- The Library will have **modified hours** on Monday, **January 15** (Lee/Jackson/King Day). We will only be staffed from **12:00 pm - 8:00 pm**. Of course, students, faculty, and staff always have 24-hour access to the Library with an ID card.
- In case you hadn't heard, Glenna Owens, our Technical Services Librarian, had a little girl on December 14, 2000. Catherine Michelle and the rest of the Owens family are doing well. Glenna should be returning to work sometime later this semester.

## Other News

- Did you make a New Year's resolution to study more this semester? If so, we can help you keep that promise with our many study aids on Reserve. We have hornbooks, nutshells, a number of books in the Matthew Bender "Understanding" series, several "Examples and Explanation" books from Aspen, and the CALI CD-ROMs. Just ask at the Circulation Desk for recommendations.
- The 107th Congress convened earlier this month. Yes, we've heard all the stories about Senator Clinton and the 50-50 split in the Senate. Soon we'll be hearing stories about changes in the law. To follow this historic session of Congress, the Library staff would like to alert you to several materials that could turn you into a "Washington insider":
  - *Congressional Index* by CCH [REFERENCE KF 49 .C6] provides a very brief listing of all the new elected representatives, committee assignments, and lists of proposed legislation. It is updated biweekly.
  - *This Week In Congress* is also published by CCH [REFERENCE KF 49 .C6 Supp] and provides short paragraphs about the prior week's happenings.
  - *CQ Weekly Report* by Congressional Quarterly [REFERENCE JK 1 .C66] is perhaps the insider's guide to Capitol Hill. This weekly newsmagazine covers dozens of topics and usually investigates one or two in-depth each issue. Voting records are also provided.
  - The *Congressional Record* [KF 35 .C66] is the official source for Congressional speeches. Our paper copy is usually delayed; our electronic subscription to Congressional Universe (available via our web site) gets you more current issues.
  - The Internet is one of the best places for news about pending legislation. Although many of the news sites (like [cnn.com](http://cnn.com) and [newyorktimes.com](http://newyorktimes.com)) will have informative articles, the place to go for primary research is Congress itself, at a page sponsored by the Library of Congress: <http://thomas.loc.gov/>  
For congressional gossip, try <http://www.hillnews.com/>  
Finally, there's always Roll Call at <http://www.rollcall.com/>
- A more quiet session is planned for Virginia's legislature, which meets for forty-five days beginning January 10th. The best place to read about proposed legislation is directly at the Virginia Assembly's website: <http://legis.state.va.us/> At that site, you can search for information about representatives, legislation, and even search the state constitution and administrative regulations.