

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- **LABOR DAY HOURS:** We will **not** be staffed on Labor Day, September 3. You will still be able to use your ID card to enter the Library from 6 am to midnight. If you need Reserve materials, plan accordingly!
- The Library has recently received the new 2001-2002 CALI CD-ROM. All ASL students should also have been given this CD-ROM (either during Orientation or the first day of school). If you've accidentally used yours for a "flying disk" (Frisbee is a registered trademark...), we've got extra copies -- and ours come with instructions. Ask at the Circulation Desk for a three-day checkout period.
- We've added a "reshelving" cart upstairs by the stairwell. If you're finished using your books -- say, for your Legal Process class -- please put them on this cart, rather than accidentally reshelving the books in the wrong place. Likewise, if you're looking for a particular book, swing by this cart, which might have what you need. Please remember that our book budget can only purchase a limited number of copies, so try to work together (within the limits of the Honor Code) when using Library materials.

## Who's New in the Library?

We have two new part-time employees in the Library who will be working the "late shift" (8 pm to midnight, Sundays through Thursdays).

Leigh Ann Lockhart graduated from Grundy High School and then received diplomas in Southwest Virginia Community College's Respiratory Care Program and Occupational Therapy Assistant Program.

Sarah Billips (nee Elgin) also graduated from Grundy High School and is currently studying for a CCNA network certification. She has attended both Southwest Virginia Community College and Radford University.

We've also had some helpers over the summer who have decided to stay with us a little longer. Ashley Blankenship and Amy Lane both graduated from Hurley High School and are now enrolled in college (Ashley for Business Administration and Cosmetology; Amy for Education).

Please join us in welcoming all of these great workers to the Library!

If you're looking for short biographies of other Library employees, check us out at the Library's web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/bios.htm>).

# Keeping the Collection in Good Repair

by Lisa Blackwell, Acquisitions Librarian

Everyone would like the books in the Library to be in good condition. We need your help to maintain the collection. Please bring any books that have torn pages, damaged spines, or other problems to the Circulation Desk for repair. I have had some experience in repairing library materials and am working to repair some of our library's damaged items. Since the spring, I have been repairing damaged volumes of the Southwest Reporters 1st edition and several other titles. I am often able to restore a book to as good or better condition than before the damage. Repair work cannot be done quickly. It takes time to do the repair right. In some cases, the glue must dry and the tape must set.

Never try to repair a Library book yourself. Common tape ["Scotch tape"] will yellow and become brittle. Regular glue attracts insects. Both of these actually cause more damage to the book rather than helping.

Some books are beyond repair. These are the books that are tied with white cotton string or are in boxes. These books are not easily repaired, and we may not be able to replace them. Feel free to untie the strings or open the boxes to use these books, but please BE CAREFUL. These books are in "delicate" condition and require careful handling. When you are done, please bring these books back to the Circulation Desk and we will all benefit.

Another set of items that receives heavy use and therefore has some damage is our cassettes. Please let the person at the desk know when you turn cassettes in if they are damaged or will not play. I am not able to repair these in any way, so try to be gentle with our cassettes and their cases. Don't leave them in your car on a hot or cold day, and return them in the cases in which you checked them out.

A collection that is in good repair is our goal. Help us to keep it that way!

## Other News

- Second and third year students should mark their calendars for the second full week of September: our new LEXIS representative, Becky Franks, will be visiting and teaching sections on "Finding a Job with LEXIS" and "Advanced LEXIS Searches." Watch for signs in the Library detailing times and dates for those meetings. (Becky will also be interviewing candidates for the LEXIS student representative position.)
- Because we don't play favorites here in the ASL Library, we'll now turn to Westlaw.... Student representative Michelle Thomas has posted her "office hours" on the bulletin boards in the Library. If you're having Westlaw problems or want some hints on using the online service, she's a valuable resource.

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