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What's New in the Library?

- The popular "Get REAL!" series will be returning to the Library's Seminar Room this semester! The Research and Electronic Assisted Learning (REAL) sessions will discuss how to find relevant law review articles, how to find hard-to-find legislative histories, and hidden secrets of Westlaw and LEXIS. These classes begin on Tuesday, March 12, and continue throughout the month. Look for posters!
- **Spring Break Hours:** We will not staff the Library on Sunday, March 3. On Monday, March 4, the Library will be staffed from 9 am to 5 pm, and we will keep that schedule through Saturday, March 9. On Sunday, March 10, we will have our "regular" hours return. Students, faculty, and staff can still have "after-hours" access from 6 am until midnight every day.
- We've heard some complaints about our whiteboards and markers, and we wanted to make sure that the rules were clear. You may check out markers and erasers for the group study room whiteboards at the Circulation Desk. These items check out for eight hours. So long as they are returned on time, there is no charge to borrow them. If they are returned late – or if they are not returned at all – the Library will bill you, just like an overdue or lost book. Do **NOT** leave the markers or erasers in the group study rooms; you must return them to the Circulation Desk so that we can check them in.

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We've been so busy since the semester started that we've forgotten to introduce our new Circulation Desk workers.

Jessica Fields, who will be working mostly in the mid-afternoons, is a native of Buchanan County. She attended Virginia Tech and Southwest Virginia Community College. Jessica and her husband Jeremy are expecting their first child in early May.

Matthew O'Quin returns to work for us in the late evenings. After graduating from Grundy High School, he now attends Southwest Virginia Community College.

We also have a "new baby" story to run: our Acquisitions Assistant Angela Christian recently gave birth to a baby girl. Little Caitlin and mom are doing well.

Other News

- Don't forget about the Library's special "trauma" collection, currently housed in Reserve. We have several books and articles about dealing with grief. Since we've borrowed these books from other libraries, we have to return them sometime around the third week of March. (We will soon be ordering several of these books to add to our collection.) If you're interested in looking at any of these materials, please ask at the Circulation Desk.
- LEXIS has been hiding a useful learning tool on its homepage: the Interactive Citation Workbook. This Micromedia Flash presentation (which will require a special download for most users) teaches you the basics of legal citation – for either Bluebook or ALWD formats! If you've been looking for a little extra practice for those pesky citations, try these exercises out. Either go to the main LEXIS page [<http://lawschool.lexis.com>] and choose "ICW" or go directly to <http://icw.lexisnexis.com>
- Westlaw representative Foster Blair will be visiting with us sometime in late March for Westlaw certification classes and also to pick a new Westlaw student representative for the upcoming school year. If you're interested, talk to current student representative Michelle Thomas or Public Services Librarian Chris King.
- The countdown to tax day is here: April 15 will be here in no time. Tax forms are now easy to retrieve from the Internet. If you're looking for federal tax forms, check out the IRS's "user-friendly" web site at <http://www.irs.gov> (all the forms can be obtained at http://www.irs.ustreas.gov/forms_pubs/forms.html). For state forms, one of the better "all-in-one" sites is <http://www.1-tax-forms.com/state> (the links to state sites are hidden under all the ads). If you are on campus, take a look at CCH's Tax Network (linked on our site at <http://www.asl.edu/network.htm>), which also provides forms and commentary. If you're a paper-based person, we have a number of useful resources, including BNA's Tax Management series, CCH's Standard Federal Tax Reporter, and Merten's Law of Federal Income Taxation, all of which provide information about the tax code and regulations. As always, ask for help at the Circulation Desk if you're interested in these items.
- The Grundy Baptist Church, located next door to the ASL Library, offers a free meal to students, faculty, and staff on the last Monday of every month. Lunch starts at 12:30 pm. New pastor Howell Scott has a dual degree – not only is he a minister but he is also a licensed attorney!

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