

ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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Welcome!

Welcome – or welcome back – to the ASL Library. The Library is designed to complement the Law School's educational program. Our expanded staffing hours allow us to help you find the materials you need in our collection. We provide a clean and secure area to study and to do research. We have very dedicated staff members who will try to help you in every way possible.

Take the time to walk around and look at what the Library has to offer. We have a modest but growing collection of regional legal materials, as well as general reference materials. We continue to purchase books that cover the topics that you will learn in school. Our print collection is enhanced by our microfiche holdings, as well as some electronic databases that you have access to (see our web site, at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>).

Please feel free to ask questions or make suggestions as to how we can make your stay at our Law School more comfortable. Our suggestion box is upstairs, tucked away in the copy area (for those who want to leave anonymous suggestions).

What's New in the Library?

- Returning students will notice that the Library has rearranged much of our collection, so books might not be where you last saw them. Here's a quick summary of some of the changes. Please ask at the Circulation Desk if you can't find what you need.
 - We've moved our Appalachian Collection to the bookshelf near the elevator. These books can be checked out for two weeks. If you have ideas for other books relating to the Appalachian region, please let us know!
 - Our legal encyclopedia sets ([American Jurisprudence 2d](#), [Corpus Juris Secundum](#), and [Words and Phrases](#)) are now in the first row of our downstairs collection (down the long hallway).
 - Our "book swap" area has also moved. If you're interested in sharing some books you've recently read, or are looking for something a little less "academic," swing by our book swap area upstairs hidden away in the cubbyhole in Current Awareness. Take the books you want; return those and more when you're done. These books aren't part of our collection, so you don't even need an ID to check out these items.

Who's New In The Library?

We've had a few people changing positions over the summer. Jessica Fields, who started out with us working the late evening shifts, has now taken over as the evening Circulation Assistant. She replaces Anita Stanley, who is now ASL's receptionist. Lisa Blackwell, formerly our Acquisitions Librarian, has now been promoted to Technical Services Librarian. For short biographies of these two workers – as well as of all the fine staff in the Library – check out our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>

Other News

- **HOURS:** Please note the Library hours for the upcoming academic year. With a valid ID card, students will have access to the Library from 6 am to midnight Sunday through Thursday, 6 am until 9 pm on Friday, and 6 am until 8 pm on Saturday. Extended hours will begin in November, just before finals begin (watch this newsletter for further announcements).
- We've made a few changes in the Library rules for the upcoming school year. All first year students who took a Library tour received a brand-new Student User Guide during Orientation; others wanting a new copy can download it from our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/pubs.htm>) or pick up a copy at the Circulation Desk.
- As of press time, we are hiring new employees to work the "extended hours" that we are now offering (8 pm to midnight, Sunday through Thursday). We will offer profiles of our new employees in the September newsletter.
- We announced some big "shifting" projects on the front cover; we've done other work that's somewhat hidden in the background. We've cleaned out our "Archive" section (where we store older copies of treatises and statutes, which might be helpful for research purposes). We've processed hundreds of books that were donated to us over the summer. We've been collecting and processing over three thousand briefs that the Fourth Circuit has given to us to enhance our collection.
- Second and third year students: Expect to see a strong competition between Westlaw and Lexis this year! We'll post student rep hours on the Library bulletin boards when those are finalized. Your passwords remain the same; if you have forgotten your Westlaw or Lexis password, stop by the Circulation Desk.

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