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What's New in the Library?

- More legal research review classes come your way in October! Our "**Get REAL!** [Research and Electronic Assisted Learning]" classes cover important skills such as mastering digests and statutes and law reviews, and refreshing your Westlaw and Lexis skills. There are sign-up sheets at the Circulation Desk since space is limited. For a complete schedule, check any of the usual places (Library doors and bulletin boards) as well as our web site, located at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>.
- We think we've been keeping up with the many Legal Process classes, but there may be times when you're looking for a book but can't find it on our shelves. Before giving up, look at the reshelving carts we keep on each floor – the downstairs one is usually near the Circulation Desk, and the upstairs cart is near the stairwell. Double-check the tables and study rooms too, in case we haven't found your book to reshelve it yet. If all else fails, ask at the Circulation Desk. We'll either tell you that it's checked out, or we'll begin a search for the book for you. We're pretty good at playing hide-and-seek with our books....
- The ASL Library staff will be doing some reorganizing and general cleaning before our ABA inspection in early November. We'll try to be quiet, but we might wind up vacuuming or moving furniture on an afternoon or two. Please be patient with us as we prepare for this important visit.
- October is not a bad time to start thinking about upcoming finals. A few professors have left us prior exams that you can use (re-use?) to study. Other helpful study aids include Hornbooks and Nutshells (on Reserve), CALI lessons (on your CD or available on Reserve), and maybe some specialized treatises (located throughout the Library). We'll be glad to offer our suggestions; just ask at the Circulation Desk!
- We've been working with the Information Services Department on ways to improve the often-ailing printers located in the Library. We've got our fingers crossed for a replacement laser printer in the near future, but until then, Brandon Sawyers, one of our computer crew, will have "office hours" in the Library. We're hoping that this will provide us with near-instantaneous fixes when the inevitable computer problems occur. Look for his posted hours on the Library bulletin boards.

Other News

- The United States Supreme Court begins another session on the first Monday in October (this year, October 7). After last year's big decisions on employment law and criminal law (specifically, death penalty cases), this year could be relatively quiet. Some cases likely to stir interest include
 - an interpretation about Social Security benefits for certain retired coal miners
 - whether the "Sony Bono Copyright Term Extension Act of 1998" is constitutional
 - whether a propeller guard on a recreational boat falls under state common law or a federal statute
 - whether interest on client trust accounts can be used for charitable purposes without invoking the Fifth Amendment's "taking" claims
 - a "revealing" case as to whether "Victor's Little Secret" (a lingerie and adult toy business) violates the trademark of "Victoria's Secret."

To follow the business of the Supreme Court, read [US Law Week](#), a newsletter that describes almost all of the Supreme Court's docket (we keep the most recent copies in Reserve). You can also check out the Supreme's web site at **<http://www.supremecourtus.gov/>**

- We'd like to remind everyone about our "ID check" policy. We check IDs every night to ensure that only members of the ASL community are in the building at certain times. We understand that some people who get "carded" feel that we should have memorized who they are by now. But we have different staff members checking IDs every night, and some of them might not know your faces and names. The card check also serves as a reminder that the building is being locked and that you will need your ID to re-enter the Library. If you'd prefer not to be bothered during these ID checks, just make sure your ID card is visible by your stuff and we'll walk right by.
- Sometime in October, we'll be sending around a short student survey. We're considering turning the [ASL Library News](#) into an electronic newsletter, delivered monthly to your ASL e-mail account (saving dozens of trees in the process). We need your input – do you enjoy the paper version? Would you want an e-mail newsletter? Be sure to fill out the survey and return it to the Circulation Desk.
- Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time ends at the end of this month. Turn your clocks back an hour ("fall back") at 2 am on Sunday, October 27. Don't feel guilty about using that extra hour to sleep instead of writing outlines....

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