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What's New in the Library?

- Many thanks to those who took the time to respond to the ASL Library News survey! We're pleased to announce the winners of Westlaw T-shirts: Tiffany Lockman (1L), Jennifer McTague (1L), Wendy Davis (faculty), and Anne Randolph (staff). Read the recap of the results on the back page.
- We've ordered a subscription to Vermont Law School's Judicial Clerkship Guide. This online searchable database gives information about various clerkships available all over the US. You will need a password; ask at the Circulation Desk or Career Services.
- **November Hours:** Our 24-hour access policy goes into effect on Friday, November 22, 2002. Starting that Friday night, students with a valid ASL ID card will be able to stay past midnight in the Library until finals are over. We will also be changing some staffed hours during Thanksgiving week. On Wednesday, November 27, we will have someone at the Circulation Desk from 8 am to 5 pm. On Thursday (Nov. 28), Friday (Nov. 29), and Saturday (Nov. 30), we will not have anyone working at the Circulation Desk. Our "regular" Circulation Desk hours return on Sunday, December 1. For a complete list of Library hours, check out our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm>
- Yikes! Finals are just around the corner! As always, we'd like to promote our Hornbooks and Nutshells (on Reserve), CALI lessons (on your CD or available on Reserve), and some prior exams from professors. Ask at the Circulation Desk!
- Our suggestion box has been pretty minimally used over the past month. We've only received two comments. One asked for "more staples." We've actually put staples upstairs – along with more staplers – and the boxes (and staplers, for that matter) keep disappearing, and we don't think it's due to heavy use. [Please don't "borrow" staplers from the Library.] Another comment asked for "new computers." We've passed that along to the Information Services Department. If you have a suggestion to make the Library a better place to study, feel free to leave us an anonymous note in the upstairs copy area.
- Check at the Circulation Desk if you've lost anything over the last few months. We've got a few mislaid books, a jacket, and a few other assorted items. Unclaimed items will be taken to a local thrift store at the end of the semester.

Other News

- November 5 is Election Day. Although mid-term elections are usually pretty boring, this year's races look to be quite exciting. The Senate now hinges on a one vote majority, and the House Republicans are worried about losing several seats. Follow "local" races by reading some of our state newspapers from the region ([Charlestown Gazette](#), [Charlotte Observer](#), [Lexington Herald-Leader](#), [Richmond Times Dispatch](#), and [The Tennessean](#)). We have "national" coverage too ([New York Times](#) [Sundays only], [Wall Street Journal](#), and the [Washington Post](#)). You can also get information about Congressional races on LexisNexis Congressional (it used to be called "Congressional Universe") if you're on campus. Don't forget to vote!
- We've distributed some overdue fine notices, and will continue to do so during November. All overdue fines must be paid by cash or check at the Circulation Desk (between 9 am and 5 pm Mondays through Fridays) before December 1, 2002, or we'll be forced to report your name to Student Services. If you have a question about a fine, see Chris.
- Thanks to the 45 ASLers who responded to our [ASL Library News](#) survey. Here are some numbers we've crunched from this data:
 - 93% of respondents actually read the newsletter (thanks!)
 - 49% wanted an electronic newsletter, while 47% didn't
 - 71% were happy with a monthly newsletter, electronic or paper

Some of the comments were quite helpful:

- "It ain't broke. Don't fix it."
- "I have always found the [ASL Library News](#) helpful. In fact, I have filed most of them for future reference." [*I tried to make sure this guy got a T-shirt, but somehow my fingers slipped – Ed.*]
- "I would like an e-mail sent to ASLALERT when either the LexisNexis or Westlaw representative will be on campus. Thanks."
- "You should recognize the 'heart and soul' of the Library!"
- near "less likely" response to question 2: "Too much other ASLALERT 'stuff' clutters my box"; near "monthly" response to question 4: "If it were to arrive via e-mail, monthly would suffice."
- "I particularly enjoy the author's off-handed, dry humor."
- "Best thing about this school is the Library staff. Thanks and keep up the good work."
- "I enjoy the newsletter. It provides information that keeps me up to date. The Library is the main source of information for me and changes or events in the Library is important."

Judging from the comments, we're going to finish out the school year with a paper newsletter, but be watching for future "enhancements"....

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