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What's New in the Library?

- Just a reminder to all: due to winter weather conditions, we may have to change the opening or closing times of the Library. We will try to post any changes as far in advance as possible. You will still be able to access the Library with your ASL ID card. We apologize in advance for any inconvenience this may cause.
- We last discussed our Appalachian Collection in the August issue of this newsletter. We've added several more books since then. See what we've added with our special link on the Library's web page (<http://www.asl.edu/library/>): choose "Catalog," then "Info Desk," then "ASL Library Appalachian Collection." The books are to the left of the Library's elevator on the first floor; the books can be checked out for two weeks.
- We've also been adding many items to Faculty Reserve. See what your professor expects you to be reading this weekend ... We provide a handy link to these materials on our web page (<http://www.asl.edu/library/>): choose "Catalog," then "Reserve Desk." You can search by your professor's name or by class (if you want to browse, type in an "a" and choose either "instructor" or "course name"). We will continue to update our paper listing, which sits in a binder at the Circulation Desk.
- Westlaw representative Foster Blair will be on campus February 19-21 (Tuesday through Thursday). He plans on running a number of "Westlaw Certification" classes during that time – hint, hint: those certification classes can be put as "skills" on your resume for an internship or a job! We'll post signs as soon as we know his schedule.
- LexisNexis representative Scott Hite is tentatively planning to be on campus February 26-28 (he will be here on Wednesday the 26 at the very least). He's going to be teaching "Lexis Certification" classes. These, too, are quite attractive to potential employers
- Our Westlaw (Walter Rogers, 3L) and Lexis (Madeline Short, 3L) student representatives will be posting "office hours" on the Library bulletin boards. If you have questions about these electronic services, stop by the Library to ask!

Other News

- Over the last few months, we've overlooked the fact that students tend to be "adversely possessing" our study carrels. Often, we find books and even computers left unattended for long periods of time. Now that more students are using the Library and need places to study, we're going to have to enforce our "don't leave your stuff lying around" rule. We reserve the right to go on unannounced "sweeps" of the Library, picking up any materials left behind.
- Some "future events" to be aware of: The Library will be open during Spring Break, but on a reduced schedule. We'll be staffing the Library from Monday, March 3 through Friday, March 7, from 9 am to 5 pm. We will not be staffed the preceding Sunday (March 2) or the following Saturday (March 8). Students will have ID card access for longer periods of time. We're also planning a number of events for National Library Week (April 6-12), so be watching for signs in the Library!
- You probably have heard that the dreaded stomach flu is going around. There are other types of viruses infecting the ASL campus – but these infect computers instead of people. If you've received a new laptop over the holidays, or if you just want to check the health of your computer, there are two web sites you might want to know about.
 - Symantec, distributor of the highly popular (and strongly recommended) Norton Anti-Virus program, offers a free scan of your computer to check for viruses. Go to <http://www.symantec.com/securitycheck/> and select "Scan for Viruses." You must be connected to the Internet throughout the testing period, which could vary greatly depending upon your computer's components. Symantec also offers free tools for removing selected viruses from your computer.
 - A company called Grisoft offers a free antivirus program that will run in the background while you perform other tasks. Check out the free program at http://www.grisoft.com/html/us_downl.htm and bookmark that page, as you'll have to return to it every month in order to update the list of viruses that the program checks for.
- Many states are currently dealing with huge budget shortfalls. Watch how state legislators deal with stretching your tax dollars, as well as other pertinent issues, by using LexisNexis State Capital (once known as "State Capital Universe"). This service tracks bills and other proposed legislation throughout all fifty states. Access the service by going to our web page (<http://www.asl.edu/library/>), select "Electronic Databases," and then pick "LexisNexis State Capital."