

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- It's National Library Week! The Library celebrates National Library Week from April 6 – 12. We'll be posting signs outlining the week's activities, including a chance to win some prizes donated by Westlaw and Lexis. Our display case will profile our superb Library staff, letting you know who does what in our building. Due to several conflicts, we won't be running any "Get REAL!" classes during that week, but we'll be offering a few later in April – all focused on the fun and exciting world of "summer research," when you don't have all of ASL's print and electronic resources available.
- A big thanks goes out to Westlaw, who has donated three new computers to the Library! Two of the computers are located in the "Fish Bowl," while the other is looking for a home. Currently, these computers only offer access to Westlaw and the Westlaw printer; we're hoping to hook them up to the ASL network very soon!
- The Library's 24-hour access policy goes into effect on Thursday, April 24. From that Thursday night until Friday, May 9, all students with a valid ID will be able to stay in the Library past midnight. We'll still be doing ID checks at 8 pm and midnight most nights, so be sure that you carry your ASL ID card with you while you study!
- The ASL Library is participating in National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, which is held April 20 – 26. Mountain Region Donor Services, a local agency that provides organ and tissue recovery services to 25 area hospitals, has donated a number of brochures and posters emphasizing the importance of organ and tissue donation. They have also donated two books, including The Nicholas Effect: A Boy's Gift to the World, which tells how one young boy's untimely death provided a new lease on life to a number of people. You can find more information at the Circulation Desk, or at the agency's web site at <http://208.55.86.32/johnson.htm>
- We've received two comments in our suggestion box. The first asked for a fax machine and a scanner for students. That's a bit out of the Library's jurisdiction, so we've passed that comment card along to the Dean's Office. The second comment suggested a problem with the various computers in the Library. If you have computer questions or problems, feel free to talk to either Brian or Brandon in the Information Services Department.

## Other News

- As always, we remind everyone that Daylight Savings Time begins in the early morning hours of Sunday, April 6. Set your clocks one hour **ahead** before you go to bed on Saturday night!
- We've gotten a couple of complaints about Library patrons using tobacco products in the Library – including smoking in the bathrooms and spitting into trashcans. Our policy prohibits any tobacco use (including chewing tobacco or smokeless tobacco [like Skoal]) in the Library.
- If you haven't turned in your Lexis take-home certification worksheet, be sure to do that before the end of this month. We'll accept them until May 10, but the sooner it's in, the better. Place the worksheets in the box on the windowsill in the Library Seminar Room.
- April 15 is when taxes are due. If you haven't started yet, you should be able to find a whole bunch of information in the Library and on the Internet. Our printed resources include the IRS's own Letter Rulings and other important information contained in the Cumulative Bulletin, as well as guides like BNA's Tax Management Portfolios, CCH's Standard Federal Tax Reporter, and West's Merten's Law of Federal Income Taxation. If you're more impressed with electronic resources, check out the IRS's own web page at <http://www.irs.gov> to find links to forms (especially Form 4868, which is for a four-month extension!) and instructions, as well as helpful brochures. If you're on campus, you can access CCH's Tax Network from the Library's web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/network.htm>), which contains thousands of pages of tax materials. If you need a resource for state tax forms, or want a little more structure in your tax searches, try <http://www.taxsites.com> which is run by an accounting professor.
- Starting April 14, there will be some new regulations that will impact health care records. In 1996, Congress passed the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), also known as the Kennedy-Kassebaum Act (P.L. 104-191). The law was pretty broad and various executive agencies have been promulgating regulations to carry out the goals of the act. One set of provisions, dealing with the privacy of medical information for individuals, finally has become a requirement, after being published in December 2000 (65 Fed. Reg. 82461; modified by 67 Fed. Reg. 14775). If you'd like to read all of these regulations, check out 45 CFR §160 *et seq.*

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