

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- Our new online catalog is finally here! During October, the Library staff will be learning the intricacies of our new library automation system. You'll hear us refer to it as "HAL" (the Holston Associated Libraries consortium that we now belong to) or "III" (for Innovative Interfaces, Inc., the company that makes the product). We'll be training any interested faculty, staff, and students in late October or early November, so watch for posters in the Library giving times and dates for training classes.
- The Library wants to help out all of the various law school competitive teams (well, we're not that great at softball – maybe just the academic ones!). We're putting together a list of all of the resources we can provide to assist students taking part in law school competitions, like Moot Court and Mock Trials. Be watching for this legal research guide during the middle of October; we'll post it on our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/>) and have some copies in our "Information Station" across from the Circulation Desk.
- Watch for an online Interlibrary Loan (ILL) form on the Library's new web site. When ASL revamps its entire web site (still slated for this semester), we're planning on adding a form right on the Library pages so that you won't have to fill out a paper form. (Of course, if you're a fan of the paper forms, you will still be able to download them, or pick some up at the Library's Circulation Desk.) ILL requests will be passed along to Chris – either via paper or e-mail – to process.
- During the middle of October, we'll be trying to clean the Library in preparation for the ABA inspection. We'll try to be as quiet as we can, but we might need to vacuum or move furniture when classes are not in session. Please be patient with us as we prepare for this important visit.

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Although she's not a new employee, Catherine ("Katie") Smith is our new Cataloging Assistant. She will be in charge of adding cataloging records to our library system (our "card catalog"). Katie grew up in Chesapeake, Virginia, and attended The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, picking up a BS in Exercise and Sport Science. Katie takes over the position from Anne Randolph, who will be moving to the Business Office.

For biographies of our other Library employees, visit our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library/bios.htm>

## Other News

- As we told you in our last issue, the Supreme Court begins a new term on the First Monday of October (this year, October 6). In addition to the challenge to the Bipartisan Campaign Reform Act, the High Court will take up the usual assortment of cases dealing with weighty constitutional issues. Some cases that the Supremes will hear this term include
  - whether the Americans with Disabilities Act requires companies to rehire employees lawfully terminated for misconduct (such as illegal drug use); Raytheon v. Hernandez, 02-749
  - whether police waited a reasonable amount of time to execute a search warrant by forcibly entering an apartment about fifteen seconds after knocking and announcing their presence; US v. Banks, 02-473
  - whether an elevator operator is "disabled" under the provisions of the Social Security Act if she can physically and mentally perform her job without considering whether the job exists in significant numbers in the national economy; Barhart v. Thomas, 02-763
  - whether deadlines established by bankruptcy rules for objecting to discharge are jurisdictional; Kontrick v. Ryan, 02-819
  - whether it was an "accident" or "willful misconduct" of an airline employee who refused to accommodate an asthmatic passenger's request to move out of the smoking section, which proximately caused the passenger's death; Olympic Airways v. Husain, 02-1348

For these and other Supreme Court cases, check the High Court's own web site at <http://www.supremecourtus.gov> or read about them in U.S. Law Week, a fantastic newsletter that tracks all the Court's cases and other significant legal news (the newest issues are on Reserve).

- Another big legal news story in late September was the California gubernatorial recall, set for October 7. As of press time, the Ninth Circuit *en banc* had reversed the district court, which had postponed the election. The ACLU has decided not to appeal. You can follow the story by going to the Circuit's web site at <http://www.ca9.uscourts.gov/> and searching for information on Southwest Voter Registration Education Project v. Shelley, 03-56498.
- Don't forget that Daylight Savings Time ends on October 26, at 2 am. "Fall back" an hour on the last Sunday of October as you gain an extra hour of sleep.

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