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What's New in the Library?

- Come and ask questions of our Westlaw and Lexis student representatives! Here's a quick list of their "office hours":

LexisNexis: Isadora Cippolletta (2L)		Westlaw: Eric Burnette (2L)
1:00 – 5:00 pm	Mondays	7:30 – 8:30 am; 3:00 – 5:00 pm
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Tuesdays	8:00 – 9:30 am; 4:00 – 6:00 pm
1:00 – 4:00 pm	Wednesdays	7:30 – 8:30 am
1:00 – 2:30 pm	Thursdays	7:30 – 8:30 am
<i>no posted hours</i>	Fridays	8:00 – 9:30 am
<i>all hours may be subject to change; watch for signs in the Library!</i>		

- If you're looking for more things to put on your resume, why not add "Lexis certified" or "Westlaw certified"? Westlaw rep Lori Chester will be here on February 23, 24, and 25, teaching the Westlaw certification classes (you must attend two to be certified). Lexis rep Scott Hite will be here the next week, offering Lexis classes (there are three in the series). We'll be putting out sign-up sheets at the Circulation Desk. These classes fill up fast, so sign up early!
- Our Library display case has a busy month ahead! First up is a celebration of Valentine's Day (February 14, if you've forgotten). Librarian Lisa Blackwell shows that love is not lost in law school! Then, the Library celebrates Black History Month with a display highlighting some historical materials dealing with African-American issues. February is also American Heart Month (36 USC §101), and even "Return Shopping Carts to the Supermarket Month," but we don't have space for more displays!
- At press time, the Library was interviewing several candidates to be our new Interlibrary Loan Clerk. We'll have a short biographical paragraph about our new hire in the March newsletter.
- If you're planning ahead, we will be staffing the Library on a "summer" schedule during Spring Break. We won't be staffed on the Sunday before (March 7) or the Saturday following the week off (March 13). We'll have somebody at the Circulation Desk 9 am to 6 pm Monday through Thursday, and 9 am to 5 pm on Friday. Your ID card will let you have the "usual" access (6 am – midnight during the week).

Other News

- If you're doing any sort of academic competition in the spring, be sure to remember that we've done some of the work for you: we've got a Legal Research Guide that provides some help for various competitions. It's available on our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.php>) or at the Information Station across from the Circulation Desk. We'll be adding several more guides – including some on Virginia practice – during the next few months, so keep watching for more!
- We've got several big things coming up in the next few months. We're going to be sending out our biennial Student Survey, so you can tell us what you like (and maybe even what you don't like) about the Library. We'll be planning several more "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic-Assisted Learning) classes as legal research "refreshers" just before summer externships (and, hopefully, real paying jobs too!). Westlaw and Lexis will offer some cost-effective searching classes as well as more certification classes for those who miss them in February. And we're getting ready to celebrate National Library Week with a week's worth of legally-related puzzles – and chances to win prizes! Keep watching the newsletter for announcements!
- We mentioned earlier that February was Black History Month (also known as National African American History Month). We also celebrate Lincoln's birthday during the month (February 12), as well as Presidents' Day (February 16). Interestingly, twenty-five out of the forty-two men who have served as president – more than half! – were lawyers! (For the compulsive fact-checkers out there: John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Monroe, John Quincy Adams, Andrew Jackson, Martin Van Buren, John Tyler, James Polk, Millard Fillmore, Franklin Pierce, James Buchanan, Abraham Lincoln, Rutherford Hayes, James Garfield, Chester Arthur, Grover Cleveland, Benjamin Harrison, William McKinley, William Taft, Woodrow Wilson, Calvin Coolidge, Franklin Roosevelt, Richard Nixon, Gerald Ford, and William Clinton.) And before anyone corrects me, I do know that the current president is listed as being the forty-third to hold that office; Grover Cleveland's non-consecutive terms screws up the numbering (he's counted twice, although he's only one man!).
- Many of the "Founding Fathers" (the gentlemen who wrote the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution) tended to be lawyers too. There's a zany web site that offers you the chance to find out which Founding Father held the same ideals as you. Go to <http://www.io.com/~janis/quiz/quiz1.html> and pick your answers. (Warning: Other pages on this web site might contain language that is offensive to some.)

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