ASL LIBRARY NEWS

What's New in the Library?

- We're planning a March Marathon of our popular "Get REAL!" [Research and Electronic-Assisted Learning] classes. We're modifying them so they will be about a half-hour in length; they cover a range of legal research topics, like finding cases and statutes, updating with Shepards, and using our online catalog. This semester we're even adding a "Citation Workshop" for all your Bluebook or ALWD questions. Sign up for these classes at the Circulation Desk:
    - Tuesday, March 16 – Citation Workshop
    - Wednesday, March 17 – Finding Law Review Articles
    - Thursday, March 18 – Finding Cases/Using Digests
    - Monday, March 22 – Using ASL's Online Catalog
    - Tuesday, March 23 – Finding Statutes
    - Wednesday, March 24 – How To Shepardize
    - Thursday, March 25 – Administrative Law/Legislative Research
  Classes will be held in the Library's Seminar Room from 5:00 – 5:30 pm.

- March brings the first day of spring (March 20, at 1:49 am, for you fact-checkers out there). But it also brings more Westlaw and LexisNexis certification classes! Due to popular demand, we're scheduling more of these helpful classes after Spring Break. Watch the "aslall" mailing list for all the details as soon as we get them finalized!

- What do you think about the Library? In March, you'll have a chance to give us your opinions about our service and our collection. We'll be placing a copy of the ASL Library Survey in your mailboxes after Spring Break. We want to know how we can improve our Library services, so please be sure to turn in your responses!

Who's New in the Library?

Pamela Edwards is our new part-time Interlibrary Loan Clerk. She is a native of Buchanan County and a graduate of Whitewood High School. Pamela holds an A.A.S. from Southwest Virginia Community College and a B.S. in Equine Studies from Virginia Intermont College. She is currently working on her M.S. in Information Science from the University of Tennessee. If you need a book that the ASL Library doesn't have, you can get it through Interlibrary Loan (ILL) by e-mailing Pam at **ill@asl.edu**.

Other News

- The ASL Library will be staffed during Spring Break for limited hours. We'll be closed on Sunday, March 7. Then we're staffed on Monday through Thursday from 9 am to 6 pm, and Friday from 9 am to 5 pm. We'll be closed on Saturday, March 13. Then we go back to our regular schedule on Sunday, March 14. Of course, if you have a valid ID card, you can access the Library during normal card-access hours (Sunday through Thursday, 6 am until midnight; Friday and Saturday, 6 am until 9 pm).

- If you're trying to get a head start on finals, don't forget about the many resources available in the Library! We have CALI CD-ROMs filled with helpful tutorials about many law school classes – check them out for three days. We also have Hornbooks and Nutshells on almost any conceivable legal topic. Ask at the Circulation Desk for some of our other study guide recommendations!

- In our January newsletter, we suggested downloading some free antivirus programs. (What? You've thrown your copy away? Don't fret: You can download all prior editions of the Library newsletter at **http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.php**). If you're not entirely comfortable installing computer programs on your computer, several web sites allow you to scan your computer for viruses right from the Internet! Check out any of these sites to ensure you're not causing problems for the ASL network (registration may be required for some of these sites):
  - **http://housecall.trendmicro.com** (click on "Scan Now. It's Free!")
  - **http://www.mcafee.com** (click on "McAfee FreeScan")
  - **http://www.bitdefender.com/scan/license.php**
  - **http://www.pandasoftware.com/activescan/**

- National Library Week will be April 12 through 16. Last year, we had prizes for those who were able to complete the daily puzzles. We're getting ready to challenge your brains (in a good way) just before finals begin!

- If you've been looking at your research paper or legal memo and thinking about adjusting the font to squeeze in those last few words, then you may be disappointed to hear that the US State Department has now "banned" the old Courier font. (`Courier looks like it came from a typewriter.`) Instead, most US diplomatic documents should now be in Times New Roman (14 points, which looks a little bigger, but offers a "crisper, cleaner" look, according to one official). The State Department hasn't posted this decree online yet – interestingly, the first mention of it comes from the ABC News affiliate in Australia! (See **http://www.abc.net.au/news/ newsitems/s1034726.htm**)