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What's New in the Library?

- In April, the Library will be celebrating National Library Week! From April 12 through April 16, we plan on offering more "legally-themed" puzzles for fun and for prizes! (Although no one has complained, officially, "National Library Week" runs April 18 through 24. But we have so many puzzles and prizes that we didn't want the end of the semester to ruin our fun – so we're celebrating early!) Pick up a puzzle at the Circulation Desk each day Monday through Thursday to be eligible to win various prizes donated from Westlaw and LexisNexis. There's a different puzzle each day! On Friday, we'll be announcing the winners.
- Our student survey got delayed a bit, so we can't tell you the results ... yet. Turn in your surveys before April 15 and we'll print the most interesting comments in the May edition of this newsletter. Thanks for helping us know what we're doing right (or even wrong)!
- The Library will be closed to the public on Easter Sunday, April 11. The Circulation/Reserve Desk will only be open for business for students from 1 pm to 5 pm on that day, but students will have regular access to the building with a valid ID card (6 am until midnight).
- Since it's almost time for finals, the Library will again be starting to allow students 24-hour access to the Library, beginning Thursday, April 22. Like in semesters past, the doors will lock, but students with a valid ID card will be able to swipe their card to get access at all times. The 24-hour access ends on Friday, May 7. If you need a replacement ID card, ask at the Circulation Desk; the replacement charge is \$5. Ask soon, so we can be sure you can get inside!
- As you've probably noticed, we've moved some things around upstairs. Our general book collection has been moved to the north (back) side of the building, near the elevator. So what happened to the digests and Shepards that used to be there? Those have been moved to a temporary location at the end of the reporters and state codes. Over the summer, we'll be interfiling everything so that all of our related books are shelved together – for example, the Atlantic reporters will be next to the Atlantic digests and the Atlantic Shepards. If you can't find something that you need – upstairs or downstairs – ask at the Circulation Desk.

Other News

- **Don't forget:** Daylight Savings Time begins the first Sunday in April (April 4)! "Spring ahead" one hour before going to bed on Saturday night. So sayeth 15 USC 260a!
- April 15 is tax day, and every year the ASL Library News tries to help out those last-minute filers. We have some tax forms and tax analysis materials in our fairly extensive tax collection, which can be found on the first floor at KF 6300 (ask at the Circulation Desk if you need us to point you in the right direction).

Obviously, the best place to look for IRS tax forms is the IRS' own web site at <http://www.irs.gov> where you can find forms, instructions, and even helpful topical guides. Other places that might have more information include <http://www.1040.com> (offered by Drake Software, who sells a tax program), <http://taxes.yahoo.com> (from Yahoo!), and <http://www.quicken.com> (from Intuit Software, who also sells tax programs).

Don't forget about the state component of your taxes. Those might be due after the big day in April. For information, check out <http://www.taxsites.com/state.html> or <http://www.1-tax-forms.com/state/> (the links are at the bottom of the page, after all the ads).

We also have a number of other resources, including CCH's electronic Tax Research Network (available on-campus only). Ask Chris if you want more tax research materials!

- As you might know, this year marks the fiftieth anniversary of the US Supreme Court's decision in Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka, Kansas. On May 17, 1954, the High Court struck down race-based segregation in educational institutions with the stirring words "We conclude that in the field of public education the doctrine of 'separate but equal' has no place. Separate educational facilities are inherently unequal" (347 U.S. 483, 495).

There are a number of conferences and events commemorating the historic opinion, including some web sites:

- <http://www.brownat50.org> (sponsored by Howard University)
- <http://w3.abanet.org/brown/national.html> (ABA sponsored programs)
- <http://www.nea.org/brownvboard/> (National Education Association, a teachers' union)
- <http://www.neh.gov/news/humanities/2004-03/brown.html> (an article by a law professor detailing the legal and historical setting)
- <http://www.usnews.com/usnews/issue/040322/usnews/22opener.htm> (if the magazine upstairs is gone, this was the cover story from US News & World Report in March)