

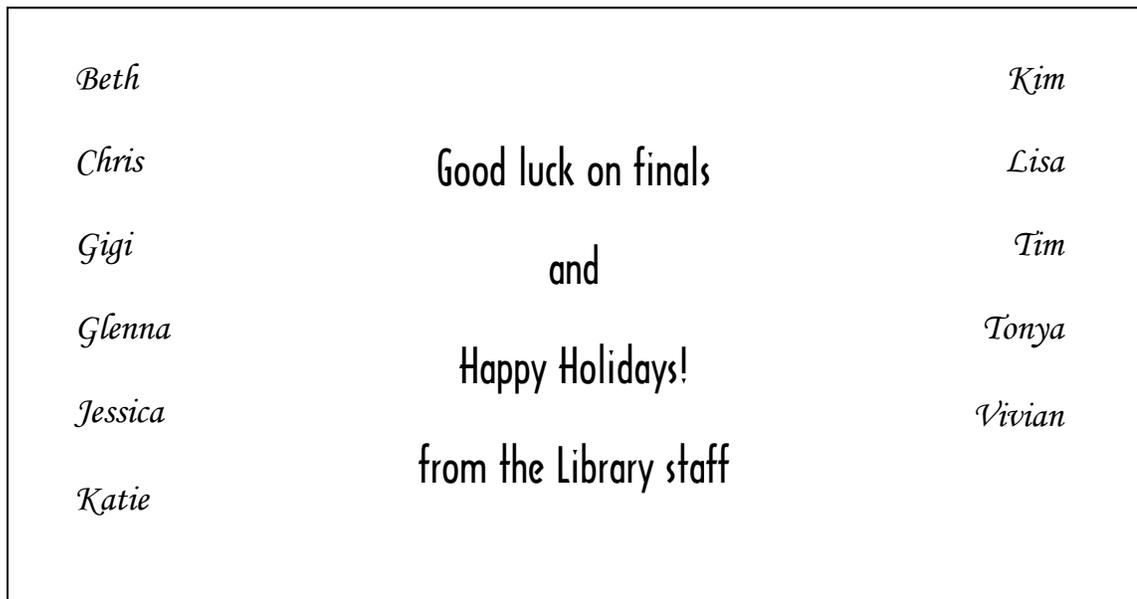
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What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** Starting November 29, students with a valid ID card will be able to access the ASL Library until 2 am. These extended exam hours will be offered until Friday, December 17 (the last day of finals). Our Circulation/Reserve Desk hours remain the same (we're usually available until 10 pm Monday through Thursday, 6 pm Friday and Saturday, and 9 pm on Sunday).
- Speaking of exams, we want to remind you that we have a number of study guides available in the Library. On Reserve, we have Hornbooks, Nutshells, and most of the popular "Examples and Explanation" and "Understanding" series. We have CALI CD-ROMs (for three day checkouts), but if you would rather use the online version, you'll need to know that our authorization code is still **[NOT ONLINE! ASK AT CIRC DESK]** (which is case-sensitive).



- If you've noticed you are missing something, check at the Circulation Desk. Our "lost and found" box will be cleaned out at the end of the semester. (We generally donate all unclaimed items to a local charitable organization.)
- If you will be in town over Winter Break, make sure you know our holiday schedule, which is posted online at <http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm> or available in paper copy at the Circulation Desk.

Other News

- As a public service announcement, we want to remind you of the upcoming school schedule. The last week of classes will be November 29 through December 2. On Monday, November 29, normal Monday classes will be held. But on Tuesday, November 30, Wednesday classes meet. On Wednesday, December 1, Thursday classes meet. Then on Thursday, December 2, Friday classes meet. If you manage to make it to Friday, December 3, take the day off – no classes will be held. It's a little strange, but it allows us to get in an "equal" number of class meetings. Finals will begin on Monday, December 6.
- While most of you will be taking a long anticipated (winter) break from law school, the Library staff will still be here, trying to tackle some "big" projects. We hope to reorganize the Periodicals section so that it is truly in alphabetical order. We're also going to have the carpets cleaned, and we will be scrubbing down the tables and carrels. Stop by the Circulation Desk if you want to find an "undisturbed" area during Winter Break. We apologize in advance if this causes any inconvenience.
- The "Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act" (the "FACT Act"), Pub. L. 108-159, 111 Stat. 1952, amends the Fair Credit Reporting Act, to, among other things, provide Americans with a free yearly copy of their credit report. However, the law allows for a "phase-in" period. Starting in December, citizens of the westernmost states can apply; Virginians will have to wait until September 2005. For a map from one of the three major credit companies, along with a short summary of the act's provisions, go to http://www.experian.com/ask_max/max071404a.html

Even if you don't qualify for a free credit report due to the new law, you may still qualify for a free credit report if you are unemployed, or if you have been denied credit, or if you are a victim of identity theft. And, for a small fee (no more than \$9), you can always pay for a copy. Contact one (or all) of the credit companies: Experian (1-888-397-3742), Equifax (1-800-525-6285), or Trans Union (1-800-680-7289).

- Please don't make any attempts to create your own personal library from our books; it might get you disbarred. Take the case of Hawaiian attorney William Tagupa. Attorney Tagupa had allegedly ripped pages out of library books, so the US District Court, and then by reciprocity, the Hawaii Supreme Court, suspended him from the practice of law for six months. The Supreme Court's order is online at <http://www.state.hi.us/jud/26762ord.htm> or you can find it on Westlaw (2004 WL 2049233) or Lexis (2004 Haw. LEXIS 592).

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