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What's New in the Library?

- Spring Break is finally here! We will have slightly fewer hours during that week, so if you plan on being in Grundy, you'll need to know that we will not be staffed on Sunday, March 13. We will have someone at the Circulation Desk Monday through Thursday, 9 am to 6 pm, and Friday, 9 am to 5 pm. We will not be staffed on Saturday, March 19. Regular hours begin again on Sunday, March 20. Check at the Circulation Desk if you have questions.
- Before Spring Break, the American Bar Association accreditation team comes to visit ASL. We welcome them to Grundy and hope they enjoy their short stay.
- You might have noticed the new-style Legal Research Guides posted on the Library's web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.php>) or hung in our "Information Station" across from the Circulation Desk. We've been re-writing and revising them to ensure they are up-to-date and helpful. If you're stuck on some part of the legal research process, or need a start in a particular topical area, check to see if we've written about it. We will be adding more on an ongoing basis, so if we don't have what you need, just ask at the Reference Desk.
- March will be a busy month for online learning. We have some Westlaw certification classes scheduled for 1Ls during the beginning of the month. We are planning on having more (re-)certification classes on Lexis and Westlaw for 2Ls and 3Ls later in the month, but we don't have a fixed schedule yet. And our "Get REAL!" [Research and Electronic-Assisted Learning] mini-training courses add a new class this month on "Top 10 Legal Research Sites." Check at the Circulation Desk or Reference Desk for the dates and times.
- It's almost time to think about this year's celebration of National Library Week (April 10-16). If you were here last year, you might remember we had four daily puzzles during the week, with prizes for all who entered. Keep watching at the Circulation Desk (and next month's newsletter) to see what we have planned for this year!
- We will have limited staff hours on Easter Sunday, March 27. The Circulation Desk will only be staffed from 1 pm to 5 pm. We will not have anyone at the Reference Desk on that day. There will be no change in card access hours.

Other News

- **Off the Shelves:** This month, we want to introduce netLibrary, which offers almost 40,000 electronic books available to you from anywhere once you've registered. You can use our catalog (<http://www.hal.org/>) to search for a particular title, author, or subject, or you can use netLibrary's own search capabilities at <http://www.netlibrary.com/> (which also allows you to search the text of all of the books!).

If you've never used an electronic book before, it's a little slow – you can only get access to one page at a time (in PDF format, so you will need Adobe Acrobat Reader; ask Chris for help if you need to install it). And, for copyright reasons, you can't print out a section of pages; you need to print them out one page at a time.

But even with this small inconvenience, netLibrary does provide ASL with many titles that would otherwise fall outside of our "related to law" collection. There are books on religion, cooking, sports, mathematics, and more.

We've just written a new research guide on how to use netLibrary, so be sure to check it out (online at <http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.php> or at our "Information Station" across from the Circulation Desk). Be sure to ask at the Reference Desk if you need more help.

- Since we will be visited by members of the American Bar Association this month, it seemed like a logical time to discuss ABA membership and its privileges. The ABA is a voluntary association of over 400,000 members who want to improve the American legal system. There are dozens of subgroups within the ABA (known as "sections," "divisions," or "forums") that concentrate on particular areas of law: examples include Business Law Section, Criminal Justice Section, Dispute Resolution Section, and the Section of Litigation. Each of these subgroups publishes newsletters or journals that discuss and analyze current issues in that field. If you would like to see what practitioners receive for their dues, ask at the Reference Desk and we'll point you to the various publications. (And during law school, you can be an ABA member for \$20, which, among other things, gets you Student Lawyer and the ABA Journal.) For more information about the ABA, check out their web site at <http://www.abanet.org/>.
- Some of you have noticed that several of the Library staff members have disappeared during the last few months We've had a bunch of babies being born! Please join the Library staff in welcoming to the world: Justin Patrick Owens (December 11), Regan Marie Smith (November 26), and Sydney Grace Stanley (February 12). The babies and their families are doing well, and all of the mothers will be back full-time at ASL before the end of the school year.

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