

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- On Labor Day, September 5, the Library will only be staffed from 2 to 6 pm. If you will need Reserve materials over the long weekend, please plan ahead! You will still be able to access the Library with your ID card from 9 am to midnight on both Saturday and Sunday, as well as from 2 pm to midnight on Monday. For a complete list of our "reduced hours" days during the upcoming school year, check out our web page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm>
- If you've been paying close attention, you might have noticed that the downstairs photocopier/printer has been upgraded to a more durable model. The one that used to be downstairs has moved upstairs (and should be working by the time you read this!). So you'll be able to swipe your ID card to photocopy or print on either floor. Remember, if you lose your ID card, stop by Chris' office for a new one (there is a \$5 replacement fee). If you would rather use change, the old coin-operated machine will remain upstairs, and photocopies will be ten cents each (card swipe copies remain seven cents each).
- Another new school year brings new "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic Assisted Learning) refresher classes! We will offer these classes several times a week. Be sure to watch the Library's web page (<http://www.asl.edu/library/classes.php>) and for signs around the campus for our upcoming classes. These classes review (or, perhaps even introduce) finding case law, finding statutes, Shepardizing in print, and other helpful legal research topics.
- At press time, we were finalizing the hiring of our new Reference Librarian, and starting our search for a second Circulation Assistant. Watch next month's newsletter for biographies of our new staff members!

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<b>Student Rep "Office Hours" Fall 2005</b>	<b>LexisNexis (<a href="mailto:skennedy@asl.edu">skennedy@asl.edu</a>)</b>	<b>Westlaw (<a href="mailto:westlaw@asl.edu">westlaw@asl.edu</a>)</b>		
	<b>Stephen Kennedy (2L)</b>	<b>Bryson Aldridge (3L)</b>	<b>Vlad Golondrina (3L)</b>	<b>Nick Hurston (2L)</b>
<b>Monday</b>	8 – 10 am	8 – 9 am	3 – 5 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>
<b>Tuesday</b>	1 – 4 pm	8 – 9 am; 11 am – 1 pm	11 am – 1 pm	1 – 3 pm; 5:30 – 7:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	8 – 10:30 am	9 – 11 am	1 – 3 pm; 5:30 – 7:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8 – 10 am	11 am – 1 pm	10:30 am – 12:30 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>
<b>Friday</b>	1 – 4 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	<i>no scheduled hours</i>

## Other News

- In early September, John Glover Roberts, Jr, goes before the US Senate, which will ultimately vote on his nomination to the Supreme Court. If you can't remember the steps in the confirmation process, Georgetown Law Library has a research guide available at

[http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/supreme\\_court\\_nominations.cfm](http://www.ll.georgetown.edu/guides/supreme_court_nominations.cfm)

that discusses the process. Other helpful web sites include

- <http://www.sctnomination.com/blog/> - A mostly daily update of news stories (by Goldstein and Howe, who also run the popular SCOTUSBlog web site)
- <http://blogs.washingtonpost.com/campaignforthecourt/> - The *Washington Post's* regularly-updated collection of articles about the nomination process
- <http://www.law.umich.edu/library/news/topics/roberts/robertsindex.htm> – A comprehensive collection of information about candidate Roberts and his prior legal work

If you're more interested in past Supreme Court members, feel free to check out some of our historical biographies of many of the justices upstairs in aisles 201-202.

- We've received the 2005-2006 CALI CD-ROMs, and we have some copies at the Circulation Desk, for a three-day checkout. We're convinced, though, that some of you prefer to avoid us. So if you would rather use the online versions of the lessons at <http://www.cali.org/> you will need to know ASL's secret authorization code, which is **[not available in online version]**. You will create your own user name and password. Stop by the Circulation Desk if you need assistance.
- All educational institutions that receive federal funds from the government must hold "an educational program on the United States Constitution on September 17 of [each] year." *Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2005*, Pub. L. No. 108-447, §111(b), 118 Stat. 2809, 3344-45 (2005) (to be codified at 36 U.S.C. §106 note). Of course, in a law school, you can find hundreds of books on the Constitution – walk around aisles 129 – 130 (KF4500 through KF4800). Both Westlaw and LexisNexis print student copies of the Constitution (Westlaw's is hidden in its Law Student Handbook; LexisNexis has a stand-alone version). If you would rather see the real thing, check out the National Archive's scanned version here:  
<http://archives.gov/national-archives-experience/charters/constitution.html>
- Amazingly, this is the seventy-fifth *ASL Library News*! Our first issue appeared on Halloween in 1997. Ever since then, we've been trying our hardest to keep you informed (and possibly entertained) during the school year. If you would like to take a trip down memory lane, all of our prior newsletters are available on our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.php> ). And be sure to send Chris your ideas of how to celebrate our 100<sup>th</sup> issue in February 2008!

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