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Welcome!

Welcome – or welcome back – to the ASL Library. The Library is designed to complement the Law School's educational program. Our expanded staffed hours allow us to help you find the materials you need in our collection. We provide a clean and secure area to study and to do research. We have very dedicated staff members who will try to help you in every reasonable way possible.

Take the time to walk around and look at what the Library has to offer. We have a solid Virginia law collection and a growing collection of regional legal materials, as well as general reference materials. We continue to purchase books that cover the topics that you will learn in school. Our print collection is enhanced by our microfiche holdings, as well as some electronic databases that you have access to (see our web site, at <http://www.asl.edu/library/>).

Please feel free to ask questions or make suggestions as to how we can improve your law school experience. Our suggestion box is upstairs in the copy area (for anonymous suggestions), or you can pass along your ideas to a Library staff member.

What's New in the Library?

- The new school year brings a few changes to the Library, so some of our returning students might be a little lost in the Library for the next few weeks. Here are some of the highlights of our summer:
 - We've "redesigned" the Library Seminar Room (also known as the "computer lab"). We've left some space at the front of the room for those students who bring laptops to our electronic training classes. In addition, new desktop computers have been installed for student use (we've scattered a few throughout the Library, but most are located in the Seminar Room). Our thanks to the SBA and the ASL Administration for purchasing these new computers!
 - The old photocopier has finally died! The pre-millennial model was finally replaced by a newer machine, which has scanning and faxing capabilities. We've hooked it up to a coin machine so that you will be able to fax documents for a small fee (the machine will not accept incoming faxes). The new machine is next to the Reference Desk; ask for help if you need it!

Other News

- There are no changes to the Library's operating schedule for the school year. The Circulation and Reserve Desk will be open on Sundays, 9 am – 10 pm; Mondays through Thursdays, 8 am – 10 pm; Fridays, 8 am – 6 pm; and Saturdays, 9 am – 6 pm. Students will still have access to the Library with a valid ID card from 6 am to midnight, Monday through Friday; and 9 am to midnight on Saturday and Sunday.
- However, our Reference Desk hours will be slightly more limited as we have not found the right person to fill our Reference Librarian position. We plan on having a librarian here Sunday through Friday. We'll post our hours in the next newsletter, after they have been finalized.
- Our brand-new Student User Guide has been updated for the 2006-2007 school year. Feel free to download one from our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/publications.php>) or pick up a copy at the Circulation Desk.
- Second and third year students: We will be posting student Westlaw and LexisNexis representative hours on the Library bulletin boards soon. Your passwords remain the same; if you have forgotten your Westlaw or LexisNexis password, stop by the Circulation Desk. We'll be starting refresher courses in late September; watch this newsletter (we'll also post signs at the Circulation Desk) for updates.
- Perhaps the biggest change returning students will notice this year (other than the destruction of the downtown buildings!) is the locked group study rooms. With such limited study space and so many students – and the "first come, first served" method not working very well – we've decided to treat the group study rooms like any other Library material. Stop by the Circulation Desk and "check out" one of our seven study rooms. We'll let you in, and you and your group can have the room for up to four hours. When your group leaves, close the door behind you (the door remains locked), and return the checkin card so that you won't be billed.
- With parking in Grundy much more limited, the Four County Transit system – which had offered a bus route to nearby towns – has started a route through downtown Grundy. It's a thirty-minute loop, with stops at ASL at twenty-five and fifty-five past the hour (Monday through Friday, 7:30 am to 5:30 pm). Originally, there was a refurbished 1990 Boyertown trolley making the route, but recently it has been replaced by a standard short bus. If you would like more information about the route, check out our web page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/trolley.php>

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