

ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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What's New in the Library?

- On Labor Day, September 4, 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 the actual Monday holiday. 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're new to law school – or a little rusty on legal research after the long summer months – be sure to join us for another semester of "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic Assisted Learning) refresher classes! Our schedule will be posted on the Library's web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/classes.php>) and on signs around the building. These classes review finding case law, finding statutes, Shepardizing in print, and other helpful legal research topics.
- You wouldn't think that a law school library would have a comic book in its collection, but what better way to discuss artistic freedom and copyright than through a visual medium? Check out Bound By Law, the story of a filmmaker who needs to understand "fair use" and all its implications. The book can be found on the first floor, at KF3050 .A65. (Interestingly, the book is copyrighted under the "Creative Commons" copyright, which is a recent attempt to provide content creators with more freedom to control how the content can be used. Along with being our first graphic novel, the book is the first book we own that is licensed under this new copyright scheme.)
- The Library is wireless! The Information Services department spent the summer placing wires (ironic, isn't it?) and antennas all around the Library in preparation for a wireless campus. They have posted instructions on how to get your laptop to recognize our wireless connection. However, if you have an older computer, or just can't quite make things work, we will continue to provide wired access to the tables and carrels (and we even have some extra cables at the Circulation Desk).

| Student Rep Hours Fall 2006 | LexisNexis | Westlaw | |
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| | Stephen Kennedy | Sebastian Joy | Davis Whitfield-Cargile |
| Monday | <i>no scheduled hours</i> | 9 am – 10 am; noon – 1 pm; 4 pm – 6 pm | 4 pm – 5:30 pm; 6:30 pm – 8 pm |
| Tuesday | <i>no scheduled hours</i> | 5 pm – 7 pm* | 7 pm – 8 pm* |
| Wednesday | 10 am – noon; 1 pm – 4 pm | noon – 1 pm; 5 pm – 7 pm | 8:30 am – 10 am; 1 pm – 3 pm; 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm |
| Thursday | <i>no scheduled hours</i> | noon – 1 pm | 3 pm – 4:30 pm |
| Friday | <i>no scheduled hours</i> | <i>no scheduled hours</i> | <i>no scheduled hours</i> |

* hours subject to change

Other News

- Those of you who know about CALI (the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) know that the tutorials they create are very helpful in studying for exams. We've received the 2006-2007 CALI CD-ROMs, which can be checked out for three days (at the Circulation Desk). There are updated versions available online, so if your Internet connection is fast enough, sign up for a free account at <http://www.cali.org/> You will need to know ASL's secret authorization code, which is **[not in online version!]** (which is case-sensitive). You will create your own user name and password. Stop by the Circulation Desk if you need assistance.
- Speaking of CALI, that organization has created a helpful "pre-law" blog (web log), which also offers helpful hints for brand-new law students (and perhaps helpful "reminders" for the 2L and 3L classes!). The easy link to get you started can be found at <http://tinyurl.com/QEYCU> And one other CALI resource you might want to check out is their "Classcaster" site at <http://www.classcaster.org/> Classcaster offers "podcasts" (frequently updated audio commentary) for many legal topics. If you want to make your commute in to Grundy a little more educational, download these files to your iPod or MP3 player, or burn them to a CD to listen in your car.
- We've updated our online catalog over the summer: ASL is one of the eight Holston Associated Libraries (HAL), and the shared catalog can be found at <http://www.hal.org/> If you click on "Featured item lists," you will be able to find a list of new materials we've purchased each month, as well as a list of popular movies we have for three-day checkout on Reserve (our "Legal Movies Series"). We've added book covers to many titles, and included a "More Information" button to provide you with ... surprise! ... more information about a particular book or topic. There's also a link to examine your patron record, where you can see what you have checked out, and you may be able to renew some items online! If you need a little help with all the new features, just stop by the Circulation Desk and we'll be glad to give you a lesson!
- Many of our readers may be familiar with "file sharing" software, most of which is used to download pirated movies and music. If you're one who uses the software, and thinks "I'll just delete the files if the police come knocking," you may want to think again. The Western District of Texas came down severely on one defendant who had allegedly deleted over 200 music files after she had been served with notice of a lawsuit. She also deleted more files about a month later when the court allowed the plaintiffs' motion to compel inspection of her hard drive. Partly due to "such blatant contempt" and partly to "provide sufficient deterrence from similar behavior in other cases," the court ordered a default judgment for the plaintiffs. The case has not yet been uploaded to Westlaw or LexisNexis, but [Arista Records v. Tschirhart](#), 05-cv-372 (W.D. Tex. Aug. 23, 2006), can be found at <http://www.digitalmusicnews.com/results?title=Delina%20Tschirhart>