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What's New in the Library?

- It may be hard to believe, but Thanksgiving is almost here! The Library will have limited hours during the short break. We haven't set the official access hours yet, so be watching for signs on our doors (as well as posts to the web site). Here's what we do know: The Circulation Desk will not be staffed from noon Wednesday (November 22) through the end of the day on Saturday (November 25). We also will be completely closed (no card access) on Thanksgiving Thursday (November 23). Please plan ahead if you will need Reserve items over the long holiday.
- Scott Hite, our LexisNexis representative, will be here one more time this semester, so if you missed out on training in October, now's your chance! (John Street, our Westlaw trainer, was also scheduled to visit on October 30.) Scott will be in the Library Seminar Room on Wednesday and Thursday, November 1-2, training some first year students, as well as interested upperclassmen. Open classes will be on Wednesday at 3:30 and 4:30 pm, and on Thursday at 11 am, noon, and 2:30 pm. Don't miss out on a chance to become "certified" in both of these legal research systems.
- Our popular "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic-Assisted Learning) classes will finish up in mid-November. This month, we'll offer classes on finding articles in legal periodicals, as well as wrestling with *Shepard's Citations*. Classes run about thirty minutes each, and are held in the Library Seminar Room. Check our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/classes.php>) for a schedule.
- Speaking of *Shepard's Citations* ... if you're still using the printed version, you may want to know about an update LexisNexis has made to those books. In September, LexisNexis removed the "headnote analysis" notations, which were really pointers to competitor West's headnotes. Since LexisNexis has their own set of headnotes online, they have opted not to retain the "analysis for headnotes that we do not have online." If this impacts your research, stop by Chris' office and ask for some hints.
- The Library staff is pleased to announce one new "acquisition" to the Library family. Tonya Jackson, our Cataloging Assistant and Interlibrary Loan Clerk, had a little girl (Kaydence Rylee) on October 10. Mom, dad, and the baby are all doing well.

Other News

- Don't forget to vote on November 7! (Rather than give you the list of all the issues and the candidates, we'll just point you to <http://www.vote-smart.org/> so you can look up the information that's most pertinent to you.)
- Getting ready for exams? Then don't forget about the many study resources we have in the Library! Along with many Hornbooks and Nutshells, we have many titles in the "Understanding" and "Examples and Explanations" series, all of which can be found by asking at the Circulation Desk. (We also have older editions in the main collection.) And the tutorials from CALI (the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) are always popular, either run from a CD (which you can check out at the Circulation Desk) or online (in which case you would have to know our activation code, which is **[not in online version!]** and which is case-sensitive).
- As a follow-up to our October Supreme Court item: The High Court is now providing same-day transcripts for the oral arguments. In the past, it would take about two weeks before these transcripts were available. This might be a great way to prepare for your own moot court exercises, as you can see what sorts of questions might be asked by the justices, and what sorts of answers seem to satisfy them. Those transcripts are available on the Court's own web site at <http://www.supremecourtus.gov/> [click on "Oral Arguments" then "Argument Transcripts"].
- We're always on the lookout for articles that will help our students, either now in law school, or later in their legal careers. So when we saw the title of an article in a recent law review issue, we just had to share it: "The Best Kept Secret in the Law: How to Get Paid to Live on a Tropical Island." (The funniest part – we thought – was this quasi-disclaimer: "[Y]our daily life will most certainly not be the same as it is now. You will not have the twenty-four-hour supermarkets, multiplex movie theaters, freeways, restaurants, and sometimes even traffic lights that you have grown accustomed to enjoying." So how's that different from Grundy?) If you'd like to explore what life might be like on Guam, American Samoa, or one of the other "insular areas" take a look at the article at 15 J. Transnatl L. & Policy 219 (Spring 2006), which is available on both Lexis and Westlaw.
- Law professors may often be accused of "keeping their cards close to their chest," but a new book in the Library may give you some strategies to bluff your way through those classes. The book is *Lawyer's Poker: 52 Lessons that Lawyers Can Learn From Card Players* by Steven Lubet (KF300 .Z9 L83). You won't become a better player after reading the book, but the stories – which all revolve around some card game – are used as parables for teaching some aspect of bluffing or winning. Helpfully, there's a glossary too, in case you don't know the difference between a bust and a flop.

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