

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- We'll have more limited hours on Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. On Monday, January 15, the Library will be staffed from 2 pm to 6 pm, but we will have card access from 2 pm to midnight.
- The Library might seem like it has been part of a "home makeover" TV show. We've had the carpets steam-cleaned, the skylight patched, and the books and shelves dusted over Winter Break. Please help us keep your second home looking nice for the spring semester.
- Also over Winter Break, we've reorganized some of the books on the first floor. (We can't help it – we like to buy new books, and we need all the room we can get!) If you can't find something, just ask at the Circulation Desk. If we don't have something you need, check with Becky Belcher, who is now in charge of Interlibrary Loan (forms for requests can be picked up at the desk or online).
- The IT crew has installed two new public-access computers upstairs in the hallway carrels, and one in the center of the downstairs table area. These are the same models as the ones in the Seminar Room, and have Internet access, Microsoft Office (including Word and PowerPoint), and the Adobe Acrobat Reader.
- We will continue to provide reference assistance on Sundays this semester. We'll have a reference librarian sitting at the Reference Desk Sunday afternoons to help you with your research. We'll be starting this service on Sunday, January 21, and we hope to continue it during the entire semester.
- The Westlaw and Lexis student representatives will likely have new office hours this semester. We'll post them to the various bulletin boards as soon as their schedules have been finalized. You may also find the new schedules online (when they're posted) at

LEXIS: [http://www.lexisnexis.com/myschool/myschool.asp?sc\\_id=30474](http://www.lexisnexis.com/myschool/myschool.asp?sc_id=30474)

WESTLAW:

<http://lawschool.westlaw.com/aam/aampage.asp?pschoolid=0&task=aam&resetschool=true&schoolid=220>

## Other News

- Santa might have brought you a computer during the holidays, but what if he forgot software? We've found "Software For Starving Students," which contains free software – including word processors, antivirus programs, computer utilities, and even a few games – all on one CD. There's also a version for Mac (OS X) owners. If the price is right for you, check out <http://softwarefor.org/>
- We've found a few "what not to do" cases in the news lately. We've offered our suggestions as well ....
  - **Don't create different versions of your resume – especially if they both have incorrect information.** The DC Bar's Board of Professional Responsibility has recommended a thirty-day suspension for a lawyer for falsely adding a scholarship, a law school award, and a higher grade point average on his resume. Interestingly, he sent one version to a recruiter and another version to his potential employer, but both contained allegedly incorrect information. [Found on <http://www.law.com> .]
  - **Don't plagiarize, admit it, then expect to sail through the character and fitness review.** While in law school, a student admitted turning in someone else's paper as his own, and received a one-semester suspension. When that issue came up during his character and fitness review, the attorney-to-be "lacked candor and clarity" about the plagiarism incident (there was also another issue involving "contradictory testimony" as well). The Connecticut Supreme Court agreed with the Bar Examining Committee that the applicant should not be admitted to the bar. *Doe v. Connecticut Bar Examining Committee*, 818 A.2d 14 (2003). [Thanks to <http://www.legalwriting.net> for spotting this and the following case.]
  - **OK – don't plagiarize at all.** A student had been investigated in law school for plagiarism, but the school's finding was that the paper was simply "poorly written" and not plagiarism. Upon application to the bar, the student's academic record was again reviewed. The Georgia Supreme Court upheld the re-investigation, finding "the Board was not bound by the law school's determination." *In Re K.S.L.*, 495 S.E.2d 276 (Georgia, 1998).
  - **Don't be late! Even six minutes can make a difference.** Lawyers submitted an appeal to the court six minutes after midnight on January 17, 2004. Unfortunately, the filing deadline was January 16, 2004. The lawyers never asked for an extension of time. The Tenth Circuit found the appeal was forfeited due to the untimely filing, and dismissed the case. They rejected the lawyers' "de minimis" argument: "[I]f six minutes can be excused, why not six hours or six days? ... [The Plaintiffs] are out of luck." *Alva v. Teen Help*, 469 F.3d 946 (10th Cir. 2006). [Found on <http://www.legalreader.com> .]