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What's New in the Library?

- National Library Week is April 16 through April 20, and the ASL Library (for the fifth consecutive year) provides library- and law-themed puzzles to celebrate! On each of the first four days, we will have some increasingly-challenging stumpers available at the Circulation Desk. Turn in your answers before the deadline, and you could be eligible to win prizes donated by LexisNexis and Westlaw. The prize give-away will be held on Friday, April 20. (You do not need to be present to win.)
- The Library will have modified hours on Sunday, April 8 (Easter). The Circulation and Reserve Desk will only be available from 2 pm to 6 pm. There will not be any reference assistance. Students with a valid ID will still have card access from 9 am to midnight.
- As the semester winds down, please be sure to pay any Library fines before finals begin. It's one less thing you'll have to worry about later.
- Speaking of exams, we had not finalized our exam access hours for this semester as of press time. We will, of course, post signs as finals approach, and we'll be sure to post the information on our web site.
- One "final" exam story for this month: Many of the CALI lessons have been updated since we passed out the CDs to 1Ls (and 2Ls/3Ls!). Get the most recent changes at <http://www.cali.org/> and use the authorization code [**not in online version!**] (which is case-sensitive). If you prefer studying not with computers but with books, be sure to ask at the Circulation Desk for Hornbooks, Nutshells, and the Examples and Explanations series!

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Melissa Lester joins ASL as a Circulation Assistant. She was born in Buchanan County, and graduated from Grundy High School. She will be receiving her A.A.S. in psychology from Southwest Virginia Community College later this year. She has one daughter, Emilee.

For biographies of our other Library employees, visit our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/library/bios.php>

Other News

- April is known for rain showers ... and taxes. The IRS wants tax forms by April 17 this year (the 15th is on a Sunday, and the 16th is a holiday in DC so federal offices will be closed). We have most tax forms in print (near the back wall on the first floor, in the KF6300s), but they are also available on the IRS's own web site at <http://www.irs.gov/> . If you are looking for state tax forms, try either LSU's list of state tax sites (<http://www.lib.lsu.edu/govdocs/taxes.html>) or the appropriately named 1040.com site (<http://www.1040.com/StateLookUp.cfm>).
- We found a neat idea for those of you who may be studying in the Library with your computer. When your headphones die, cut the cord (and tape the bare wires down well), keeping only the plug. Then keep that plugged into your computer's headphone jack. You won't hear the startup melody, or e-mail or instant message alerts – and, more importantly, won't bother others sitting next to you. (Sadly, though, this seems only to apply to Windows machines; Apple systems work differently.) See the tip at Lifehacker: <http://www.lifehacker.com/software/diy/macgyver-tip--silence-your-laptop-with-snipped-headphones-245121.php>
- We're not sure if the folks from Minnesota have cabin fever this time of year, but a recent legislative proposal sure makes it seem like it. The state doesn't have an official poet laureate (although one was proposed but defeated by gubernatorial veto), and legislators recently wrote a bill (H.F. 224; available at <http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/>) to remedy it. We can't make up stuff like this:

Section 1. Poet Laureate

Subdivision 1. Appointment

The Gov' shall appoint a state poet laureate,
Who shall serve for a four-year term.
Because this appointment will always be great,
There's no need for the Senate to confirm.
In appointing a poet for the public good,
And to ensure there's no unjust omission,
The governor shall consider, if he would
Thoughts of the Humanities Commission.

Subdivision 2. Removal

The poet will be free to write rhyming lines,
With removal only for cause,
But we trust that the bard will promptly resign,
If the verse reads as badly as laws.

Subdivision 3. Compensation

'Twould be fair to provide some just recompense
As reward for the poet's tribulations,
But because at this time we haven't the cents
We're afraid there is no compensation.
But we ask as the poet travels the state,
And the people their ears they lend,
That our learned Commission take the position
To provide the poor poet a stipend.

Subdivision 4. Gifts and Grants

To provide the support that needs to come
To support our new laureate,
Gifts and grants received of a generous sum,
We hereby appropriate.

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