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What's New in the Library?

- Labor Day Hours: The Library's Circulation Desk will only be open from 2 pm to 6 pm on Monday, September 5. Although card access for the weekend remains the same (9 am to midnight on both Saturday and Sunday), card access is limited to 2 pm to midnight on Labor Day itself.
- There are still a few bar associations that would prefer a *typed* bar application. If you're in need of a typewriter, stop by the Circulation Desk. We've had one for a while, but due to increased requests, we've purchased a second one. We provide the typewriter and ribbon; you provide the paper.
- As we wrote in our last issue, every student received a CALI (Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction) CD either at 1L Orientation or during the first week of classes. CALI is always updating those lessons, so be sure to find the most recent versions online. If you need the authorization code, it's **[not in online version!]** (which is case-sensitive). Stop by Chris' office if you have questions.
- Need a refresher on legal research? Our "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic Assisted Learning) classes are designed to complement the Legal Process classes. September's schedule will offer a Library tour, plus classes on finding treatises and finding cases. We'll be posting the times and dates for these fifteen-minute sessions on the Library bulletin boards and on the Library web site.
- Our "Visitors Log" binder had been hidden among all the other binders on our Circulation Desk table, but we've made it easier to find. If you're bringing a guest in (perhaps a spouse or visiting family members), please be sure they sign the log so we can keep track of non-student usage of the Library.

Student Rep Hours Fall 2007	Westlaw	
	Nathaniel Colburn	Ryan Nuzzo
Monday	3 pm – 5 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>
Tuesday	3 pm – 5 pm	3 pm – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	noon – 2 pm	9 am – 10:30 am; 3 pm – 5 pm
Thursday	3 pm – 5 pm	11:30 am – 1 pm
Friday	noon – 1 pm	9 am – 10:30 am

* our LexisNexis student representative had not been selected as of press time

** please note that hours may be subject to change

Other News

- It's been a while since we've explained why we do an "ID check" nightly, so it's probably time for a reminder. Our public access ends at 5 pm on most nights, so we want to be sure that the appropriate people are left inside when we lock the doors. It's also a general reminder to you that after the ID check, you will need your ID card to re-enter the building if you leave. Those of you who frequently study in the Library will probably have noticed we've hired new staff (including new security guards), not all of whom know who you are. And although it would be a lot easier to check only those people that we don't recognize, we prefer to check everyone's ID to avoid charges of favoritism or discrimination. If you're concerned about us bothering you while you try to study, just leave your ID card out where we can see it and we'll just walk right on by!
- In January, you may have heard about the California lawmaker who wanted to ban incandescent lightbulbs. His proposal was supposed to be known as the "How Many Legislators Does It Take to Change A Lightbulb Act." However, Assembly Bill 722 was heavily modified in a committee, and the original sponsor withdrew the legislation.

If there are proposed bills that you'd like to follow, be sure to try out either LexisNexis State Capital (for state legislation) or LexisNexis Congressional (for federal legislation). Both can be accessed from our web page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/databases.php> – and they even can be used at home! (See Chris if you're having trouble with off-campus access.)

- You may have heard the stories about actor Brad Pitt and New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg getting called to jury duty this summer (neither had to serve). But two New York residents are quite glad they were involved in the process. He was a physical therapist who was not looking forward to participating in a murder trial. She was called as an alternate juror. And since jurors aren't allowed to talk about the case while it's in progress ... well ... they "talked about movies, travel, everything. It was a very good way to get to know someone." After finding the defendant guilty, the jurors hooked up, and planned to wed this month. Handling the officiating duties: the same judge who presided over the murder trial. (This story first appeared in the *New York Daily News*.)
- Be on the lookout for a too-true movie coming direct to DVD in September: *A Lawyer Walks Into A Bar*. The documentary follows six just-graduated law students planning to take the California bar. Get updates at <http://www.alawyerwalksintoabar.com/>

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