

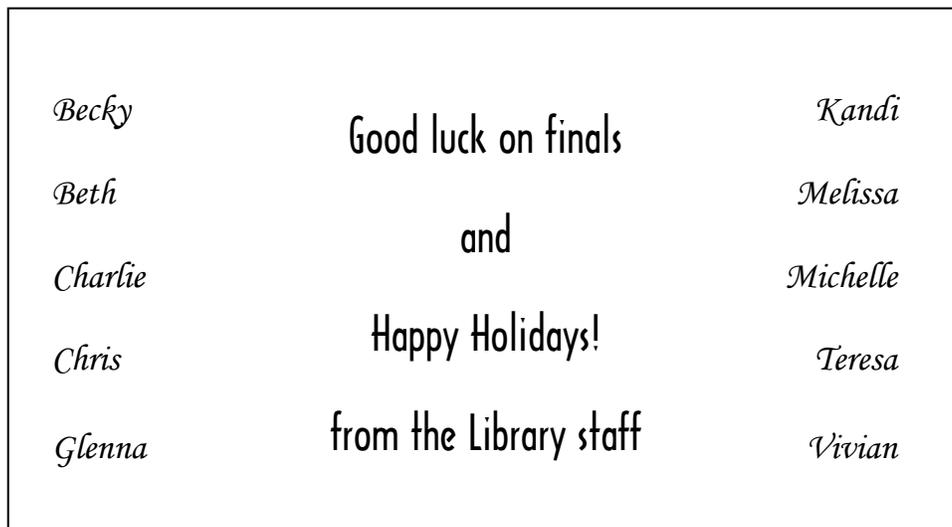
ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** The Library begins its extended exam access hours the evening of Monday, December 3, the last day of classes. The Library will be accessible from 5 pm to 2 am each evening via card access throughout the exam period. This extended access will end at 5 pm on Friday, December 14.
- If you need study aids, why not see what the Library has to offer? We have Hornbooks, Nutshells, "Examples and Explanations" and the LexisNexis "Understanding" series all on Reserve (those materials check out for two hours). We also have CALI CD tutorials (for three day checkouts), but if you would rather use the online version, you'll need to know that our authorization code is still **[not in online version!]** (which is case-sensitive).



- During Winter Break, we will generally be open 9 am to 5 pm Monday through Friday. Our holiday schedule is posted online at <http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm> or available in paper copy at the Circulation Desk. There will be no "after-hours" card access during the break. Our school schedule hours will start again on Sunday, January 6.
- Our lost and found box is fairly small this year, but we still have a few trinkets that have lost their owners. If you've lost something, check at the Circulation Desk. Our "lost and found" box will be cleaned out at the start of the new year. (We generally donate all unclaimed items to a local charitable organization.)

Other News

- If you have overdue books or fines to pay, please be sure to take care of those before the exam period begins. Please pay at the Circulation Desk Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm so you have one less thing to worry about during vacation!
- Just in time for finals, the Judicial Conference of the United States has proposed a complete revision of the Rules of Civil Procedure, effective December 1. The transmittal letter to Congress is swift to point out that these changes are "style-only," and are intended to "clarify, simplify, and modernize their expression without changing their substantive meaning." Thankfully, the committee did not change any rule numbers, so good old 12(b)(6) ("failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted") is still around, but some of the more clunky language (like "mesne process" in Rule 77(c)) has been eliminated. These and the other new rules (Appellate, Bankruptcy, and Criminal Procedure) can be found at the Administrative Office of the US Courts web page at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/congress0407.htm>
- Another change in the research world is that the American Law Reports (ALRs) will be available electronically exclusively on Westlaw beginning in January 2008. The series, which began in print in 1919 by Lawyers Cooperative Publishing, compiles cases on particular legal topics.
- You may think your professors are egging you on in class, but what if you're a federal judge? One New Hampshire judge was recently sent a hard-boiled egg from an inmate, who complained that the eggs the prison cooked – specifically for his kosher diet, which had already been litigated – aggravated his heart condition (along with other medical maladies). So the prisoner sent along an egg for his file. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead may have been thinking of Green Eggs and Ham when he issued this order:

No fan I am
Of the egg at hand.
Just like no ham
On the kosher plan.

This egg will rot
I kid you not.
And stink it can
This egg at hand.

There will be no eggs at court
To prove a clog in your aort.
There will be no eggs accepted.
Objections all will be rejected.

From this day forth
This court will ban
hard-boiled eggs of any brand.

And if you should not understand
The meaning of the ban at hand
Then you should contact either Dan,
the deputy clerk, or my clerk Jan.

I do not like eggs in the file.
I do not like them in any style.
I will not take them fried or boiled.
I will not take them poached or broiled.
I will not take them soft or scrambled
Despite an argument well rambled.

No fan I am
Of the egg at hand.
Destroy that egg!
Today! Today!
Today I say! Without delay!

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