

# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- We will have more limited staffing hours during Spring Break. The Library will be closed with no card access on Sunday, March 9. During the week, the Library will be staffed from 9 am to 5 pm, with card access from 9 am to 10 pm. The Library again closes completely on Saturday, March 15. Our regular hours resume on Sunday, March 16.
- We will also have slightly more limited hours on Easter Sunday, March 23. The Library will allow card access from 2 pm to midnight; the Circulation and Reserve Desk will be open from 2 pm to 6 pm.
- Please return your student surveys before Spring Break! We appreciate the large response we've received already, but we're still willing to accept more until March 7. Drop off the surveys at the Circulation Desk. We'll work on crunching the numbers over Spring Break.
- Be on the lookout for more information about National Library Week, which will be held April 14 through 18. Every year, the Library creates four puzzles during the week, and has a big prize drawing that Friday. To get yourself competition-ready, check out some of our prior puzzles at <http://www.asl.edu/library/nlw.php>
- We have hired a new Circulation Assistant, and he will be starting on March 1. Watch our web site (<http://www.asl.edu/library/staff.php>) and next month's newsletter for a short biography.
- After Spring Break, our study skills collection becomes very popular. Current versions of Nutshells, Hornbooks, Examples and Explanations, Understanding, and West's Q&A's are all on Reserve. We also have CALI CDs for three-day checkout (or, of course, you can register online if you know ASL's authorization code, which is **[not in online version]**). Stop by the Circulation Desk for more information.
- It's not new, but around bar application time, we like to remind students that we have two typewriters available for checkout at the Circulation Desk. (For you younger folks, typewriters are early stand-alone versions of word processors, with fewer capabilities.)

## Other News

- You will have a slightly shorter Spring Break this year – it's time to "spring ahead" and change your clocks for Daylight Savings Time (we do not believe this was an intentional plot by the administration to get you back in classes sooner). On Sunday, March 9, turn your clock ahead one hour.
- We saw a great tip from our friends at the Duke Libraries and thought we would pass it on. One enterprising student used a cell phone to take a picture of the title page of the books she was using while doing research. While this might not help with case law research (imagine how many pictures of "Federal Reporter" you would have?), taking pictures of other research materials – law reviews, treatises, CLE materials – may remind you where you've already looked. It's always good to keep track of that information, but taking a picture may make it easy enough that you actually do it.
- You may have heard about the big "digital TV" switchover happening next year – there's a bunch of commercials on TV about it, and you might have heard about the government rebate. Do you need to worry? If you currently subscribe to cable TV or satellite TV, you'll see no difference when TV stations switch from analog signals to digital ones next February. But if you're using an antenna to pull in TV channels, you'll need to purchase a digital converter box before next year. The boxes are expected to be priced at \$40-\$60, and the government will send up to two coupons for \$40 each to the households that request them (go to <http://www.dtv2009.gov> or call 1-888-DTV-2009 to apply). Another, more expensive, option is to purchase a new digital TV with a digital tuner (look for the initials "DTV" somewhere on the front of the screen).
- During their midwinter meeting in February, the American Bar Association adopted a new model rule to allow for conditional admission to the bar. The model rule, based on variations already existing in 19 states (including West Virginia), focuses on the bar applicant who has had "recent treatment for substance abuse or mental health issues" that would cause the bar examiners to be "concerned about the applicant's ability to ... competently practice law." The ABA's comments clearly showed concern for law students who "need assistance [and] do not seek it, or who seek assistance and do not disclose [this] on their bar applications." As this is only a model rule, it must be adopted by a particular state to have effect, but several states have expressed a willingness to adopt this rule after ABA approval. For a copy of the rule itself, along with a thorough commentary and history of this rule, see the ABA's web site at [http://www.abavideonews.org/ABA496/media/pdf/hod\\_resolutions/112.pdf](http://www.abavideonews.org/ABA496/media/pdf/hod_resolutions/112.pdf)

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