

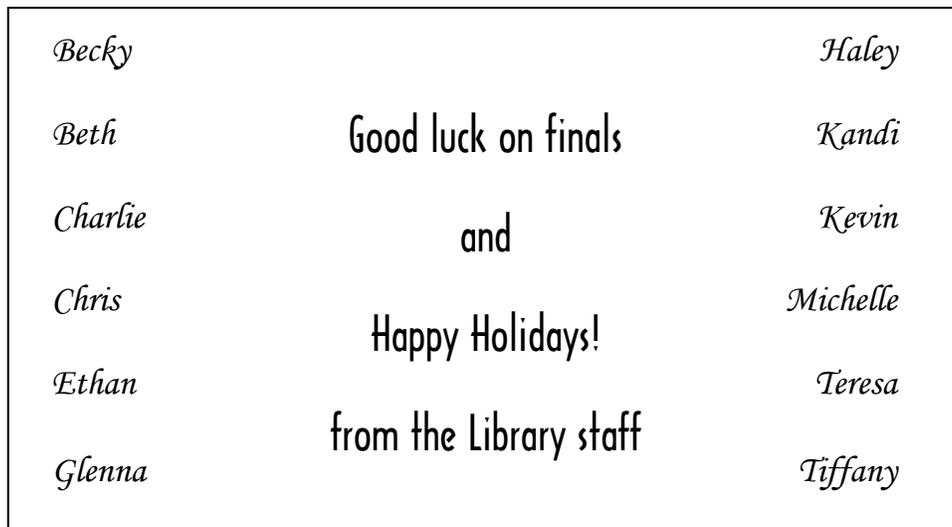
ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** Exam hours began on November 30. The Library continues to offer extended access hours until 2 am (instead of midnight) through the exam period. Of course, you need a valid student ID to remain in the Library after 5 pm. The extended access ends on Friday, December 12.
- During Winter Break, the Library will have more limited hours. Although we will be closed to the public, we will generally provide student access Monday through Friday, from 9 am to 5 pm, except on ASL-designated holidays (December 23-26 and January 1). There will be no "after-hours" access during the break. We begin our regular school hours again on Sunday, January 4.



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Kevin Sullivan joins us as our new Circulation Assistant. Kevin was born and raised in Buchanan County. He attended Southwest Virginia Community College for two years for general studies. He transferred to Virginia Polytechnic and State University in Blacksburg where he received a B.A. in History in 2008.

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

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!
- Usually in December, the federal court rules get updated. The usual procedure is for the Judicial Conference of the United States to propose changes to Congress, but if Congress doesn't change the proposed rules, they go into effect on December 1. This year brings a few new rules to highlight:
 - Federal Rule of Evidence 502 specifically identifies when a disclosure in a federal or state proceeding acts as a waiver of the attorney-client privilege or work-product protection (Note: This actually went into effect in September, as Congress had to affirmatively act on this because it impacted an evidentiary privilege)
 - New Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 60 specifically implements some of the provisions in the Crime Victims' Rights Act (18 USC §3771), requiring victims' participation in most criminal proceedings (Note the prior FRCrP 60 will now become FRCrP 61)
 - New Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 62.1 allows a district court to act on certain motions pending an appeal; several other rules have been updated to compute time periods consistently
 - The Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure have been slightly updated to clear up some confusing timekeeping issues for filing
 - The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure have been updated to implement the 2005 Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act and the interim rules that had been adopted since then

If you would like to read any of these new rules, or want a more thorough summary of them, check out the Judicial Conference's web page at

<http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/supct0408.html>

- It's nice to get away for the holidays, but be sure to clear off your calendar first. One Dallas lawyer was perhaps a bit tardy in notifying the local court that he and his family were planning on taking a Christmas vacation. When an opposing lawyer requested the court to set a hearing on a case during that time, the hopeful vacationer channeled Dr. Seuss in his "Response to Request to Ignore Vacation Letter": "And the more the Grinch thought of the whole holiday / The more the Grinch thought, 'I must stop this today!' / 'Why for almost a week I've put up with it now! I MUST get the privileged documents! ... But HOW?'" The judge, apparently amused by the rhyming work, managed not to put this case on the calendar until after the holidays. For the complete poem and a short summary of this saga, see our favorite urban legend debunking site Snopes at <http://www.snopes.com/holidays/christmas/humor/grinch.asp>