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What's New in the Library?

- Prepare for the summer by brushing up on your legal research skills: Join Ethan on Sunday, April 5, from 1 to 2 pm to review how to find case law and statutes (federal and Virginia), federal legislative history, and agency regulations/decisions. The class will meet at the Reference Desk.
- We will have limited hours on Easter Sunday, April 12. The Circulation Desk will be open from 9 am to 6 pm; card access will remain 9 am to midnight.
- The Library will offer extended-access hours beginning April 19. Students with a valid ID card will be able to enter the Library until 2 am during the two weeks of finals. This extended access ends at 5 pm on Friday, May 1.
- National Library Week is April 13-17. The ASL Library celebrates by offering some challenging puzzles for you to complete Monday through Thursday. On Friday, we pull random entries from a box and distribute prizes – provided by Lexis and Westlaw – to all the winners. Stop by the Circulation Desk to pick up or drop off the puzzle, or download them directly from our National Library Week page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/nlw/>

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Congratulations, graduates!

Good luck with finals!

Have a great summer!

from the Library staff

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Since we aren't publishing a May edition, we'll remind you that if you aren't in Grundy over the summer, we're available by phone or e-mail. If you're stuck on a research project during your externship, feel free to ask us for pointers. Of course, we'll have more limited hours during the summer (check our web page at <http://www.asl.edu/library/hours.htm>). We'll also announce our bar exam access hours before finals.

Other News

- If you need tax information, be sure to check out our impressive collection of tax-related resources. While finding forms or instructions may be easiest on the IRS's own web site (<http://www.irs.gov>), we have several in-depth treatises on tax law and policy that will help you understand the various nuances. Try CCH's *Standard Federal Tax Bulletin* or the infamous *Tax Management Portfolios* (both in the KF6300s). If you have allergies to paper or ink, ask at the reference desk for a demo of the CCH or BNA tax databases we subscribe to online.
- With April being tax month, we always look for some off-the-wall tax story, and we've had this one for a while. The chief of staff to New York's governor somehow missed paying income taxes between 2001 and 2005. Interestingly, when he was hired by the governor (who was then a state senator) in 2004, Charles O'Byrne even mentioned his failure to file, blaming it on depression. OK, so an Ivy League-educated guy forgets to file for a few years after making about \$100,000 per year. But then his attorney suggested it was more: O'Byrne suffered from "late-filing syndrome." The attorney has since backed off that statement, but the *New York Times* suggested that may have been a pre-emptive defense for a potential criminal sanction from the IRS, where the agency would have had to have proven intent. We would discourage anyone from using this diagnosis (which is not one recognized by the American Psychological Association) either on tax filings or on take-home exams. The original story was at <http://www.nytimes.com/2008/10/23/nyregion/23obyrne.html> (and, in the interest of fairness, we should point out Mr. O'Byrne has now fully paid all interest and back taxes, almost \$300,000 worth, and has resigned from his position).
- Have you lost anything in the Library this semester? Stop by the Circulation Desk before Memorial Day, as we've accumulated some strange stuff. Most of the remnants eventually get donated to charity or discarded.
- Don't forget to ensure your continued access to Lexis and Westlaw over the summer!
 - Lexis did not have summer access information at press time; watch the Library's web page for more information
 - Westlaw provides full access to externs and law review staff, while graduates get five hours in June and July, by clicking on the green "Need your Westlaw password this summer?" box when you log on to your Westlaw home page.
- Graduates, don't forget the bar exam resources page we've created for you at <http://www.asl.edu/library/barexam.php> – we've posted links to state bar agencies, and provided links to any prior exams (and even answers, when available).