

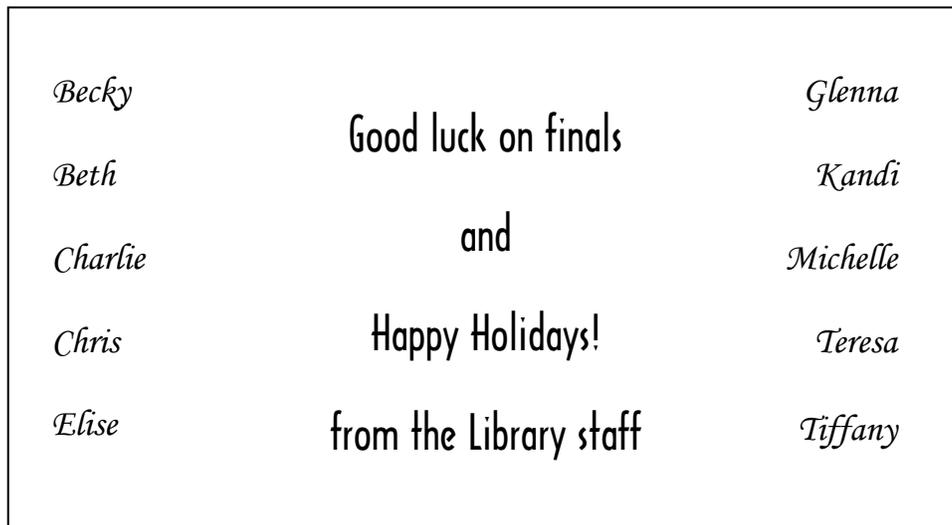
# ASL LIBRARY NEWS

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## What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** Exam hours began on November 28. The extended hours will allow access 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 (if you need a replacement ID card, stop by the Circulation Desk; they're still \$5). The extended access ends on Friday, December 10.
- Please remember that with finals here, people tend to be less accepting of loud conversations in the Library. We'll do our best to warn students entering the Library and congregating in the downstairs copy area to "use their Library voices." There are bound to be some heated discussions in the group study rooms, so if those get too loud, please come down to the Circulation Desk and let us know.



- During Winter Break, the Library will have more limited hours. Although we will be closed to the public, students can use the Library Monday through Friday from 9 am to 5 pm, except on ASL-designated holidays (December 22-24 and December 27). There will be no "after-hours" access or weekend access during the break. We begin our regular school hours again on Sunday, January 2, 2011.

## 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!
- There are some changes to the federal rules that will take effect on December 1. The Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure are affected the most; there are over a dozen updates – some technical changes, others more substantial changes to the rules. But the good ol' Federal Rules of Civil Procedure have a few changes too, including an "improved" procedure for summary judgment motions (the revision committee was very careful to point out that the amendments are not intended to change the summary judgment standard or burdens). To see the text of the new rules in addition to the committee's reports outlining the reasoning behind the changes, check out the Administrative Office of the US Courts' web site at <http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/FederalRulemaking/PendingRules/ProposedSupCt1210.aspx>
- We always like to highlight stories about people practicing in a ... well, let's just call it an "unusual" ... area of law (see, for example, the mixed martial arts law practice we noted in the August 2010 newsletter). So when we saw this next blog, we knew we had to comment on it. It's the "Food Poisoning Law Blog" run by a lawyer at Pritzker Olsen in Minnesota. Certainly, food poisoning is nothing to laugh about. But it is interesting to see attorneys interested in a very narrow field of law attempting to bring it to more people's attention. The blog can be found at <http://foodpoisoning.pritzkerlaw.com/>
- We have quite a few Netflix fans on the Library staff, but what if that monthly fee is just a little too much for your student income? Never fear: FedFlix is here! It's a joint venture between the National Technical Information Service (apparently one of the keepers of the US Government's treasure trove of movies) and Public.Resource.org. The movies are published in a few places, but the YouTube channel may be the easiest to get to from any computing device:  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/PublicResourceOrg#g/p>  
We found some fascinating talks with Professor Herbert Wechsler (who was instrumental in the adoption of the Model Penal Code) under "Judicial Oral History" and dozens of major constitutional cases hidden under "The House and the Courts." As an approved government depository library, we'd be remiss if we didn't mention the few movies about the Government Printing Office under that specific category. Let us know if you find a hidden gem!

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