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What's New in the Library?

- Spring Break will be here before you know it. The Library will have more limited hours during that week (February 27 through March 5).

	Public Access	Student Access	
		Circulation Desk	Student Card Access
Saturday, February 26 (regular hours)	Closed	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – midnight
Sunday, February 27	Closed	Closed	NO ACCESS
Monday, February 28	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Tuesday, March 1	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Wednesday, March 2	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Thursday, March 3	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – 5 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Friday, March 4	Closed	Closed	8 am – 4 pm
Saturday, March 5	Closed	Closed	NO ACCESS
Sunday, March 6 (regular hours)	Closed	1 pm – 10 pm	1 pm – midnight

- We're having more Westlaw and Lexis training during February. Westlaw will be here the week of February 7, while Lexis will be on campus the week of February 14. Most of the classes will be for 1Ls, but if the vendors decide to open up additional classes, we'll post signs and a headline on our web page.
- With the Westlaw and Lexis training going on, we're going to adjust our "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic-Assisted Learning) tutorial schedule a bit. We'll be skipping those two weeks, but we'll run a class on finding cases on Monday, February 21. Meet at the Reference Desk at 3:30 pm for a fifteen-minute review!

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Monday	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Tuesday	12:45 pm – 2:45 pm	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	9:00 am – 10:00 am
Wednesday	10:15 am – 11:15 am	1:00 pm – 4:00 pm	10:00 am – 12 noon
Thursday	9:45 am – 11:45 am; 1:00 pm – 2:45 pm	11:00 am – 2:00 pm	12:30 pm – 2:30 pm
Friday	<i>no scheduled hours</i>	1:00 pm – 2:00 pm	12:45 pm – 1:45 pm

Other News

- As you might remember from your Legal Process class, after Congress passes a law which is then signed by the president, it gets published in the *Statutes at Large*. Searching chronologically for laws on a particular topic isn't all that easy, so in 1926, Congress opted to arrange the laws by topic in the *U.S. Code*. At the time of adoption of the *U.S. Code*, the arranging committee decided that fifty topics (called "titles") would probably be enough room for all the laws. Now, almost 100 years later, Congress has decided they've run out of room, and so they have now created a brand-new title. President Obama signed Public Law 111-314 just before the Christmas holiday, creating Title 51: "National and Commercial Space Programs." (Previously, the provisions regarding space programs were separated across Title 15 – Commerce and Trade – and Title 42 – Public Health and Welfare – and Title 49 – Transportation.) For a slightly longer summary of the history behind this new title, see the Office of Law Revision Counsel's page at <http://uscode.house.gov/cod/t51/>
- In our December 2009 issue, we noted that the Federal Trade Commission had promulgated some new regulations for "creditors" to minimize identity theft. Many critics argued then that the FTC's Identity Theft "Red Flags Rule" regulations were a bit too broad and encompassed many professionals, including lawyers, who allowed their clients to pay on credit but who weren't really "creditors" in the generally-accepted sense of the word. Several professional organizations sued. Eventually, Congress intervened, and in their incredibly productive "lame duck" session, passed the "Red Flag Program Clarification Act of 2010" (becoming Public Law 111-319 just before Christmas). The new law narrows the definition of creditors to those who use consumer credit reports (among a few other things), and specifically excludes those who "advance funds on behalf of" a client. Even though the regulations no longer apply to lawyers, you might still be interested in knowing how to take steps to minimize the threat of identity theft in your future office – check out the FTC's site on this topic at <http://ftc.gov/bcp/edu/microsites/redflagsrule/resources.shtm>
- We certainly don't want to encourage you to try to top this: Recently, a University of Tennessee law school student requested a delay for one of her final exams. Her reason? She had been chosen to participate in a sponsored "tuition giveaway" contest during an ACC football game – throwing footballs into an oversized Dr. Pepper soda can! Read about this likely once-in-a-lifetime excuse at http://taxprof.typepad.com/taxprof_blog/2010/12/tennessee-1l-.html