ASL LIBRARY NEWS

Welcome!

Welcome – or welcome back – to the ASL Library. The Library is designed to complement the Law School's educational program. We strive to provide a clean and secure area to study and to do research. We have very dedicated staff members who will try to help you find the materials you need in our collection.

Take the time to walk around and look at what the Library has to offer. We have a solid Virginia law collection and a strong collection of regional legal materials and general reference materials. We continue to purchase books that cover the topics that you will learn in school, including several study guide series on Reserve. Our print collection is enhanced by our microfiche holdings, as well as electronic databases that you have access to (see our web site, at **http://www.asl.edu/library/**). Of course, we also provide training on all these resources, with class-like tutorials and with one-on-one reviews with our professional librarians.

Please feel free to ask questions or make suggestions as to how we can improve your law school experience. Our suggestion box is upstairs in the copy area (for anonymous suggestions), or you can pass along your ideas to a Library staff member.

Who's New In The Library?

Teresa Yates joins us as our new Serials Assistant, meaning she's in charge of making sure all of our ongoing subscriptions are kept up-to-date. She was born and raised in Buchanan County, but has also lived in Dickenson County. Teresa joins us after working at Food City for almost thirty years.

Shelia Matney joins us as our new Circulation Assistant. She was born and raised in Buchanan County where she graduated from Grundy High School in 2005. In 2009 she graduated *summa cum laude* from Pikeville College with a B.A. in History/Political Science with a minor in English.

Other News

- Our school year student access hours are Monday through Friday, 6 am to midnight; Saturday, 9 am to midnight; and Sunday, 12 pm to midnight. (Our hours can be found at **http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Hours.html** but we'll post modifications to the main Library page at **http://www.asl.edu/library/**). When we begin our Reference Desk hours, we'll post notices on the Library bulletin boards.

- Having said that, we do have exceptions to our schedule, and Labor Day (Monday, September 5) is the first of them. The Library's Circulation Desk will be closed all day on that Monday, with no card access. The prior weekend hours remain unchanged.

- The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (fondly known as CALI) offers over 800 free tutorials on many legal topics. There are two ways to access this great resource. The easiest is to use the DVD that we'll put in your mailboxes (if you're a 1L, you got yours during Orientation). The other way is to register online by going to **http://www.cali.org/** and using ASL's registration code which is **[not in the online version!]** (and it is case-sensitive). If you registered last year or the year before, use the same username and password you've been using – but note that the lessons may look a little different because CALI is using a different viewer program. These lessons work on Windows, Linux, Macs, and even iPhones and iPads! (Now you have no excuse NOT to try them!)

- We've updated our Student User Guide for the new academic year. To read a copy, find it on our web site at **http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Publications.html**. We also have a few printed copies which can be found at the "Information Station" across from the Circulation Desk.

- You might notice the new computers in the Library Seminar Room. Over the summer, the Student Bar Association donated some money to help purchase replacement computers. Be sure to thank an SBA officer for this great gift!

- Since we aren't publishing a September newsletter this year, be sure to check the standard bulletin boards (near the two copy areas and in the Library Seminar Room) for the hours for our Lexis and Westlaw student representatives.

- Our Library tutorials – the "Get REAL!" (Research and Electronic-Assisted Learning) classes – will start in October. Watch for posters announcing the topics, times, and dates! (We'll also post the information on our web site.)