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What's New in the Library?

- We've made a slight change to our Circulation/Reserve Desk opening hours on Sundays: We now open at 1 pm (we still end staffing at 9 pm). We have not changed our access hours; those remain 12 noon to midnight on Sundays.
- On Martin Luther King, Jr, Day – Monday, January 21 – we'll have more limited hours due to the school holiday. Card access will run from 5 pm to midnight, but the Circulation/Reserve Desk will be closed all day. The prior weekend hours remain unchanged.
- As a reminder: winter weather might impact our January and February schedule, so please don't wait until the last minute for Reserve materials when bad weather is expected!
- Our Lexis and Westlaw student representative hours will be available later in the month. Please check at the Circulation Desk to see if we have more current information.
- We're cleaning out last semester's lost and found items. If you've lost anything – keychains, thumb drives, assorted items of clothing – please check with us before the Martin Luther King, Jr, weekend. Unclaimed items will be discarded.
- We've updated our list of Internet links for bar examination resources. Be sure to check your jurisdiction for any law student registration requirements, and it doesn't hurt to download some of the essay questions (and answers, if they're available). Check out the resources page at <http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Services/Bar-Examination-Resources.html> (there *are* hyphens in the link!). Of course, we also have print materials available – including the actual questions on the bar exams for some of our regional states (Kentucky, North Carolina, Tennessee, and Virginia); just ask at the Circulation/Reserve Desk.
- We've done a tiny bit of shifting – moving books – during Winter Break. We've moved the Southeastern Digest upstairs with the Southeastern Reporter. The first series of Southeastern Reporter (S.E.) has been moved to Reserve, although we have a copy of it on microfiche (plus it's available on Lexis and Westlaw). If you still can't find what you're looking for, please stop by the Circulation Desk.

Other News

- Perhaps you're coming back from Winter Break with a new resolution to study more. If so, don't forget about CALI, the Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction. Their online tutorials walk you through many tricky legal topics. Newest lessons are online at <http://www.cali.org/> but you need an online account to access them (sign up with the ASL-specific authorization code of **[not in online edition!]**, which is case-sensitive). For those with less-reliable Internet access, we have DVDs with all the tutorials available for checkout at the Circulation/Reserve Desk.
- As a helpful reminder, if you have new technology from the holidays – thumb drives, tablets, laptop computers – please put your name on the items! (Even writing your name in your textbooks is a great idea.) While we don't have a huge amount of thievery, we do have some mischievous items that like to wander away from their owners, and without names on them it's hard to track down who they belong to.
- Now that the 2012 elections are over, we have a new Congress ready to start the job of legislating. If you've gotten the political bug and want to follow all of the inner machinations of the federal legislature, we have in Reference the newest issues of *CQ Weekly*, an (obviously) weekly magazine that discusses bills and committees in a generally non-partisan way (prior years are in our main collection). For up-to-the-minute information, the go-to site for Congressional facts is THOMAS, run by the Library of Congress. Over the last few months, THOMAS has been given a makeover, and it can now be found at <http://www.congress.gov/> (technically, the new site is still in "beta" testing, which means not everything from the old site may have been moved over to the new site).
- Speaking of Congress, the big story in December and January was the so-called "fiscal cliff," which had tremendous legal and financial implications for individuals and the country. If the dangerous-sounding name has interested you in the taxation aspects, we have a number of resources available for you to get up to speed. In print, we have a very impressive tax collection, which begins downstairs at KF6300. Two strongly recommended sets there are the *Tax Management Portfolios*, which detail a number of legal aspects of various taxes, and the *Standard Federal Tax Reporter*, which gives a thorough analysis of each section and regulation of the US tax code. Those two series are also available online, with BNA Core hosting the *Tax Management Portfolios* and IntelliConnect (formerly the CCH Internet Tax Research Network) giving you access to the *Standard Federal Tax Reporter*. For assistance using any of these resources, check at the Reference Desk.

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