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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.

What's New In The Library?

We've made a few changes over the summer that eagle-eyed students might notice. If you can't find something, ask at the Circulation Desk!

- We've had to move large portions of our tax section (Aisles 130-132) to make room for even more materials. If you're a fan of English law, we've adjusted a little there too (Aisles 118-119).
- We've moved some of our older newspapers from their normal location in our Current Awareness section upstairs due to roof repairs.
- We've added a handful of "popular movies" – mostly law-related, but some are Appalachian themed – to our collection. At the Library's catalog page (<http://catalog.asl.edu/>) click on "Library Featured Collections" and then click on "Popular Movies" to see the entire list.

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.
- Our first exception to our schedule is on Labor Day (Monday, September 2). We'll offer card access from noon to midnight, but the Library's Circulation Desk will be closed all day. The prior weekend hours remain unchanged.
- The Center for Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI to those in the know) offers almost 1000 free tutorials on many legal topics. This is the last year CALI is distributing DVDs (1Ls picked theirs up during Orientation; we have some for checkout at the Circulation Desk). The recommended way to use CALI is to register online at <http://www.cali.org/> and use ASL's registration code which is **[not in online version!]** (which is case-sensitive). Once you've registered, you keep the account all three years of law school. These online lessons work on Windows, Linux, Macs, and even tablets (iPads and Androids). If you don't mind squinting, you could even run them on your Internet-enabled phones!
- 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.
- We always publish a little before our Lexis and Westlaw student reps set their "office hours." We'll post their schedules on the standard bulletin boards (near the two copy areas and in the Library Seminar Room) when we get them, which should be around Labor Day.
- The big news over the summer is that legal database giant Westlaw ended its free printing program for law schools. Anything printed on-campus from Westlaw will now go to an ASL printer, and will count against your free 250 page/semester allotment. Instead, consider saving the document either as a PDF or Word document on your computer, or by using the folders feature in Westlaw Next. We'll be offering some training classes on living without the free Westlaw printers; watch the bulletin boards for times and dates.

Lexis continues to provide free printing. There is a Lexis printer on the first floor copy area, and another one in the Library Seminar Room. Lexis also offers the same "save as" features – Word, PDF, folders – as Westlaw.

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