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## What's New in the Library?

- Our final Fall Semester holiday – Thanksgiving – is almost here. We'll have more limited hours during your week off, so please plan ahead if you need materials on Reserve!

	Circulation/Reserve Desk	Card Access
Saturday, November 23	not staffed	10 am – 6 pm
Sunday, November 24	not staffed	10 am – 6 pm
Monday, November 25	9 am – 5 pm	6 am – 10 pm
Tuesday, November 26	9 am – 5 pm	6 am – 10 pm
Wednesday, November 27	9 am – noon	6 am – noon
Thursday, November 28	not staffed	no access
Friday, November 29	not staffed	10 am – 10 pm
Saturday, November 30	not staffed	10 am – 10 pm

- As soon as Thanksgiving Break ends, we'll be heading into the final exam weeks. Beginning the night of Sunday, December 1, we will offer access until 2 am (instead of midnight) throughout the exam period. (To mollify the nit-pickers, we always point out that technically this access begins in the early morning hours of Monday, December 2.) This extended access will end at 5 pm on Friday, December 13, which is the last day of exams. Since an ID card is necessary to enter the building at those late hours, if you need a replacement card, bring \$5 to the Circulation Desk during normal business hours and we'll print up a new one for you.
- With exam time getting closer, we'd like to remind you of our many study guides and other helpful resources. In our Reserve area (at the Circulation Desk), we have the newest versions of *Q&As*, *Examples and Explanations*, and the *Friedman's Practice* series – among others – for many "core" law school classes. Materials from Reserve check out for two hours. We may have slightly older versions of the same material in our main collection. Ask at the Circulation Desk to point you towards the call number of your particular subject. Not all books in our main collection check out, but if they do, they usually check out for two weeks. If you're looking for more study options, check with a librarian at the Reference Desk.
- Reminder: Even though it may be tempting to snack between classes or late at night, food is not allowed in the Library. Please eat in the Lions' Lounge or the new Roger A. Powers Student Center in the lower level of the Classroom Building.

## Other News

- It's time to change the clocks again! As the saying goes, let your clocks "fall back" as you gain an extra hour on the first Sunday of November (this year, November 3) as Daylight Savings Time ends. (It's also recommended that on this weekend you check your smoke detector batteries to ensure everything is working properly.)
- All Library fines incurred before Thanksgiving Break need to be paid before exams start so that you are eligible to sit for exams. Please pay at the Circulation Desk Monday through Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. (If you have photocopying fees, those are paid to the Business Office.)
- Although some may question the competency of Congress after the recent debt ceiling crisis, the Congressional Research Service usually does a top-notch job on providing members of Congress with supplemental information so that the representatives can do their jobs. One not-well-known title the CRS compiles from time to time is *The Constitution of the United States of America: Analysis and Interpretation*. It's a summary overview of all the provisions of the US Constitution plus any US Supreme Court opinions that may help with interpretation. You can download chunks of it or the whole thing (as a PDF) on the new Congress.gov web site (<http://www.congress.gov/>) by choosing "Founding Documents" and then "Constitution Annotated." Amazingly, there's also an app for your iThings; an Android version is expected soon. If you want to see how it has changed over the years, we have some of the earlier versions in microfiche.
- If you're an animal lover, you probably see nothing wrong with a 1970s law requiring humane care and treatment of animals by research facilities or "exhibitors" like zoos or circuses. Unfortunately, it appears that even magicians who pull rabbits out of their hats qualify as "exhibitors." A recently-promulgated US Department of Agriculture rule required all regulated entities to have a disaster plan for their animals. Because the regulation is very specific, one magician needed a little help to write a 34-page plan that covered "[f]ire, [f]lood, [t]ornado, [a]ir conditioning going out, [i]ce storm, [p]ower failures," and other events on how to rescue his disappearing rabbit should any of those emergencies occur. When told about this particular case (and its response), the USDA quickly suspended the rule for further review. The original law is the Animal Welfare Act Amendments of 1970 (PL 91-579); the regulations can be found at [http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal\\_welfare/awa\\_contingency\\_plan.shtml](http://www.aphis.usda.gov/animal_welfare/awa_contingency_plan.shtml)  
This story was first covered in the *Washington Post*, which also links to the USDA demand letter and the rabbit contingency plan:  
[http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-07-16/politics/40610671\\_1\\_rabbit-magician-u-s-department](http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-07-16/politics/40610671_1_rabbit-magician-u-s-department)

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