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What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** Right after the Thanksgiving holidays, we'll be starting our extended student access hours during the two weeks of finals. Beginning the evening of Sunday, December 1 (technically, it's the morning of Monday, December 2), we'll be staying open until 2 am, instead of midnight. Please note that our Circulation/Reserve Desk hours will remain the same. We'll stay on the 2 am closing schedule until Friday, December 13, when we'll close at 5 pm.

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| <i>Becky</i> | Good luck on finals | <i>Jeree</i> |
| <i>Beth</i> | and | <i>Kandi</i> |
| <i>Charlie</i> | Happy Holidays! | <i>Michelle</i> |
| <i>Chris</i> | from the Library staff | <i>Teresa D.</i> |
| <i>Glenna</i> | | <i>Teresa Y.</i> |

- If you have Winter Break plans to stay in Grundy, please be aware of our limited hours during that time. The following chart shows when the Circulation/Reserve Desk will be staffed, plus any additional card-access times that we offer.

| | Circulation Desk | Card Access |
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| Saturday, December 14 and Sunday, December 15 | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Monday, December 16 through Friday, December 20 | 9 am – 4 pm | 9 am – 4 pm |
| Saturday, December 21 through Sunday, January 5 | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Monday, January 6 through Friday, January 10 | 9 am – 4 pm | 6 am – 10 pm |
| Saturday, January 11 | CLOSED | CLOSED |
| Sunday, January 12 (regular school hours begin) | 12 noon – 8 pm | 12 noon – 12 midnight |

Other News

- We've made it through 150 issues of the *ASL Library News*! As always, we hope to provide you with interesting and informative stories about the ASL Library, as well as broader legal topics. If you have suggestions for making the newsletter better, feel free to use our suggestion box, located in the copy area on the second floor – it's there so you can make anonymous suggestions about any service offered by the Library. (Also, we'll be running our biennial student survey next semester, so be sure to watch for that after you return from Winter Break!)
- If you've received a Library fines notice, please pay at the Circulation Desk anytime Monday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm, before the end of classes, or your grades may be withheld. Please also be sure to return all overdue Library books before the exam period begins.
- We're always trying to promote proper study habits, and one of the least-remembered is the treasure chest of tutorials from CALI, the Center for Computer-Assisted Learning Instruction. Obviously, they work a lot better if you have some time to spend on each lesson – in other words, don't think you can run through all of them the night before the exam. Log on at <http://www.cali.org/> and see what's available. If you need the ASL authorization code to create an account, it's **[not in online version!]** [which is case-sensitive]. If your home Internet connection goes south for the winter, we have DVDs available at the Circulation/Reserve Desk for a three-day checkout.
- We all know and love the various federal rules – of civil procedure, criminal procedure, evidence, bankruptcy, and appellate procedure – but did you know those get updated almost every year? The Judicial Conference of the United States proposes changes to the rules, which then eventually get sent to Congress. If Congress does nothing – we'll avoid the obvious joke here – the proposed rules go into effect automatically on December 1. There are several changes this year in the various rules, including updating Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11 so that it conforms to *Padilla v. Kentucky*, 559 U.S. 356 (2010) – requiring any plea bargain to include notification of possible immigration consequences. Another rule change is to Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure 28 and 28.1, clarifying what needs to be included in various briefs: the "statement of the case" and "statement of the facts" had been separately listed, making it look like they needed to be presented as separate sections, but the rule now allows them to be combined. For further rule changes (or to see proposed rule changes for 2014 and 2015), see the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' web page at <http://www.uscourts.gov/RulesAndPolicies/rules/pending-rules.aspx>

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