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## What's New in the Library?

- Quick reminder about Spring Break hours:

	Circulation Desk Hours	Access Hours
Saturday, March 1 (regular hours)	9 am – 5 pm	9 am – midnight
Sunday, March 2	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday, March 3 through Friday, March 7	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 9 pm
Saturday, March 8	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday, March 9 (regular hours)	noon – 8 pm	noon – midnight

- As we get closer to exams, please remember we only have seven group study rooms and those always seem to be in highest demand during the last few weeks of each semester. The rooms check out for a two-hour period – please be sure to check the room out from the Circulation/Reserve Desk before going in the room! (As any property professor will tell you, squatters have very few rights, especially compared to those who follow the rules!)
- For our upcoming graduating class, the bar exam looms ever closer. If you haven't started pulling paperwork together, you might consider using our Bar Exam Resources web page at <http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Services/Bar-Examination-Resources.html> We list links to each state's exam rules, plus where you might be able to find prior exam questions (and even answers, where they're available!). We also highlight some helpful materials we have here in the Library, including past Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and Kentucky essay exams (you have to provide your own answers). And if you're going to practice in a state that hasn't discovered those new-fangled computer things, we have a typewriter available at the Circulation/Reserve Desk so you can type up your bar application the old-fashioned way.
- During the summers, Lexis and Westlaw usually reduce the number of "free" hours you can use their services. They will, if notified, extended those hours for students who are doing externships (hello, 1Ls!) or working for a faculty member or a law review. The extension process usually begins in late April or early May; you'll probably see a big promotional ad as you sign on to either service at that time. Last year, Lexis automatically extended all students, but it's not clear if they plan to do that again this year, or if Westlaw will start the practice too. We'll post instructions on our web page when we have more information.

## Other News

- Don't forget to change your clocks on the last day of Spring Break! On March 9, Daylight Saving Time begins, so "spring forward" as you turn your clocks ahead one hour. It has been almost ten years since the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-58) was enacted, changing the start of extra daylight time during the summer from the first Sunday in April to the second Sunday in March. (The law had a built-in delay, so the first year of the new clock change was actually 2007.)
- We consider it lucky to just get invited to Taco Bell for a meal, but if your future law practice may involve eating with important dignitaries, you might need a quick refresher on etiquette. The Commonwealth of Virginia has published a handy guide called *A Guide to Virginia Protocol and Traditions*, which covers those thorny dinner issues (how to address a dignitary, where to sit), along with other neat tidbits like where to place flags on a podium behind a speaker. The guide – recently revised in 2013 – can be found at <http://hodcap.state.va.us/publications/09-30-13-VA-protocol-guide.pdf>

If you need more advice – like which fork and spoon to use first, since those sorts of meals usually don't have finger food – we have a number of general books on etiquette in our Reference section, usually with a call number beginning with BJ1853 (we have a few in our main collection as well).

- It's almost time for baseball season again; major league teams will have had their first full workout by the time you read this. How can you watch those ultra-long games – now even longer with instant replay this season – while keeping up with your legal studies? One way to combine the two may be to read one of the most famous law review articles: *The Common Law Origins of the Infield Fly Rule*, 123 U. Penn. L. Rev. 1474 (1975). We have that issue in print in our compact shelving; it's also available on HeinOnline. Within a few years, this one article caused dozens of imitations (you can KeyCite or Shepardize the original to find copy-cat titles and dozens of citing references). It's well worth reading the eight pages – who can resist a legal paper with a footnote referencing "Pluck (the wonder chicken)"?

If you're looking for something a little more serious, though, we do have two law-and-baseball books available for checkout. One is *The Little White Book of Baseball Law* which is filled with anecdotes about baseball and how it relates to law. The other is *The Baseball Trust: A History of Baseball's Antitrust Exemption* (which is pretty self-explanatory). (We also have a book about baseball in the coalfields, with the snappy title *Ball, Bat, and Bitumen*.) If you're interested in any of these books, stop by the Circulation Desk and we'll help you find them. Play ball!

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