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What's New in the Library?

- It may be hard to believe, but Spring Break is almost here! The Library will have more limited hours during the vacation. Please note that the Library will be completely closed on Sunday, March 1, and Saturday, March 7.

| | Circulation/Reserve Desk | ID Card Access |
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| Saturday, February 28 | 9 am – 4 pm (normal) | 9 am – midnight (normal) |
| Sunday, March 1 | closed | no access |
| Monday, March 2 | 9 am – 4 pm | 8 am – 9 pm |
| Tuesday, March 3 | 9 am – 4 pm | 8 am – 9 pm |
| Wednesday, March 4 | 9 am – 4 pm | 8 am – 9 pm |
| Thursday, March 5 | 9 am – 4 pm | 8 am – 9 pm |
| Friday, March 6 | 9 am – 4 pm | 8 am – 9 pm |
| Saturday, March 7 | closed | no access |
| Sunday, March 8 | noon – 8 pm (normal) | noon – midnight (normal) |

- It's not too early to begin testing yourself before exams. Don't forget about CALI, the Center for Computer-Assisted Learning Instruction. The CALI web site at <http://www.cali.org/lesson> offers almost 1000 interactive legal tutorials that are accessible at any time. One of our favorite features suggests CALI lessons based on particular casebook pages (see if your textbook is on the list at <http://www.cali.org/content/lessons-casebook>). You were encouraged to create an account during Orientation – which may seem like eons ago – but if you need to create a new account, you'll need to know ASL's authorization code, which is **[not in online version!]** and it is case-sensitive.

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| MON | The Lexis representatives will be offering "table tips" in the Student Activity Center (the basement of the Classroom Building) at the following times: Tuesday: 10:00 am – 12 noon; 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm Wednesday: 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Thursday: 10:00 am – 12:00 noon | | | 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm |
| TUE | | | | 8:00 am – 10:30 am; 11:30 am – 1:00 pm |
| WED | | | | <i>no scheduled hours</i> |
| THU | | | | 12:00 noon – 2:00 pm |
| FRI | | | | <i>no scheduled hours</i> |

Other News

- Starting on February 1, all academic users of Westlaw – that's all students, faculty, and staff – will need to update their passwords. Westlaw considers a "good" password one which has eight to sixteen characters and at least three of the following: (1) uppercase characters, (2) lowercase characters, (3) numbers, and (4) a few special characters, such as a period, at sign, hyphen, underscore, number sign, dollar sign, or percent symbol. If you run into problems, check with student rep Kelsea (see the front page), Chris in the Library, or call the West help number at 1-800-850-WEST.
- There's a tendency to believe that once you receive your JD diploma, you'll never have to sit in a class again. In many states, though, attorneys are required to attend several Continuing Legal Education (CLE) classes over a certain time period, usually every year. Likewise, some specialized practice organizations encourage or require particular training classes. One example is the National Drug Court Online Learning System, which offers free online training to those working in adult drug courts. If that's an area of law that you're interested in, why not take the training now? Check out their web site at <http://www.drugcourtonline.org/> (Most states won't allow you to claim CLE credit for classes taken before you join the bar, though.)
- This summer will mark the 800th anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta. You may vaguely remember from history class that on June 15, 1215, on the field at Runnymede just outside London, several barons forced King John (yes, the Robin Hood villain) to agree to a number of demands. Due to the political unrest in the country, both sides would ignore the Great Charter within months of it being signed, but later kings and barons would attempt to revive it periodically over the next hundred years. (The National Archives in Washington, DC, has a copy of the 1297 version, signed by Edward I.) Then it was mostly ignored until the seventeenth century, when it was rescued from obscurity, and used as a fundamental document symbolizing freedom and the rule of law. Somewhat amazingly, there are three provisions from this ancient document that are still valid in England today. The British Library has an English translation of the original 1215 document on their web site at <http://www.bl.uk/magna-carta/articles/magna-carta-english-translation> The Law Library of Congress recently hosted one of the original 1215 documents, and then offered several seminars on its importance; there's no specific YouTube playlist available for that series, but you can find many of them in the Library of Congress' channel at <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL96401BE3402149B9> If you have time to read books, we have several on the Magna Carta's history and later influence; most of those books are at KD3946 on the first floor (ask at the Circulation/Reserve Desk if you need assistance finding them).

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