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What's New in the Library?

- As a reminder, the Library will have more limited hours during Spring Break. On Sunday, March 1, the Library will be completely closed (with no card access). From Monday, March 2, through Friday, March 6, our Circulation/Reserve Desk will be open from 9 am to 4 pm, and we will offer card access from 8 am to 9 pm each night. We will be completely closed on Saturday, March 7 (with no card access). Our regular hours resume on Sunday, March 8.
- If you're a third-year student, you may be trying to finish up your bar applications. (If you're not, you might want to keep reading, so you know what's in store for you in another year or two!) We have a number of resources that may help you with the long bar process.
 - Our Bar Examination Resources page is located on our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Services/Bar-Examination-Resources.html> (it's under the Library Services link on the Library's home page). There are links to the rules you need to know as you apply for bar membership, links to download prior exams and sometimes even answers when they're available, and where to go to find the bar pass/fail results during the fall.
 - As you prepare your bar application, you may need a notary – we have a few on the Library staff. Please bring your (unsigned) paperwork and an ID (your student ID or a driver's license) during our normal business hours and we should be able to process you within about thirty minutes. We also have two typewriters in case you're filling out forms from a state that hasn't discovered computers yet. Just ask at the Circulation/Reserve Desk to see a notary or to check out a typewriter.
 - If you're planning on taking the bar exam in Kentucky, Virginia, or Tennessee, we have about fifteen years' worth of February and July essays for those states. (We also have some from North Carolina, but they're not as current.) Stop by the Circulation/Reserve Desk and we'll show you what you can photocopy.
 - Finally, we have dozens of books and some audiovisual materials on how to prepare for the bar exam. One of the more popular books on Reserve (two-hour checkout) is Mary Campbell Gallagher's Scoring High on Bar Exam Essays; we also have the four-CD set available for a three-day checkout. Due to their heavy popularity, almost all the "pass the bar" books are on Reserve, so swing by the Circulation/Reserve Desk to look over what we have.

Other News

- Spring inches ever closer when we move the clocks forward – which we'll do during the early morning hours of Sunday, March 8. Daylight Saving Time begins at 2 am on that date, so move your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed on Saturday evening.
- Our front-page story talked about the many bar exam resources we have available "behind the desk" at the Circulation/Reserve Desk. We know a few of you are shy, so if you want to "virtually browse" our bar exam collection, we have a way you can do that. Hop online to our catalog – it's at <http://catalog.asl.edu/> – and look to the links on the right side of the page. Choose "Library featured collections" and then click on "Bar Examination Resources" (that link is also available on our Bar Examination Resources page at <http://www.asl.edu/Library/Library-Services/Bar-Examination-Resources.html> While you're there, you can also view our Appalachian Collection titles, the movies in our "Popular Movies" series (those check out for three days), and all of the new books we've purchased in the last month.
- If you're a visual person, you've probably found law school isn't particularly accommodating of your learning style. A new project from the University of Baltimore may be trying to change that. They've introduced The Supreme Court Mapping Project, which tries to show the relationships between the High Court's cases on particular topics, like immigration, campaign finance, and the Commerce Clause. There's something riveting about looking at the Slinky-like "evolution of 'clear and present danger'" doctrine under the First Amendment page (compared to the cat's-cradle look of campaign finance, anyway). There's some math involved in the underlying plots, but it's not necessary to understand any of it when looking at these maps. To view them all, check out the project's page at <http://law.ubalt.edu/faculty/scotus-mapping/>
- We know there's a lot of legal topics that can make your head spin (hello, Rule Against Perpetuities). But one recent case from Utah may get an award for being one of the strangest to parse. In *Barbara Bagley v. Barbara Bagley*, we have the same person – if you guessed Barbara Bagley, you're right – on both sides of the case. She's representing the estate of her husband (and technically she's also involved separately as her husband's heir), and she's begun a wrongful death claim and a survival action against the driver in the car crash that killed her husband. Except that driver was ... Barbara Bagley. There's a provision in Utah law that "limits the ability of a plaintiff to recover when that plaintiff bears some fault for an injury or death," but those limits aren't applicable in a wrongful death or survival action. Because of that, the Utah Court of Appeals held that the suits could proceed, even though it leads to a fairly bizarre conclusion. If you'd like to read the case, it's 2015 UT App 33 (at <http://www.utcourts.gov/opinions/appopin/bagley150212.pdf>).

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