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What's New in the Library?

- Thanks to our student workers, we'll have our normal schedule on Easter Sunday, April 5. Our Circulation/Reserve Desk will be open from noon to 8 pm, and we will continue to have card access from noon to midnight.
- Once again, the Library will be offering extended hours during finals to all students with a valid ID card. Beginning the evening of Sunday, April 26, students may swipe in until 2 am (instead of midnight). This extended access ends on Friday, May 8, at 5 pm. Please note that the Library will be completely closed during Commencement weekend.

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Congratulations, graduates!

Good luck with finals!

Have a great summer!

from the Library staff

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- If you're already trying to make plans for the summer, please note that the Library will have a shorter schedule beginning after Commencement weekend. The Library will be open Mondays through Fridays, 9 am to 4 pm, with card-swipe access Monday through Friday, 8 am to 10 pm; Saturday, noon to 6 pm; and Sunday, 2 pm to 10 pm. We will be closed completely – which means no card access – during Commencement weekend (May 9-10), and on Memorial Day (May 25), and Independence Day (observed on July 3).

Have no fear, graduates: you will still have card access to the Library this summer for bar review.

Other News

- Before you head out of town this summer, please pay any Library fines and return all your Library books! We'll accept cash or checks Monday through Friday, 8 am to 5 pm. If you have photocopy/printing fees, please pay the Business Office. (Also, if you've lost anything, check at the Circulation/Reserve Desk to see if we've found it.)
- If you're planning on taking classes this summer – including the 1L externship – you need to "re-register" your Westlaw password, or else you'll be limited to a minimal amount of usage. Westlaw normally adds a giant banner right after you log in to their service (last year it was called "Summer Extension"). We'll post a link on our web page when they add the link, which usually happens in late April or early May. (Note: Lexis automatically extends your summer usage for continuing students, so you don't have to do anything extra. However, there's a just-opened link for graduates for access through the rest of the year: go to <http://www.lexisnexis.com/grad-access/> and answer all the questions.)
- Tax preparers and tax attorneys are probably their busiest in April, as taxes are due on April 15. (For the next two years, taxpayers get a bit of an extension, as tax returns will be due on April 18 because of a special DC holiday.) If you're in the mood to look up various taxation provisions, like the infamous health insurance penalty that kicks in this year, be sure to check out our wealth (pun intended) of tax resources. The ones in print are in the KF6300s at the end of our downstairs shelves; one of the best is the *US Master Tax Guide*, now in its 98th edition. If you like online materials better, check out the BNA Core Plus database with the many *Tax Management Portfolios* available from our web site at <http://www.asl.edu/Library/Electronic-Databases.html>
- We have a number of great resources for bar exam preparation – just ask us! – but solving this issue is a bit beyond what we can do for you. Apparently, West Virginia is cracking down on bar exam candidates taking too many bathroom breaks. Test takers would only be permitted "to leave the exam room for no more than one bathroom/water break per three-hour testing session." The limited restroom policy – which just began in February 2015 – is based on the test security recommendations of the National Conference of Bar Examiners, so many states may be watching how well it works in West Virginia before trying it themselves. This news was reported on the Above The Law website, which generally takes a negative outlook on the legal world. (The West Virginia Judiciary web site does not include bathroom information in its FAQ for bar applicants.) The original story appeared at <http://abovethelaw.com/2015/02/which-state-is-limiting-how-many-times-you-can-pee-during-the-bar-exam/>