

ASL LIBRARY NEWS

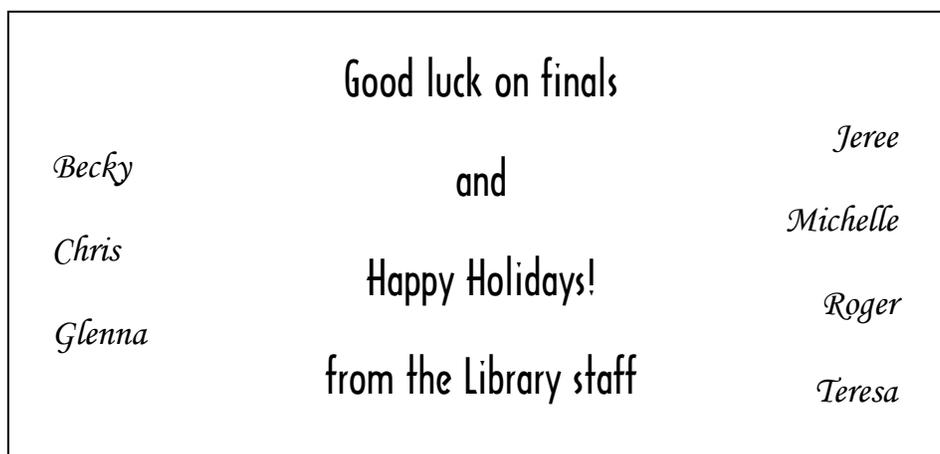
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What's New in the Library?

- **Exam Hours:** Our extended student access hours will begin immediately after the Thanksgiving break. Beginning the evening of Sunday, November 29 (technically, it's the morning of Monday, November 30), we'll let students with a valid ID card enter the Library until 2 am instead of the traditional midnight closing time. Please note that our Circulation/Reserve Desk hours will remain the same. We'll keep those exam access hours until Friday, December 11, when we'll close at 5 pm.

If you need a replacement ID card – for Library access or for exams – stop by the Library's Circulation/Reserve Desk during normal business hours with a check or cash (\$5), and it will take us about fifteen minutes to process.



- During Winter Break, the Library will have very limited hours. 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
Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday, December 14 through Friday, December 18	9 am – 4 pm	9 am – 4 pm
Saturday, December 19 through Sunday, January 3	CLOSED	CLOSED
Monday, January 4 through Friday, January 8	9 am – 4 pm	8 am – 10 pm
Saturday, January 9	CLOSED	CLOSED
Sunday, January 10 (regular school hours begin)	12 noon – 8 pm	12 noon – 12 midnight

Other News

- If you've received a Library fines notice, please pay at the Circulation/Reserve Desk any time 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.
- It's easy to think all those federal rules – like the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure or the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy – are so well-written that they never need tweaking. But each year in the spring, a large group of judges and lawyers sends modifications of these rules to Congress; if Congress doesn't act, the updates go into effect on December 1. Once again this year, the biggest changes are to the bankruptcy rules, most specifically to the many bankruptcy forms due to a "modernization project" that began in 2008. There are also changes to the Rules of Civil Procedure, including a requirement to serve summons within 90 days (instead of 120 days in the prior rule), and a slight narrowing of discovery such that it is "proportional to the needs of the case." One substantial change is to Rule 37, which now allows a court to sanction a party for failure to keep electronically stored information under certain conditions. To read about these changes, check out the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts' web page (look near the bottom for "Pending Congressional Review") at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules-policies/pending-rules-amendments>
- You might not have heard that Taylor Swift was sued for copyright infringement, but in mid-November, she was able to shake it off. A magistrate judge in California ruled that Jessie Braham, the singer of *Haters Gone Hate* (2013), had not proven Swift had stolen the lyrics of his song to use in Swift's *Shake It Off*, the tune that will now be stuck in your head for hours. Of course, a case like this is too good not to sneak in a few more lyrics, so the judge pointed out that Braham, in failing to state a claim, could not "never, ever, ever get his case back in court. But for now, we have got problems, and the Court is not sure Braham can solve them" (for the non-Swifties, those riff off lyrics from *We Are Never Getting Back Together* and *Bad Blood*). This story was reported widely, but the *ABA Journal* provided a PDF copy of the ruling: http://www.abajournal.com/news/article/taylor_swift_shakes_off_copyright_suit_judge_invokes_her_lyrics

Of course, judges (and law professors) have been using song lyrics in their writings for years. One professor even wrote a mildly-famous article about the ones he found. Alex Long, *[Insert Song Lyrics Here]: The Uses and Misuses of Popular Music Lyrics in Legal Writing*, 64 Wash. & Lee L. Rev. 531 (2007). NPR interviewed that author a few years later; an audio version of that interview is available at <http://www.npr.org/2011/05/10/136181949/bob-dylans-words-find-place-in-legal-writings>