

ASL Library News

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY

- We have started receiving several periodicals published by the American Bar Association. They deal with various subject areas of the law, such as litigation and alternative dispute resolution. Due to our limited space in the library we are keeping the items in Career Services. You can refer to the list kept at the Circulation Desk to see what titles we have. If you want to look at any of the issues just ask a Library Worker and they will get them for you. These items may be checked out for 2 hours, but may not be taken out of the Library. (Just like Reserve material.)
- The Library staff will be participating in training on the Sirsi system February 9-13. The classes are being held in room 226. Classes that are normally held in Room 226 will be held in Room 227 (across the hall). Once the training is complete the staff will move from the manual systems we have been using to automated ones. Once everything is in place, we will have an on-line catalog so that you can search for items in the collections, check for reserve materials, etc. Yes, we will be just like a real Library.
- The Library is looking for part-time student workers. If you are interested, please see Glenna Owens for more information or to submit your resume. If you submitted a resume last semester and are still interested, please let Glenna know so she can put your name in the hat.

Librarian Lisa Peters

Stop by and visit with Lisa about law school, the bakery business, alternative legal careers, or Shields and Gigot. Or maybe give her some suggestions.

Lisa's suggestions for you to try:

Cartoon: Dexter's Laboratory, Cartoon Network Friday 9:00pm

CD: Seven Mary Three's Rock Crown, or Jimmy Rogers' Ludella

Food: Rainbow's French toast

Mystery: M.C. Beaton, Agatha Raisin and the Quiche of Death, or Robert Crais, The Monkey's Raincoat, or any Rex Stout, or Minette Walters, The Dark Room, or Sandra West Prowell, By Evil Means, or I've got a million of 'em.

TV Show: Cosby, CBS Monday 8:00pm
Place: The Breaks
Job Information: www.usajobs.opm.gov/ (Job opportunities with the Federal Government)

How to Decode Citations

The movie Amistad is based on actual events. The Supreme Court of the United States issued the opinion on this dispute in 1841. The text of the opinion can be found at 40 U.S. (15 Pet.) 518 (1841). If you read the case you will come across citations such as these:

“Marbury v. Madison, 1 Cranch 170”, and

“Thompson v. Tolmie, 2 Peters, 167.”

These are cites to early United States Supreme Court reporters. The reporters are called nominative reporters, because they are named for the individuals who compiled them. Supreme Court decisions were not officially reported until 1817. See, Morris L. Cohen, et al., How to Find the Law (9th ed. 1989).

The easiest way to find these cases is to go to the United States Reports (U.S.). Volumes 1 through 90 of the United States Reports are reprints of these early reporters. The spine of each volume indicates the nominative reporter contained within it. To find the page where the case begins, go to the table of cases in the front of the book:

Marbury v. Madison can be found at 5 U.S. 137, and

Thompson v. Tolmie can be found at 27 U.S. 157.

The proper bluebook format for these citations are:

Marbury v. Madison, 5 U.S. (1 Cranch) 137 (1803), and

Thompson v. Tolmie, 27 U.S. (2 Pet.) 157 (1829).

Computer News

There are five networked computers in the West Reading Room: Public Access 01, 02, 04, 08, & 10. [If you hadn't noticed the three computers which were in the Circulation area are no longer there.] All five machines have Word for Windows (word-processing), and an Internet connection. After Westlaw training, students will be able to access Westlaw on these computers. They are also connected to the printer in the hallway. All machines but Public Access 01 also have WordPerfect (word-processing).