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Miscellaneous Computer Stuff!!!

by Linda Fariss

Express Online Catalog Workstations Now Available

Earlier in the semester, we reported to you about the new (and improved??) method for accessing the online catalog in the Library. If you search your memory, perhaps you will recall that the Online Catalog Workstations were changed by the University to a web-based system that required you to enter a password in order to access the databases, including the online catalog. Well...for those of you who found this to be too cumbersome just to find out if we have a particular book, I am happy to announce that we now have three Express Online Catalog Workstations! These computers are located closest to the Reference Office in the cluster of online catalog and CD-Rom stations in the lobby of the Library. They are identified by the label "Express Online Catalog." These stations access only the online catalog for the libraries of Indiana University. We still have four of the web-based workstations that have access to the full range of services available through the University Libraries, including the online catalog. These stations are identified by the "Online Catalog" labels and require the use of your NT password.

Speaking of the Computers in the Lobby of the Library...

We have received a number of complaints recently that it is becoming increasingly difficult to do research at these stations because so many students are using them to read email. Although we realize that it is a convenient location for checking your email, please remember that the primary purpose of these machines is for research. There are a number of other places

where email can be checked. In the reserve reading room (behind the circulation desk) there are six machines dedicated to email. Law students can also read their email in the computer labs. Please do not monopolize the computers in the lobby for non-research purposes. Priority will be given to research needs and you may be asked to stop reading email at these machines.

Do you Hear Knocking at the Door?

It has not escaped our attention that a number of people enter the computer labs by simply knocking on the door instead of using their ID cards in the swipe system. This system was installed for your convenience and to insure that only law students can access these rooms. We have recently received some complaints that non-law students are using these computers. They can only enter this room with the assistance of a law student. We are asking for your help with this problem. **If someone is knocking on the door, ignore it!** Anyone who is authorized should be able to enter with their ID. If you forget your ID and need to enter the labs, please stop by the circulation desk. We do keep a few extra cards that work in the card swipe system.

Laptop Network Connections in the Library

As you know 36 of the carrels in the Library have been wired so that you can use your laptop at a carrel and connect to the University's network. I am pleased to see that many students are taking advantage of this connectivity option. We have recently completed wiring the conference rooms and are now considering additional areas of the Library. We are interested in your input. If you have ideas about the next group of carrels to be wired, please let me know.

New & Noteworthy:



Home for the Holidays

As you prepare to head home for the holidays, you might want to check out a few library books to help pass the time. While the idea of reading about the law may not be your idea of a holiday, don't jump to the conclusion that all legal books are as dry as nutshells, hornbooks, and those wonderful looseleaf treatises. Listed below are a few titles that just may surprise you.

Dooling, Richard. *Brain Storm*. New York: Random House, 1998. [PS 3554 .O583 B72 1998]

One critic called this "the new benchmark for legal fiction," and predicted it would "establish its author as the foremost legal novelist in America today." Set several years into the new millennium, this novel touches on everything from federal hate crimes to neuroscience, and climaxes not in a jury courtroom, but before a three-judge panel of a federal circuit court. Dooling's experience as a practicing attorney, as well as his skill as a writer (his last book was a 1994 National Book Award finalist) make *Brain Storm* a great way to pass away your holiday hours.

Kaufman, Andrew L. *Cardozo*, Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press, 1998. [KF 8745 .C3 K38 1998]

Surprisingly, until the publication of this book, there was no full length biography of Supreme Court Justice Benjamin Cardozo. Based on more than 40 years of research and unprecedented access to Cardozo's papers, Kaufman's book has received rave reviews. Don't expect a "pop history" biography of the Cardozo personality; this is a solid and analytical biography that will stimulate, as well as educate, the reader.

Larson, Edward John. *Summer for the Gods: The Scopes Trial and America's Continuing Debate Over Science and Religion*. New York: Basic Books, 1997 [KF 224 .S3 L37 1997]

It is rare when a book with a legal topic gains much recognition outside the legal community. Rarer still, for a legal monograph to win a major literary award. That is, however, exactly what happened this past year when *Summer for the Gods* won the 1998 Pulitzer Prize for History. Although the case in question is one that has been the subject of books, plays, and movies, Larson's use of previously unknown archival materials, as well as his skill as a storyteller, result in a fresh look at a familiar case. In truth, this is as much a social history of America's attitudes toward science as it is a history of the famed "Scopes Monkey Trial."

Lazarus, Edward. *Closed Chambers: The First Eyewitness Account of the Epic Struggles Inside the Supreme Court*. New York: Times Books, 1998. [KF 8742 .L391998]

Even before its publication, this book was being compared to Bob Woodward's 1979 inside look at the Supreme Court (*The Brethren* - KF8742 .W66.) Billed as "the first kiss-and-tell book to ever come from the tight community of former Supreme Court clerks," Lazarus's book has received mixed reviews. Still, all seem to agree that this rare inside account of the high court makes this a one-of-a-kind book.

Schanker, D. R. *A Criminal Appeal*. New York: St. Martin's Press, 1998. [PS 3569 .C332616 C75 1998]

Perhaps the Department of Labor needs to create a new occupational category: Attorney (Slash)Writer. Adding his name to that growing group is Indianapolis attorney and 1993 IUB Law graduate, David Schanker. Schanker, who also holds an MFA in creative writing from Columbia, has written a fine first novel set in the African-American community of Indianapolis. Fresh out of the IUB Law School (check out page 18 for a mention of our Law Library), Nora Lumsey finds herself clerking for an Indiana Court of Appeals Judge. Instructed to draft an opinion affirming the conviction of a child for murder, Nora is torn between her passion to do justice and her duty to follow the judge's instructions. To complicate matters, she learns she has a personal connection to the case. Pressured by her idealism and her ethical obligation to the court, Nora sets forth on a path

that will not only affect the future of the accused murderer, but her own future as an attorney.

Dick Vaughan

Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

Need Some Gift Ideas?



The gift-giving season is upon us again. In a quandary over what to buy all your lawyer friends? You might want to check out The Supreme Court Historical Society's new holiday catalog where you can browse among some of the more interesting and unusual law-related gift items. Yes, of course, they have the standard ties covered with gavels and coffee mugs adorned with the Official Seal of the Supreme Court. But since we all have those, why not buy a lamp made from actual volumes of the Federal Supplement? Or perhaps someone on your buying list might enjoy a Res Judicata pillow to go along with their Lady Justice afghan. If you're in the market for your own Scales of Justice, they have several to choose from. And what Christmas tree would be complete without a hand-blown glass English Barrister?

Proceeds from sales will help support the Society's historical research endeavors. Perhaps best-known for their books documenting the history of the Supreme Court and its Justices, the Supreme Court Historical Society also sponsors a number of educational programs as well as acquires and preserves historically significant items for display to the public in the Supreme Court building.

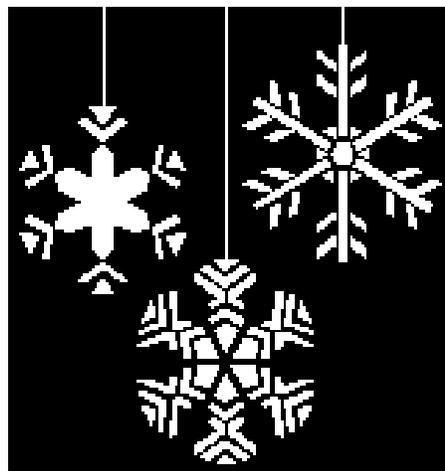
To view selected items from their holiday catalog, you can now visit the Society at their new home page at [www.supremecourthistory.org]. Gee, I wonder if Mom would like the Turtle Bangle Bracelet which "represents the slow deliberate pace of Justice".

Nonie Watt

Head of Technical Services

LAW LIBRARY FINAL EXAM HOURS DECEMBER 5-18, 1998

DEC. 5, SAT.	8:00 am - 12:00 midnight
DEC. 6, SUN.	9:00 am - 2:00 am
DEC. 7-11, M-F	7:30 am - 2:00 am
DEC. 12, SAT.	8:00 am - 12:00 midnight
DEC. 13, SUN.	9:00 am - 2:00 am
DEC. 14-17, M-TR	7:30 am - 2:00 am
DEC. 18, FRI.	7:30 am - 6:00 pm



LAW LIBRARY SEMESTER BREAK HOURS DEC. 19, 1998 - JAN. 10, 1999

DEC. 19-20	SAT.-SUN.	CLOSED
DEC. 21-23	M-W	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
DEC. 24	TR	9:00 am - 12:00 noon
DEC. 25-27	F-SUN.	CLOSED
DEC. 28-31	M-TR	10:00 am - 4:00 pm
JAN. 1-3	F-SUN.	CLOSED
JAN. 4-8	M-F	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
JAN. 9	SAT.	9:00 am - 5:00 pm
JAN. 10	SUN.	RESUME REGULAR HOURS

WORKING THE HALLS

Happy December birthday to:

Prof. Craig Bradley on the 5th

Assoc. Dean Lauren Robel on the 8th

Prof. Ann Gellis on the 22nd

Kris Skjervold, Systems Coordinator, on the 29th

Please join us in wishing our December birthday bunch a wonderful day!



***HAPPY
HOLIDAYS!***

Hope you all have a great day!!!

The Suggestion Box

(Each month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss replies to suggestions received by the Library)

Suggestion Box: Undergrads mis-using the Library, i.e. using it to do biology homework and not for research, and taking up study space. Ask those undergrads who are not using the collection to leave - including those hiding on the 2-4 floor.

Response: This is a common problem, especially at this time in the semester. We do have staff patrolling the library and asking those non-law students who are not using the collection to leave. However, we cannot steadily patrol at all times so I am sure we do miss some students. If the problem is significant at a particular time, please tell a full-time staff member. One unusual thing that has happened this year is that apparently some fraternities, and perhaps a sorority, have been using the Law Library as a study hall. I have spoken with a representative of the Panhellenic Association and a message has been sent to all of the fraternities informing them of our policy and asking them not to come here to study. Hopefully this will help the problem.