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As we near the second anniversary of IO, we can all be proud of the fact that most of us have become pretty proficient searchers. We almost always find what we're looking for, usually on the first search. Right? Well, maybe not every single time but most of the time. If once in a while though, you find yourself wallowing through screen after screen of irrelevant "hits" or worse yet, coming up with the dreaded "No Entries Found" message, maybe it's time for a couple of friendly tips.

**Keyword Searching.** Yes, it is wonderful, but like most good things, it must be used wisely and in moderation. Since response time is much better on other types of searches, it's best to avoid keyword searching except when necessary (i.e. when you don't have a particular author, title or subject in mind). Try to be as specific as possible. Use the operators and or not to narrow your searches. Experiment with the lesser used operators such as same or adj. A particularly useful strategy that will limit the number of records found and increase their relevancy is to request records that contain your term(s) only in certain areas or "fields" of a record.

To illustrate this technique, suppose you remember a book in last month's *Selected Acquisitions of the Library* that had to do with "accounting" and "lawyers". You could do just a regular keyword search, i.e. k=accounting and lawyers. The result would be 86 hits. Now try the search again using qualifiers. Keeping in mind that the keywords were somewhere in the title and that it was a new book in the Law Library, you could restructure your search limiting your terms to just the title field, the date field, and the processing unit (library). The resulting search would look like this:

k=accounting.ti. and lawyers.ti. and 1991.dtl. and bw

Your new search would result in 2 hits as opposed to the 86 you found in the unstructured search. Quite a difference! For other useful tips on keyword searching as well as IO searching in general, pick up one of the *IO Quick Start* brochures by the online catalog.

One quick word of advice about searching for serial holdings. When the library has more than one copy of a journal, the locations are listed 1, 2, 3, etc. Each location gives the instructions "Type HO for holdings". If you do the logical thing and select the number of the location you want, you will get an entirely different bibliographic record rather than holdings for the desired location.

To see holdings for serials, you can do one of two things.

1) Type "HO" once, then page through holdings of all locations, one at a time.

2) If you want to see a specific location, there's a short cut that you might find useful. You can type "HO 3" and be taken directly to the screen that contains holdings information for copy 3 of the title.

Lastly, remember help is always available. The system is designed to provide assistance and/or explanations anywhere along the way. And of course, the reference staff is always there to assist you with your searches.

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PARTISAN PARAPHERNALIA

Whether we are politically inclined or not, the first Tuesday in November will somehow have an impact upon us all. One of the traditions of the accompanying campaign process are the campaign badges and ribbons which have been one of the staples of American politics since before the Civil War.

This gold-tassel-and-lace ribbon may have helped Matt Quay win his seat in the Senate from Pennsylvania in 1893. I recall from my childhood my great aunt’s collection of campaign memorabilia that included a mechanical insect that crawled and spread its wings revealing the name of the candidate on the creature’s back. Here is a sampling of some government document titles held by the Law Library on a more serious side of campaign advertising:


To investigate the subject of campaigning and political advertising in greater depth, try searching the online catalog (IO). Here are some suggestions to begin a subject search. Remember that a subject search is somewhat rigid; each comma, dash and term must be "sanctioned" by certain library conventions.

Try: s=advertising, political--united states
s=television in politics--united states
s=campaign management--united states
s=campaign funds--united states

A keyword search has a less restrictive format and can be easier to use. Try one of the following keyword searches to find other material on campaign issues. Don’t forget that you can restrict titles retrieved to those held by the Law Library by including our location symbol (bw) as part of the search query.

Try: k=campaign and election and bw
k=political$ and advertising$ and bw

There are IO Quick Start guides near the IO terminals if you need to refresh your memory regarding IO search strategy.

Marianne Mason,
Documents Librarian

COMPUTER SERVICES NEWS
Making It Easier to Reach Westlaw Customer Service

The Library has installed a new telephone in the Permanent Learning Center (PLC) on the second floor which is a direct line to Westlaw Customer Service in St. Paul, Minnesota. Users simply have to lift the hand-set to connect to West and get their inquiries answered. This service will be particularly useful during those times when neither a Westlaw student representative nor other on-site help is available. The new telephone service truly offers "screen to screen" computer assistance. There is no charge for the service, so don’t hesitate to use it.

Dialog Now Available On Westlaw To Students

Dialog files, providing the most extensive non-law related information of its kind, is now available to students on Westlaw. Currently, a new interface allows Westlaw users to locate individual Dialog files through the Westlaw directory via a menu item option, and then access these files using familiar Westlaw logic and command language.

There are now over 200 Dialog files available on Westlaw and the list grows monthly. Additional files will be added by West until all of Dialog’s 380 files are included on the Westlaw system.

These files cover a wide range of information, from business & industry (i.e. D & B Million Dollar Directory and Standard & Poor’s Register-Corporate), to consumer information (i.e. Consumer Reports), to health & medicine (i.e. Consumer Drug Information and Health Periodicals Database), to intellectual property registration data (i.e. Trademarkscan-State and Federal, U.S. Copyrights), to news & information (i.e. Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, USA Today), and to social sciences and humanities (i.e. American Statistics Index (ASI) and Dissertation Abstracts).

Now, any computer user that is familiar with Westlaw can easily find relevant information in the ever growing volume of Dialog materials made available through Westlaw. Combining Dialog with the Nexis database, Mead Data Central’s general-interest counterpart to its Lexis service, interdisciplinary researchers will have available to them over 300 non-law files online. If you want a demonstration of Dialog on Westlaw see a Westlaw student representative, or visit with Mitch Counts, the Computer Services Librarian, in Room 105(F) of the Library.

Family Law, Medical Malpractice Law Now Available on Lexis

Two new libraries on the Lexis service provide comprehensive information on family law and medical malpractice. The Family Law Library (FAMILY) has statutes and case law from 50 states and the District of Columbia. It addresses 20 areas of family-related law including abortion, child support, and divorce.

The Medical Malpractice Library (MEDMAL) contains case law from 25 states, statutes and state bill tracking with summaries of new bills from the 50 states. It also contains regulatory materials, and news about the health care industry including the full-text of the Journal of the American Medical
NEW & NOTEWORTHY:
You Heard them Testify, But Can They Write?

Last month's extended confirmation hearings of now Supreme Court Justice, Clarence Thomas, had the nation tuning their televisions from baseball play-offs to capital conference rooms. Testifying before the committee were numerous lawyers and legal scholars, both supporting Thomas and Anita Hill.

At one point during the proceedings it was suggested that a possible motive for Anita Hill's accusations was that she might envision writing a book about the ordeal. When posed with this scenario, one witness suggested the only book he could conceive of Professor Hill wanting to write was "a treatise on the Uniform Commercial Code".

This statement got me wondering what Professor Hill, as well as some of the others, had published. Listed below is a partial bibliography of some of the literature you can peruse, authored by a few of the affair's key players.


The Suggestion Box

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

Suggestion: Non-law students in the Library. Hire someone to sit at the door and check I.D.'s or to make sure the non-law students are actually using the collection. It is very annoying to pay well over $100.00/credit hour to attend this school and not be able to find a table or sit at my carrel because undergrads are there. Maybe instead of having Res Ipsa Loquitur, we could allocate this money toward a student "guard" at the Library entrance. Other fine law schools (such as University of Michigan and Northwestern) patrol their libraries.

Response: Because of the unique nature of our collection, the Law Library has many non-law students and faculty and members of the community with a need to use the resources of our Library. We feel that we have a responsibility to meet the needs of these groups. In order to also serve the needs of our own student body, we do limit the use of the Law Library to those non-law students with actual need to use the collection. To enforce this policy, we do routinely patrol the Library and ask those students who are not using the collection to leave. We realize that this is not a perfect solution and we do occasionally miss students who are here studying. However, we do not intend to post a "guard" at the door of the Law Library. We think that this would create an unpleasant atmosphere for Law students and non-law students alike and is not the kind of environment we wish to foster. Please understand that there are times in each semester, and we are now entering that time, when there will be many non-law students here using our collection. These students have every right to be here and it is our responsibility to help them with their research needs. This will be a relatively short period of time and will be over before the exam period begins. In the meantime we will continue to patrol and ask those students who are not using the collection to leave. If a non-law student is sitting at your carrel and refuses to leave, let a librarian know. We will take care of the problem. And by the way, the small cost of Res Ipsa Loquitur would not begin to pay for a guard at the door.


Response: The Law Library subscribes to a number of general newspapers in addition to legal newspapers. At this time we do not feel that we can add any additional "local" newspapers to our collection. For those of you interested in The Detroit Free Press, it is available, full-text on Dialog through Westlaw (database identifier "DET-FP"). We realize that this is not as convenient as sitting in the newspaper area and reading a paper copy, however, it does give those of you from Michigan access to news from home.


C. THOMAS, WHY BLACK AMERICANS SHOULD LOOK TO CONSERVATIVE POLICIES (1987).


Dick Vaughan
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

THE NATIONAL PAST-TIME

In honor of the Fall Classic, and in order to test your command of useless information, Res Ipsa Loquitur this month brings you a short baseball quiz. We will begin with a few, easy warm-up questions, then proceed with one or two change-ups, and finish with a bonus question that will determine which of you are truly devoted to the National Pastime.

Without further ado:

1. Who is the winningest left-handed pitcher in major league history?
2. Which team holds the major league record for most wins in a season? How many and what year?
3. In what year was the first World Series played? Who won?
4. What was the previous name of the St. Louis Cardinals?
5. Which major league made the last unassisted triple play?
6. What was the name of the third major league? When did it exist, and do statistics compiled by players in that league count towards their major league totals?
7. What is the origin of the infield fly rule?
8. How many times have National or American League franchises moved from one city to another during the twentieth century? Have any franchises moved east? If so, which ones?

And now for your bonus question, which emphasizes the international character of baseball:

9. If you were a fan of Les Expos and you happened to go to Montreal to see one of their games, what words would the next morning’s box score and accompanying news story use for ‘pitcher,’ ‘hitter,’ and ‘short stop?’ All the terms in question have been officially approved by the Québec government.

The answers are listed below. If you disagree with any of them, please address your correspondence to the Suggestion Box.

Ralph Gaebler,
Foreign and International Librarian

WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to new staff members!!

Matt Gullett is the new Government Documents Cataloging Supervisor in the Library;

Jean Tolgo is the new Secretary on the 2nd Floor.

Look for these recent faculty publications:


Happy November Birthday to:

Professor Jost Delbruck on the 3rd;
Professor Dan Conkle on the 10th;
Professor Doug Boshkoff on the 11th;
Professor Carol Parker and Dick Vaughan in the Library on the 12th;

Professor Tom Schornhorst on the 18th;
Professor Cathy Crosson on the 21st; and
Professor Rebecca Rudnick and 3rd floor Secretary Dodie Bowman on the 26th.

Hope you all have a wonderful day!!!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Answers to Baseball Trivia: