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CHANGES IN THE OPAC

On September 20, Indiana University Libraries, in conjunction with University Computing Services, implemented the latest release in the Libraries' automation system. This upgrade is of particular significance as it is the first step in bringing up PACLINK and PACLOAN. No, you won't be able to play video games at the OPAC terminals, but someday you will be able to search the online catalogs of most of the colleges and universities in Indiana and initiate your own interlibrary loans, all from the same terminal.

For now, probably the most important change to the OPAC is the addition of the "Navigator Menu". Initially, the introductory menu will give you a choice between searching IO (IU Libraries) and IT (Indiana Institute of Technology). Later, the menu will include the Kinsey Institute and eventually, Indiana State and Ball State as well as a number of journal indexes.

Guide and Index Screens have been re-designed to provide for more logical listings of multiple records. You may also notice that holdings information is retrieved through slightly different commands. You should also be aware that although function keys (F5, F6, etc.) may be used to page forward and backward between screens at some terminals, unfortunately this particular prompt does not work at the Law Library's terminals. Perhaps the most interesting change in the new OPAC is the Review Capability. By typing in the word "REVIEW", you can now view your previous searches and their respective "hits" and even combine old searches.

While the new commands may take a bit of getting used to, in the long run, we hope the changes will enhance the system and its usefulness to you, our patrons. As usual, we welcome any comments or suggestions you might have concerning changes to IO and the OPAC. If you encounter any problems, please let us know.

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NEW & NOTEWORTHY: The Politics of Scholarship

As November 3rd rolls closer and closer, I know all of you are busy researching and pondering your election choices. This year’s presidential campaign seems to be paralleling recent Supreme Court confirmation hearings in a bizarre game of cite-checking.

The unearthing of Hillary Clinton’s article "Children Under the Law," originally published in the HARVARD EDUCATIONAL REVIEW in 1974, propelled the prose of scholarship from the stuffy world of academia to the front pages of grocery store tabloids. This sudden love of academic literature prompted me to wonder what other legal writings this year’s candidates/lawyers/spouses have produced.

Not included in the following bibliography are autobiographies (George Bush), novels (Marilyn Quayle), enviro-pop monographs (Al Gore) or dogographies (Barbara and Millie Bush). Rather, these are all articles found in traditional legal literature. Please note that the fact these articles are authored by two Democratic JD’s should not be interpreted as an endorsement, nor as a reflection on the graduates of that other law school.

Also please note that all of the articles, with the exception of the first Clinton article, can be found in the Law Library’s Periodical Collection. The first Clinton article is, however, available through Interlibrary Loan.

Clinton, Bill. The Offshore Banking Law and the Foreign Investor (with L. Howe), 7 EAST ASIAN EXECUTIVE REPORTS 9 (1985).


Dick Vaughan,
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

VARYING THE RESEARCH MENU

For those of you who may be new to the Law Library and to refresh the memory of returning researchers, the Law Library has added a different type of publication to the online catalog during the last few years. Inclusion of Congressional materials such as hearings and reports, as well as studies, and technical and statistical papers by federal agencies, enable researchers to have easier and better access to our entire collection of materials. By using these resources effectively one may add greater depth to any research endeavor.
References to a variety of specific government publications may be found in footnotes throughout law review articles, reporters, treatises, and in reference sources of many types. With a simple title search of the online catalog it can be determined if that title is owned by our Library. If one needs topical information without having a particular publication in mind, a keyword or subject search in the online catalog is an option. Our government publications are not in a specialized database, but are integrated into the rest of the I.U. Libraries’ collections, making a "documents" search a natural part of the research process.

The online catalog is by no means the only way to locate government publications. There are a variety of indexes published by private publishers and by the Government Printing Office that offer comprehensive access to Congressional publications. Just remember that our online catalog is an easy way to start your research using these documents.

Marianne Mason, Government Documents Librarian

MORE TRAFFIC IN THE LIBRARY

Now that the fall semester is well under way, students working in the Library will notice a definite increase in the number of people doing research. From mid-October through November, an incredibly diverse body of students from around the I.U. campus will be assigned some type of research requiring a trip (and perhaps a long stay) at the Library. Aside from our own first-year writing and research students, graduate and undergrads from Journalism, Business, SPEA, Telecommunications, Political Science and Applied Health will be learning how to use the Library and the many research tools unique to legal bibliography. The Reference staff has already given tours to well over 200 non-law students this fall. If there are any additional tours during the semester, the Public Services staff will post notices of upcoming tour times and dates so you will experience fewer disruptions and can find quieter places to study. Tours of the Library are usually confined to the Reading Room, the First Floor, the Library Lobby and the Reserve Reading area.

Keith Buckley, Reference Librarian

TRACKING DEVELOPMENTS IN THE FORMER SOVIET UNION

Have you been trying to think of a really different topic for your B706? How about an analysis of the new Ukrainian law on foreign investment, or the amendments to the Russian statute on government agricultural contracts? If topics such as these spark your interest, you should know about four important sources of current information on legal developments in the former Soviet Union.

The first of these is Statutes & Decisions: The Laws of the USSR and Its Successor States. This is a quarterly periodical that publishes brief analyses of new laws, as well as excerpts from the laws themselves. Another publication of note is Russia And Commonwealth Business Law Report. This is a monthly newsletter which publishes new laws in full text, together with news items about decisions and decrees. The Parker School at Columbia University publishes S.E.E.L.: Survey of East European Law, which covers both the Commonwealth of Independent States and East Europe. Articles in this publication, which appears ten times per year, are somewhat longer, and are written by well-known scholars of East European and comparative law. Finally, Review of Central and East European Law, is published by Leiden University. This is a bimonthly journal, which includes translations of recent, important legislation, as well as articles and book reviews. Together, these four publications provide a good overview of current legal developments in the fast changing legal environment of the former Soviet Union.
With this kind of resource depth at your disposal, how can you resist a topic like the new Russian decree on the registration of tractors and other self-propelled agricultural equipment? That would be a B706 to remember.

Ralph Gaebler, Foreign & International Librarian

A BRIDGE TO CROSS: A ROLE FOR CURRICULUM REVISION AND LAW SCHOOL STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The Baylor University School of Law in Waco, Texas has recently reported survey results which show that only 17% of recently graduated third year law students believed that law school had adequately prepared them for the practice of law. As the debate over the true mission of legal education continues between those who favor a predominately theoretical-scholarly orientation and those who want to see much more "practice oriented" courses and exercises in the curriculum, many U.S. law schools appear to be in the process of revising their curriculums in an attempt to lessen the distance between the classroom and the courthouse. Law student organizations have also become involved in this process as the following examples illustrate.

At the University of Miami School of Law in Coral Gables, Florida, the Student Legal Research Service is a student operated organization which provides services, for a stated fee, to attorneys desiring assistance with legal research, preparation of memoranda of law, appellate brief writing, or drafting of pleadings or other legal documents. Second and third-year students with prior clerking experience are eligible for employment through this service.

Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock, Texas has created the Volunteer Law Students and Lawyers (VLSL) organization which is a not-for-profit corporation formed to provide legal assistance to persons who are unable to pay attorney fees. Working under the supervision of volunteer attorneys, law students actively participate in the provision of legal services to clients. No academic credit and no monetary compensation are provided to students.

The University of Texas in Austin has established "The Legal Research Board" that is open to second and third-year law students by invitation only. The Board offers legal research and memorandum preparation services to members of the bar across the entire country. Members receive modest compensation for the memoranda they produce.

The Suggestion Box

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

Suggestion: Noise from Fiji house party. Let us know if there is a party so we can make plans to study at another place if possible.

Response: Unfortunately, there are no Fijis on the Library staff (at least nobody will admit to it), so we are not invited to their parties. Seriously, we know that this can be a problem from time to time. However, since we have no control over the behavior of the fraternity members or the timing of their parties, there is very little that we can do to give advance warning to Law students to study elsewhere. We will continue to think about this problem, but there is no easy solution.

Suggestion: Need location guides (like in the elevator) in other locations, perhaps right outside the elevator.

Response: There is an enlarged version of the location guide in the Library lobby on the same pillar as the Dica Board (near the newspaper area). We also have signs on the 2nd, 3rd, and 4th floors of the Library across from the elevator indicating what materials are located on each of these floors. We will continue to evaluate what signs are needed in the Library and we appreciate your input.
The North Carolina Lawyer’s Research Service at the University of North Carolina School of Law in Chapel Hill is a wholly student-run, self-supporting, non-profit corporation that provides legal research services to licensed North Carolina lawyers for a nominal fee.

Washington & Lee University School of Law in Lexington, Virginia offers a for-credit course called "The Virginia Capital Case Clearinghouse" where upper-level students assist Virginia defense attorneys who are representing death penalty defendants with research and legal drafting needs.

Curriculum enhancements and law student organizations have also positively impacted on education and community outreach through the law school environment. Notre Dame Law School and the St. Thomas University School of Law in Miami, Florida both offer a for-credit course entitled "Street Law" in which law students teach a two hour per week course to local high school students covering areas of the law of practical importance in the daily lives of community members, including selected topics in consumer, housing, constitutional law, and criminal law and procedure. Second and third-year students attend a weekly two hour workshop in which they learn substantive law and communication skills.

The Duke Law Tutoring Project at the Duke University School of Law in Durham, North Carolina requires law students to meet weekly with youngsters from Durham middle schools who have been previously identified as needing extra help with their academic achievement. The Project also plans social and mentoring activities for the students.

The aforementioned examples clearly illustrate that an enlightened law school curriculum and a system of creative and energetic student organizations can do a great deal to bridge the gap between legal theory and the practice of law, and, at the same time, provide valuable community service to those persons that seem to have fallen through the cracks of the American legal and social system. I urge each reader to decide for themselves what more they can do in this regard and to profit as much as possible from the few examples mentioned in this article.

Mitch Counts,
Computer Services Librarian

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FACULTY PUBLICATIONS COLLECTION/INDIANA ARCHIVES

This month I would like to discuss two more specialty collections held by the Law Library and housed in the Rare Books and Archives Room. These remaining two collections are the Faculty Publications Collection and the Indiana Archives.

The Faculty Publications Collection is a collection of the books published by the faculty of the Law School. The value of these books consists not of their rarity or age, but rather a desire to have a complete collection of our faculty's publications in an archival setting. Although the Library attempts to have multiple copies of each faculty member's work, occasionally the Faculty Publications Collection contains the only copy of a particular item. This is especially true of older material. The collection is added to not only when a current professor has a new book, but also when someone new joins our faculty. For example, when Dean Aman came to Indiana in the summer of 1991, a copy of his book, Energy and Natural Resources Law (published in 1983), was placed in the Faculty Publications Collection. Fortunately, because we have more than one copy, it is still available in the open stacks. We do not place current publications by former professors in the collection. We only include books published prior to and during an individual's association with the Indiana University School of Law. Unfortunately, we do not have everything published by our professors. This is true primarily with the early professors and we do attempt to acquire these works when possible.

Another collection in the Rare Books and Archives Room is the Indiana Archives. In this collection we keep an archival copy of the primary legal material from
the state of Indiana. This includes copies of all the different Indiana codes, state session laws going back to the territorial days, state reporters (including Blackford’s Reports, Indiana Reports, and Indiana Appellate Court Reports), the Indiana administrative codes, and various other documents we have set aside for archival purposes.

Both of these locations are so noted in IO, the online catalog. Most of these items are also available in the stacks, but if you need to look at something in either of these two collections, please see a reference librarian.

Mike Maben, Cataloging Librarian

BIBLIOGRAPHY OF LAW SCHOOL FACULTY PUBLICATIONS

As part of the sesquicentennial celebration, the librarians have compiled and edited a bibliography of the publications of the Law School faculty throughout its 150 year history. The title of the bibliography is, 150 Years of Research: A Bibliography of the Indiana University School of Law Faculty, 1842 - 1992. Several copies have been added to the collection. If you are interested in seeing a copy, check IO or stop by the Reference Office.


Happy Birthday to all those born in October!!

Rachel Myers on the 3rd floor on October 2nd; Earl Singleton in the Community Legal Clinic on the 5th; Professor Bill Oliver on the 6th; Professor Bob Heidt on the 10th; Professor Ken Dau-Schmidt on the 12th; Professor Kevin Brown on the 13th; Krystie Herndon on the 2nd floor on the 15th; Pam Kriete in the Career Services Office on the 20th; Professor Bruce Markell on the 24th; Professor Bill Hicks on the 26th; and Professor Bill Popkin on the 28th.

Hope you all have a wonderful birthday!!

WORKING THE HALLS

Congratulations to Professor Jost Delbruck, who was inducted into the IU School of Law Academy of Law Alumni Fellows last month.

Best Wishes and Good Luck to Pat Frazo in Admissions, who retired in September after 19 years of service to the University, and 14 years with the Law School.

Belated Congratulations to Mark Adams and his wife Melissa, on their new daughter, Ingrid Elena, born August 18th.

Watch for These Recent Faculty Publications:


Colleen Pauwels. Inferior to None, 1992 Bill of Particulars 15.