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How We Spent Our Summer Vacation(?)!

by Linda Fariss, Associate Director

Most people think of summer as a slow time. After all, there are fewer classes and even fewer students around the campus. But, for this very reason, summers are often an especially busy time in the Law Library. We use it as an opportunity to complete projects that cannot be done while all the students are here. This particular summer was an especially busy one for the Law Library. Hopefully, returning students have noticed a number of changes to the Library. For new students (and those returning ones who have not noticed), here are a few of the projects we completed this year.

The biggest project involved a major shift in the Library’s book collection. In fact, we moved books on all floors of the Library. Because the Library is rapidly running out of space, we had to rearrange the collection to make space where we needed it. This involved moving some duplicate materials to storage. We sent the national reporter system collection from the third floor (with the exception of the federal series and the NE2d) to storage. This leaves us with a full set of the NRS on the first floor and a partial set on the third floor. We then moved some books from the second floor to the third floor and completely shifted the collection on the second floor (confused yet??). We also moved some materials out of the looseleaf collection on the reading room level and shifted that floor. The change that you are most likely to notice occurred on the first floor of the Library. We rearranged the alcove area on that floor, removing some study tables and adding shelving. We then shifted the collection, moving the entire digest collection and the ALR series to the new shelves in the alcove. We will have new location signs up shortly, but please ask a librarian if you have trouble finding something.

Hopefully you have noticed that we changed the arrangement of the furniture in the reading room. We moved several of the study tables to the window areas and rearranged the casual seating. Several students requested additional electrical outlets on this floor for laptops. We have requested additional electrical outlets, but until they are installed, we have placed drop cords around the room.

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to allow access to electricity for laptops. We also put several ottomans (or is that ottopersons??) around for comfort while studying.

Another change is the addition of live plants around the Library. This is another request we have received occasionally from students. Hopefully they will add to the ambience of the Library environment. Please help us keep them healthy by treating them well (we will keep them watered).

We also purchased DVD players for the Library over the summer. There is one in each A-V Room on the second floor of the Library (in addition to VCRs). If you want to take a study break, pick out a movie from the list at the circulation desk and watch it in one of the A-V Rooms. If you prefer to take a movie home, we recently increased the loan period for movies to a three day loan (no renewals allowed).

And now for the best news ever.....we are getting all new chairs for the Library! The chairs have been ordered and should arrive in early November. You have all been very long suffering with the condition of the Library chairs and we very much appreciate that. We are certainly looking forward to the arrival and hope that you enjoy them as much as I know we will.

Have a great year and welcome back!

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ELECTRONIC RESERVES

The library is pleased to announce a new service offering electronic reserves. Now students can enjoy around-the-clock access to their reserve materials from any computer loaded with Adobe Acrobat Reader and a connection to the World Wide Web.

Patrons can search the e-reserve website http://ereserves.indiana.edu for documents by department, instructor, course, and document title. Readings for each course will be conveniently grouped together on a course page and students may view documents by clicking on the hyperlinks provided. Articles may be read online or printed. Access is also provided from a link on the Law Library's website and through the reserve module of IUCAT. In order to comply with copyright restrictions, each course page will be password-protected. Course instructors will be distributing passwords and direct course page URLs to students. Books and videos will continue to be placed on reserve at the Circulation Desk.

We hope you like the new format and, just think, you will no longer need to get in line for course reserves! If you do experience any difficulty in accessing reserves please contact Rebecca or Sean in the Circulation Office.

Rebecca Bertoloni-Meli,
Head of Circulation & Patron Services

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PARDON THE NOISE

Everything in the Law School shifts into high-gear with the beginning of another academic year, and the Law Library's public services staff is no exception. Starting with orientation tours for the entire incoming first-year class, the public services librarians expect to provide lectures, tours, bibliographic and computer instruction to well over 2000 students this semester. In-library discussions and demonstrations for some first-year writing and research classes begin this month and will continue for the following six weeks. The librarians will also be guiding a substantial number of non-law students in the use of the Law Library and its collection. Students from a wide range of disciplines, such as Journalism, Business, SPEA, Telecommunications and Political Science will be receiving training in the use of periodicals indexes, legal encyclopedias and the reporter systems during the months of September and October.

In order to make tours of the Library less disruptive to students studying in the reading room and on the first floor, the public services staff will post notices of upcoming tours so that students can seek other study areas during those times.

Keith Buckley,
Collection Development Librarian
NEW FEATURES FOR IUCAT

Several important upgrades were recently made to IUCAT, the library’s online catalog. If you were here last year, you might notice the screens now look a bit different. The front screen has a cleaner look that will hopefully make navigation of the system more “user-friendly.”

Chief among the new features to IUCAT is My Account. Available to IU students, faculty and staff—you will now be able to review a list of materials you have checked out or have on hold. In addition, you will be able to renew materials yourself (subject to the circulation policies of each library). Reserve materials and books charged on interlibrary loan must still be renewed in person. Your network ID and password is needed to access My Account and will provide you with a secure connection. Select My Account from the top of the front screen and you will then be prompted for your ID.

New Library Groupings will now permit you to search the holdings of groups of libraries in a single search. Particularly helpful is the ability to search all libraries on the Bloomington campus at once as well as a grouping for both IU law school libraries. Remember our workstations in the library default to searching for materials held within this library. If you would like to expand your search to include one of the new library groupings, you will need to select another option from the pull-down list of libraries available on the front screen.

Exact Searches are even more “exact” than they used to be. This search is designed to locate term(s) exactly as typed—in that order and in a precise letter-for-letter match. If you are searching for a specific title or author, you must type the complete title (including sub-title if there is one) or in the case of an author search, the complete author’s name. If you do not provide the complete information, you may be given a list of titles (or authors) to choose from rather than just one specific record. Exact searches work particularly well when searching for one word periodical/journal/newspaper titles (e.g. Time).

The above features are still relatively new to the system and you may encounter unexpected results from time to time. Please don’t hesitate to consult a reference librarian if you find your search results confusing or unsuccessful.

Nonie Watt,
Head of Technical Services

THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

Suggestion: Do carrel sign up electronically in a lottery fashion, so some of us don’t miss class!!

Response: WHAT!!!! You must be a first year student (especially since you are worried about missing class)! Don’t you know by now that the study of law is based on tradition?? For all of the years I have been here we have had long lines of students waiting on their carrel during the first week of classes. As you move through each year of law school your carrel selection gets better and better (i.e., windows). Seriously though, I’m not sure how we can accomplish your suggestion but we are always open to new ideas and will think about it during this school year. Thanks for the suggestion.
WORKING THE HALLS

Welcome to new faces in the Law School

- Professor Luis Fuentes-Rohwer
- Professor David Snyder
- Visiting Professor Steven Heyman
- Clinical Associate Professor of Law Michael Jenuwine has joined the Child Advocacy Clinic as the Associate Director
- Catherine Stafford joins the legal writing faculty for the fall semester while Sophia Goodman is on leave
- Tim Hightower assumed the position of Director of Development in the Alumni Office over the summer
- Carol Green begins the new position of Events Coordinator on Sept. 9th.

Also, congratulations to Law School staff with new positions and responsibilities

- Professor Lauren Robel is currently serving as the Acting Dean of the Law School
- Professor John Applegate has assumed the additional role of Associate Dean
- Len Fromm has taken the title of Associate Dean for Students and Alumni, with the additional responsibility for overall coordination of alumni outreach efforts
- Teresa Barnett, who was previously a faculty secretary, has accepted the position of Development Assistant in the Alumni Office.

Congratulations to Professor Sophia Goodman, who gave birth to a 9 lb. 6 oz. baby girl on September 4th!

Happy September Birthday to:

Mike Maben, Cataloging Librarian, on September 12th
Keith Buckley, Collection Development Librarian, on the 15th
Deborah Westerfield, Administrative Secretary, also on the 15th
Professor Terry Bethel on the 18th

CIRCULATION NOTICES BY EMAIL

You can now elect to receive overdue and recall notices by email. Benefits of using this service include a faster, more convenient delivery of notices. In the near future we will be offering email courtesy notices reminding patrons of their due dates. Adherence to these could even help you avoid nasty overdue fines!

Please remember to:

- Use your official IU email address (anybody@indiana.edu)
- Read your email daily and ensure that your mailbox is emptied regularly.
- Renew or return your loans as soon as you receive a notice. Materials may be renewed at the circulation desk or from the Law Library's website. It is the responsibility of the patron to return library materials on time, whether notification is sent by mail or email.

We will continue to send invoices for overdue items by mail. If you are interested in signing up for the new service, please speak to Rebecca or Sean in the circulation office.

Rebecca Bertoloni-Meli, Head of Circulation & Patron Services