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New Display Cases for Faculty Publications

The library now has four lovely display cases on the second floor. Our current display includes a sampling of faculty publications, and the Excellence in Marketing award which the library won earlier this year. We are currently reviewing the Faculty Bibliography and will soon revamp our displays to include the most recent publications of each faculty member. If you have copies of materials to display, please deliver them to Stephanie Wilson or Kara Phillips.

Online Research Tools

In addition to Lexis and Westlaw, the library also subscribes to a variety of other online databases that may meet your legal and non-legal research needs. You may be interested in trying out VersusLaw (contains American primary legal materials and tribal materials); LOISlaw (features American primary legal materials and WSBA deskbooks and CLEs); or QuickLaw America (provides access to Canadian legal materials). The library also subscribes to several databases with the full text and abstracts of legal articles. Of particular note is Hein Online for those of you needing access to the full text of older law reviews and journals. To keep current on new and forthcoming articles, you will want to check out the Current Index to Legal Periodicals. For foreign law research, you might try AccessUN (contains United Nations materials); Foreign Law Guide (cites to sources of law for over 200 foreign jurisdictions); or the Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals (indexes legal journals from around the world). For non-legal information, you can find a variety of resources via main campus and Lemieux Library's Find Articles Web site. The law library’s research portal, THEO, lists databases by
subject and title, and other resources such as our catalog, research guides and Web sites. If you have questions or would like more information, contact the Reference desk at x4225, or contact us via E-Reference service.

New Library Intern: Liz Bedford

We are pleased to welcome Liz Bedford to our library. Liz is an intern from the YMCA Youth Employment Program, for which the Seattle University Law Library is a pilot site. The purpose of the program is to hone the skills that interns obtain in the YMCA job readiness and career development programs. The YMCA places clients in internships that match their interests and long-term career goals. Liz is a recent graduate of Seattle University with a B.A. in marketing, and is interested in attending law school. She will work eight hours a week at the library, and will split her time between public and technical services.

Interlibrary Loans on the Rise

The ILL staff reports that interlibrary loan requests have risen steadily in the last few years and recent ABA statistics confirm the trend. The upsurge can be attributed to a number of factors, including vigorous faculty scholarship, varied student independent-study projects and two successful law journals. The library is processing more requests but our overall cost of doing business has significantly decreased. This is remarkable considering many libraries now charge between $10 and $30 to borrow a single item from their collections. Several factors
have contributed to our success in keeping costs down. The library takes advantage of relationships with a variety of consortia, in particular membership in LVIS (Libraries Very Interested in Sharing), where libraries across the country agree to share resources at no cost. The acquisition of ARIEL, an online document delivery service, has saved us both postage and handling costs. The interlibrary loan staff strive to select the most cost effective tools and methods available to obtain material without sacrificing fast, efficient service.

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**Donna Turner Attends Archives Fair**

On October 8, Donna Turner (Bindery Specialist) attended Seattle City Hall’s "Celebrate National Archive Week" archives fair. During the fair, exhibits, speakers and a film addressed the complexity of collection management decisions surrounding the preservation of materials. Of particular interest was a presentation addressing the use of archives for the purpose of legal research. The recently completed city hall is the new home of the extensive collection of the Seattle Municipal Archives. Archived public records at this historical center include textual documents, maps, audiotapes, videotapes and over a million photographs. For Donna, touring the new Seattle city hall, understanding Seattle Municipal’s archival operation, and viewing its archival facility were the highlights of the fair.

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**Appreciation Luncheon at Gallagher Law Library**

As mentioned in our August newsletter, the summer closure of the Gallagher Law Library substantially increased the Seattle University Law Library's patron load. In recognition of our efforts to provide service to those individuals who would normally rely on UW's legal resources, the Gallagher Law Library staff is hosting a luncheon for the Seattle University Law Library staff on Wednesday, December 10. Small group tours of the new William H. Gates Hall will follow the luncheon.
Library Staff Gets the Latest on Library Automation at NWIUG

The 9th Annual (NWIUG) conference was held on October 16-17, in Portland, Oregon. Jane Grossman (Serials Technician), Susan Kezele (Circulation/DDC Supervisor), Kent Milunovich (Systems/Technical Services Librarian), Nancy Minton (Cataloguer) and Charlotte Parsons (Acquisitions Technician) attended. The conference provides product enhancement previewing, training, and development opportunities for libraries using Innovative Interfaces as their online library catalog. This year's meeting specifically addressed effective migration techniques in the various modules of Millennium, the law library’s upgraded Innovative web-based database. Among the sessions addressing Innovative capabilities were "Archiving Order Records in MS Access," "Exporting and Manipulating Data," "Millennium Statistics," and "A Browsable Audiovisual Database Derived From Catalog Data." Additionally, forums on Circulation, Acquisitions, Cataloging and Serials offered our law library attendees applicable module-specific discussions.

New Library Furniture

Over the summer the library acquired a variety of furniture including carrels, soft chairs and couches. The additional furniture increased the library’s seating capacity by approximately 10%. Take a seat and enjoy!

Need Help on a Short Term Research Project?

This fall, the library continues its Faculty Research Assistant Program (FRAP), providing assistance with short-term research projects for faculty members. Stephen Leptich, a third-year law student and
Symposium Editor for Seattle University Law Review, is continuing in this role. He is assigned projects by the Reference Librarians, so if you have a project you believe might utilize Stephen’s capabilities, contact your library liaison.

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**Upcoming User Survey**

Several members of the Conference of Law Libraries of the Association of Jesuit Colleges and Universities (AJCU), including the Seattle University Law Library, will be participating in a consortial survey designed to measure library service quality across institutions. The survey, known as LibQUAL+, was developed by the Association of Research Libraries and is modeled after SERVQUAL, a common tool for assessing service quality in the private sector. As a survey participant, our goal is to solicit and track patron opinion regarding service quality so that we can make service improvements and identify best practices. As part of a consortium, we will be able to compare our results with peer institutions and gather user feedback systematically over time. We expect that the LibQUAL+ survey will be conducted in the spring.

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**New Library Reader Printer**

The library recently purchased a Minolta MS 6000 digital microform scanner. Because a large part of the library collection is on microfilm or microfiche, this new equipment is a welcome addition. In the past, copying from microform was time-consuming and print quality was marginal, but the new Minolta produces sharp, clean images at a rate of 20 pages per minute. In addition to laser printing, the Minolta has the capability of scanning images from microform to a connected
PC. Once scanned, the images can be uploaded for use on Web sites, in e-mail, in desktop publishing, or stored to disk. The Minolta is located behind Open Reserve in the Micro-media room. The reference and circulation staff will be happy to answer any questions you have about use of the equipment.

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Congratulations Kara!

Maren Alexis, a new addition to household of Kara Phillips, was born July 10. Best wishes to Kara, her husband Vince, Maren and big sister Brynne.

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Newsletter written by law library staff.

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Sex and Social Justice.

From the Publisher:

Growing out of Nussbaum's years of work with an international development agency connected with the United Nations, this collection charts a feminism that is deeply concerned with the urgent needs of women who live in hunger and illiteracy, or under unequal legal systems. Offering an internationalism informed by development economics and empirical detail, many essays take their start from the experiences of women in developing countries. Nussbaum argues for a universal account of human capacity and need, while emphasizing the essential role of knowledge of local circumstance. Further chapters take on the pursuit of social justice in the sexual sphere, exploring the issue of equal rights for lesbians and gay men.

About the Author:

Martha Nussbaum is a professor of law and ethics at the University of Chicago Law School.


From the Publisher:

In The Majesty of the Law, Supreme Court Justice Sandra Day O'Connor explores the law, her life as a Justice, and how the Court has evolved and continues to function, grow, and change as an American institution. Tracing some of the origins of American law through history, people, and ideas, O'Connor sheds new light on the basics, and through personal observation she explores the development of institutions and ideas we have come to regard as fundamental.

O'Connor discusses notable cases that have shaped American democracy and the Court as we know it today, and she traces the turbulent battle women have fought for a place in our nation's legal system since America's inception. Straight-talking, clear-eyed, inspiring, The Majesty of the Law is more than a reflection on O'Connor's own experiences as the first female Justice of the Supreme Court; it also contains a discussion of how the suffrage movement changed the lives of women—in voting booths, jury boxes, and homes across the country.
About the Author:

Sandra Day O'Connor was born in El Paso, Texas, and raised on the Lazy B, a ranch on the Arizona-New Mexico border. Nominated by President Reagan as Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States, she took the oath of office on September 25, 1981, the first woman to do so.

Craig Joyce, editor, is Law Foundation Professor at the University of Houston Law Center, where he currently serves as co-director of the Institute for Intellectual Property and Information Law.

Refusing Care: Forced Treatment and the Rights of the Mentally Ill.

From the Publisher:

"It has been said that how a society treats its least fortunate members speaks volumes about its humanity. If so, our treatment of the mentally ill may suggest that American society is in many senses inhumane: swinging between over-intervention and utter neglect, we sometimes force extreme treatments on those who do not want them, and at other times discharge mentally ill patients who do want treatment without providing adequate resources for their care in the community." Refusing Care focuses on the former problem - that of over-intervention - asking when, if ever, the mentally ill should be treated against their will. Basing her analysis on both compelling case histories and empirical studies, Elyn R. Saks brings together her experience in law and in psychiatry to explore the dilemmas raised by forced treatment in three contexts: civil commitment, or forced hospitalization for noncriminals; medication; and seclusion and restraints. Saks argues that the best way to solve each of these dilemmas is, paradoxically, to be both more protective of individual autonomy and more paternalistic than current law calls for.

About the Author:

Elyn R. Saks is an Orrin B. Evans Professor of Law, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the USC School of Law and USC School of Medicine's Institute of Psychiatry and the Law.

Wrongly Convicted: Perspectives on Failed Justice.

From the Publisher:

The evidence that people are wrongly convicted in the American criminal justice system has been growing and is arguably a systemic problem. Westervelt and Humphrey (both in sociology, U. of North Carolina) present 14 essays that explore the causes and social characteristics of wrongful convictions, while also offering case studies and discussions of solutions to the problem. Among the topics explored are the role of informants, the reasons behind false confessions, police misconduct, racial bias , the effectiveness of counsel, and the death penalty.

About the Author:

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