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Eighth Annual Bridge the Gap

Seattle University School of Law will once again host the 8th Annual Bridge the Legal Research Gap program on Thursday, June 19, 2003. A joint production by law librarians from Seattle University Law Library and University of Washington Gallagher Law Library, Bridge the Gap is a program designed to give students a refresher course on key research skills needed for summer legal employment. Last year, over 120 registrants included law students from schools around the country working at 61 local law firms, companies, not-for-profit organizations and government agencies. We anticipate that this year's Bridge the Gap will serve an equally diverse group of students.

Library Wins Marketing Award!

The Seattle University Law Library has been chosen to receive the 2003 American Association of Law Libraries Excellence in Marketing Award, in the Best Use of Technology category. This award honors outstanding achievement in public relations by member organizations.

The centerpiece of the Library's award winning public relations campaign is the newly redesigned Virtual Tour of the Law Library. This new tour, created by the Information Services Department, utilizes Flash technology to offer viewers a virtual experience akin to walking through the physical space of the Library.

This Tour was used to support the Library's marketing campaign, which introduced our new alumni memberships. This campaign has been very successful, with a number of alumni borrowing memberships created since the launch of the program. The Tour has also successfully reached prospective students, parents of students, and even several viewers from Japan, France and Australia.

The award will be presented July 14, during the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries.

National Library Week Recap

National Library Week was observed from April 7-11 with pride and celebration!

To mark the event, banners and posters throughout the library proclaimed the special occasion, and patrons received complimentary pens and memo pads. Free bookmarks carrying library-related, thought-provoking quotes also proved especially popular. To kick off the annual event, law school faculty and staff joined library staff for a cake and ice cream social on Monday, April 7.





The public services desks also featured a variety of contests. At the Reference Desk, a game involving a glass fishbowl filled with gummy sharks "swimming" among gummy fish, brought forth chuckles and smiles from law library visitors. Law students, faculty, staff, and alumni were all eligible for this guess-the-number-of-sharks game. Two additional contests--"Dead or Alive?" and "Who Knows What Game"--required familiarity with legal authors and their subject specialty.

Library Week was also a chance to clear pesky library fines. During a week-long fine amnesty, the law library collected cans and dry goods, accepting one canned item for every dollar of fines. Fine amnesty collections were donated to the Northwest Harvest food bank.

At week-end, three contest winners were announced: Prof. Eric Chiappinelli and Danielle Gilmore received Starbucks gift certificates, and Ryon Lane became the proud owner of a private stash of gummy sharks.

Thanks to everyone for sharing in the celebration!



New Library Quiet Zone

Today's law library is an interactive classroom for individual and group research instruction, reference interviews and lively discussion. Moreover, public service activities at the reference and circulation desks can be disruptive to students who desire a quiet place to study.

In response to student suggestions, the law library has designated the 4th floor as a Quiet Zone. Laptop use is permitted, but conversation should be restricted to the group study rooms.

By setting aside an area for quiet pursuits we hope to maintain an academic environment that is conducive to a variety of library activities.

SU to Host AALL Conference Activities

It is estimated that between July 12 and July 16, 2003, approximately 4,000 law librarians and exhibitors will converge on Seattle to attend the 96th Annual American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) conference. Held at the Washington State Convention and Trade Center, this year's meeting will include 78 program sessions, three workshops, over 20,000 square feet of exhibits, plus a variety of pre- and post-conference training opportunities.

In addition to providing library and art tours, the Seattle University Law Library will

be hosting several major conference events. Each year the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) presents a special event to introduce newer academic law librarians to the world of law school librarianship. This year's Conference of Newer Academic Law Librarians (CONALL) will be held on Tuesday, July 15 at Sullivan Hall. Additionally, the law library is very proud to be hosting the ALL-SIS Reception, which will run from 6:30-9:00 p.m. throughout the law school. Always well attended, this event will provide librarians from all venues the opportunity to explore the library, tour the building or just catch-up with old friends, all while sampling various northwest culinary delights and listening to the jazz and blues music of the Michael Powers Group. It promises to be a memorable evening!

Faculty Reminder

The library would appreciate your assistance in returning any unneeded library materials before the end of the semester. This is an opportunity for you to turn in any overdue materials or any materials that you may have forgotten to check out.

If you have a number of items to be retrieved, or would like materials renewed, please call the Circulation Desk (x4220).

Thank you very much for your help.

New Database - Statistical Universe

Need to find data on voter turnout, bankruptcies, product recalls, interest rates or other topics? LexisNexis Statistical Universe, a new database offered by the law library, may be able to help. Statistical Universe is an online collection of individually indexed statistical tables, drawn from statistical compilations issued by the federal government, regulatory agencies, state governments and intergovernmental organizations as well as private sector and non-profit sources. Although the database is published by LexisNexis, it is not available on our academic contract. The law library purchased a separate contract for this database in response to increased requests for statistical research information. To access Statistical Universe, go to the library database page and click on Statistical Universe. If you have questions, please contact the reference desk at x4225.

Independent Studies

With the faculty's recent passage of the revised independent study guidelines, the library is already fielding requests from students interested in pursuing summer independent studies. The new guidelines provide that the student consult with an "assigned research librarian." Librarian assignments are determined by the Executive Law Librarian based on the librarian's subject specialty, the faculty member supervising the independent study and librarian workload. Students who are pursuing independent studies should be referred initially to Kristin Cheney, the Executive Law Librarian.

New Database - Criminal Law Reporter

The Seattle University Law Clinic and Law Library have teamed up to purchase a joint subscription to the Criminal Law Reporter online, published by BNA. Available

to Seattle University Law faculty, staff, students and walk-in patrons for "purposes of research, education or other non-commercial use," the Criminal Law Reporter covers significant developments, trends and emerging patterns in criminal law today. To access the Criminal Law Reporter, go to the library database page and click on the Criminal Law Reporter link. If you have questions, please contact the Reference Desk at x4225, or send us an e-mail.

Undergrad Library Use Survey Results

The law library recently surveyed law students about undergraduate use of the law library. The 188 responses to the survey indicate that a small majority of law students have been negatively impacted by undergraduates using the library. We are currently evaluating the survey results to find acceptable and practical ways to address this issue.

Library Receives Donation of Washington CLE Materials

We are pleased to announce that Mr. Barrie Althoff, a noted writer and speaker on legal ethics, discipline and professionalism, recently donated his personal collection of CLE materials to the law library. Mr. Althoff has been the Professional Counsel for the Washington State Bar Association since March of 2002, and before that, he was Director of Lawyer Discipline and Chief Disciplinary Counsel. His CLE collection covers not only ethics and professionalism, but a diverse range of Washington topics, including business law, real estate, employment law, family law and more. The majority of the materials will be integrated with the Washington CLE materials on the 4th floor of the library. Seattle University Law Library patrons will benefit directly from Mr. Althoff's generous donation.

Lexis Certification Program

Most librarians continually enhance their abilities with ongoing training. One such program, introduced this year by LexisNexis, is the Certificate of Mastery Program. This multi-session advanced training program was created especially for law librarians. The first two sessions were held on March 6, and six librarians from the law school attended: Kristin Cheney, Kerry Fitz-Gerald, Kelly Kunsch, Kent Milunovich, Kara Phillips and Stephanie Wilson. The sessions covered primary law research and analytical resources (secondary sources to many of us). The remaining sessions will be completed during the summer. In addition to the knowledge gained and a Certificate of Mastery suitable for framing, librarians can also receive CLE credits, if desired.

FRAP Program An Outstanding Success

The Faculty Research Assistant Program has gotten off to a great start this semester. Some faculty directly requested the service while other short term projects were assigned to student researchers directly by the librarians. This made

it possible to produce a quality, in-depth product while allowing the librarians to continue meeting other faculty needs. Research topics varied from professional responsibility to historical research involving the Bill of Rights. While some projects only required a few hours, others took more than a week to complete. The students working in the program have done a terrific job. Page Scott will be graduating in May, and Stephen Leptich will continue working for the program this summer.

If you are anticipating any summer research needs, set up a time to discuss your project with your liaison librarian soon. Summer will be over before you know it.

Library Shift

Later this year, you may notice a change in the location of some books in the library's 3rd and 4th floor treatise collection. The JX Library of Congress call number classification for international treatises no longer exists. At least 80% of the JX titles will be reclassified under the call number KZ (Law of Nations), with most of the remaining 20% reclassified under the call number JZ (International Relations). This requires shifting books, which will be done in August to minimize disruption to study time.

Goodbye, Cynthia!

Cynthia Burress has worked for the library since transferring to Seattle University from the University of California Hastings College of Law. Unfortunately for us, Cynthia is now graduating. She has accepted an offer from Texas Wesleyan University School of Law, and after graduation will become their newest reference librarian.

Cynthia's work in the library has been invaluable. She has staffed busy reference shifts, helped with faculty research, designed reading room displays and worked on collection development projects. Please join the library in wishing Cynthia the best of everything as she continues her law librarianship career.

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