

**A Busy Fall for Legal Research in the Taggart Law Library**

The Taggart Law Library has had a very busy start to the fall semester! Librarians participated in the new student orientation program on Saturday, August 24 and the Law Review orientation on Saturday, September 7. We also offered tours of the Library and the various print resources that all first-year law students would use during the fall semester. About 90 first-year law students attended the tours.

The reference desk also has been busy with questions about legal research. The first year legal research and writing assignments introduced students to a wide range of print resources. Professor Lou Lobenhofer's annual federal tax research assignment and Law Review source and cite assignments also increased our reference desk activities.

The Law Library offered 66 workshops this fall. Our annual workshop series helps supplement the first-year legal research and writing course and reinforces what students have learned in class. Each week a new topic is explored in a 30- to 60-minute session. Most of our workshops were conducted by Steven Miller (who prepared all of our teaching materials -- thanks, Steve!) and Eric Kistler.

During the first week of the workshop series we reviewed case law research including case reporters, digests, and Shepard's. During the second week we covered secondary sources, such as legal encyclopedias, *American Law Reports*, and legal periodical indexes. The next week federal and state statutory research and legislative history materials were reviewed.

Later workshops focused on administrative law research, court rules, restatements, uniform laws, and treatises. Our final sessions attempted to pull all of the research topics together in a manner that would help illustrate the process of legal research.

Next spring the Law Library will offer its annual spring review to refresh and tune up students' legal research skills before they head off for their summer or permanent jobs.



**Did you know . . .**



The Library has **NUTSHELLS** and **HORNBOOKS** on reserve for almost every subject imaginable. We get 'em all!

Do a keyword search on POLAR using "<name of your subject>" and "NUTSHELL" or "<name of your subject>" and "HORNBOOK"

For example, when in POLAR click on "Keyword" and type torts and nutshell.



**Library Hours during Thanksgiving week**

Wednesday, November 27 (University Holiday begins at noon)	8:00 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday, November 28 (University Holiday)	CLOSED
Friday, November 29 (University Holiday)	CLOSED
Saturday, November 30	Noon - 5:00 pm
Sunday, December 1	1:00 pm - 1:00 am

**Librarians**

**Nancy A. Armstrong,**  
Director of the Law Library

**Eric W. Kistler,**  
Information Technology Librarian

**Steven R. Miller,**  
Public Services Librarian

**Marcia K. Siebesma,**  
Head of Technical Services



**Law Library Staff**

**Paula Butler,**  
Bindery, Serials Processing, & Circulation (Saturdays)

**Gayla Holford,**  
Library Administration

**Gale Miller,**  
Acquisitions Manager

**Gloria Mullins,**  
Serials & Periodicals Processing

**Judy Podlesnik,**  
Circulation (Days)

**Linda Bradford-Siehl,**  
Circulation (Nights & Sundays)

## Computer Lab

This is just a friendly reminder about noise in the computer lab. We realize that noise is inevitable in a lab environment. However, please try to be sensitive to those around you who are trying to concentrate. Our goal is to have a quiet environment for everyone in the lab.



We also regret any inconvenience caused by the inoperative printers during the resume collection season. An outside vendor performs maintenance, and it took an inordinately long time for the campus IT department to send a technician out here. We will continue to work with the IT department to secure more timely service in the future. If there is an ongoing problem in the lab, please notify a lab assistant, Eric Kistler, or Nancy Armstrong.



## Library Research Carrels

We have been working hard to resolve the various issues that came up during the carrel assignment process. We are sorry for any misunderstandings. The library is trying to provide as much open seating as possible so that law students can always find a seat here. Next semester we will get the carrel applications out to you earlier. Thanks for your understanding.



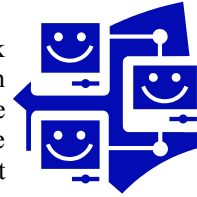
## Law Alumni Board Meets in Library

The Law School Alumni Board met in our Reading Room on Friday, October 11. We were delighted to be able to host the Alumni Board and certainly appreciate your patience while your usual study space was unavailable.



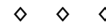
## Good News from the Campus IT Department

As frustrating as the network disruptions might have been during the last few months, the new servers and software contain an enhancement that could save your work.

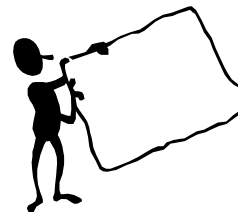


If you look in your "H:\:" drive (click on "My Computer"), you will see a folder called "~snapshot." That folder contains a backup of all files you have stored on your "H:\:" drive. If you inadvertently delete an important paper that you had saved to your H: drive, you will be able to recover it from the "~snapshot" folder.

This is one more reason to save anything important to your "H:\:" drive. Please call the Help Desk (x1111) or ask Eric Kistler if you need help with this new feature.



## Library Displays



We hope you are enjoying our displays at the library entrance. So far this year we have mounted displays to commemorate the opening of the Supreme Court term, to examine issues surrounding possible war with Iraq, to provide an introduction to the Turkish legal system, and to highlight our recent book acquisitions.

Over the next few months we will have exhibits featuring the Icelandic Exchange program, elections, famous crimes, the addition of our 300,000th volume, and the Ohio Bicentennial.

Please let us know if you would like us to develop a display on a law-related theme or for an event that your group is sponsoring.

