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Welcome to the Library

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On behalf of the library staff, I welcome all of you to the law library. Whether you are returning to us after a successful first or second year and a summer of clerking, or arriving for the first time, we hope you are ready to use the library as a place to study and to relax. We have plenty of carrels and tables for studying and sofas in leisure reading areas for relaxing.

Budget Cuts Most of you will be aware that the state ordered all its agencies to reduce their budgets by 10% in this fiscal year. UW budget cuts hit campus libraries particularly hard. The 4.8 million dollars the libraries received recently from the legislature apparently was seen as low-hanging fruit, ripe for the plucking. Our \$480,000 share of that was taken along with the larger portion the UW libraries had been given. So, things will be tight for us this year, but we hope to avoid significant cancellations of the new databases and other subscriptions brought to us by the enhanced budgets of recent years. President Buchanan has indicated he wants to return a substantial portion of those funds in the next fiscal year, and we're optimistic that will happen.

Changes The returning veterans among you will note a few changes in the library. The most visible of these is the addition of large recycling container clusters on each floor for glass, paper, aluminum, and plastic. One is adjacent to your mailboxes by the circulation/reserve desk, while the other sets stand just in front of the entrances to the library addition on the second floor and in the basement. Please use these to help us keep the library looking good and to avoid adding unnecessarily to the local landfill. In a similarly green vein, we have made available duplex printers in two locations; for information about those, see Edward's IT news herein. And many of you may note that Tawnya isn't around much first semester. She'll mostly be at home hanging out with her new baby Eli (see page 2).

Power and Safety In keeping with the theme of the greening of the library, I also want to bring to your attention the issue of electrical devices used at carrels. We've been quite relaxed about this, because we know you spend a lot of time in the library and having these things around you is

convenient. We also like the sense of identity and ownership you have about the library, and we like to encourage it.

On the other hand, the multiplicity of power drawing equipment present is both not terribly green and possibly dangerous. Appliances in constant use—such as mini-fridges, use more kilowatt-hours per year than you'd probably imagine¹—and many devices continue to draw power even when switched off.² It would be ironic to dedicate our new classrooms, created at the LEED-silver level, without considering how we consume power in other ways at the school. Moreover, appliances—especially those that heat—always bring with them the danger of electrical fires.

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¹ "A small refrigerator, say a model with a capacity of about 2 cubic feet... might be appealing. But these Lilliputian appliances are surprisingly inefficient when it comes to electricity consumption. The most-efficient compact refrigerator we recently tested consumes about 280 kilowatt-hours per year, compared with roughly 390 kWh for an energy-efficient 18-cubic-foot top-freezer refrigerator. That means the mini-fridge offers only about a tenth of the storage space but uses almost 72 percent of the energy the full-size model consumes. In other words, you're not getting a lot of storage bang for your fridge buck." CONSUMER REPORTS, *Q&A: Are compact refrigerators an energy-efficient alternative to full-size ones?* Available at <http://blogs.consumerreports.org/home/2008/08/qa-are-compact.html> (last visited Aug. 10, 2009).

² A printer or microwave, for example, can use as much as 6 watts per hour even when turned off. California Energy Commission, Consumer Energy Center, *Stand-by Power Consumption Chart*, available at <http://www.consumerenergycenter.org/myths/appliances.html> (last visited Aug. 14, 2009).

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Welcome Baby Plumb!

Tawnya Plumb, Electronic Services Librarian, and her husband Will, welcomed their first child, Eli Nolan, on July 20th. Although Tawnya will be on maternity leave this fall semester, she will be teaching her sections of Introduction to Research and will be available to work with her students.



New Library Catalog

If you are used to searching Legal Ferret for library resources, you will notice a big change. Over the summer the Law Library migrated to a new library system. Our new, unnamed library catalog has many of the same features as the previous system. You may easily search for the library's collection of books, periodicals, and online titles. You may review your check-outs, place holds, and renew online. Broadening your search to include collections from all University of Wyoming Libraries is easier and more comprehensive than before. And we hope you take advantage of the Request It and Prospector services. With these borrowing services, you will be able to request materials from UW Libraries and Colorado academic and public libraries, respectively, to be delivered here to the Law Library for pick-up. Watch for more information on how to use these and other upgrades to our library catalog.

Name our New Catalog

We'd like a new name for our new catalog and we need your help. You may enter our naming contest by completing the form available in the library. Feel free to submit more than one entry. The contest is open to faculty, staff, students and

alumni of the College of Law. The winning submission will be decided by a library committee, and the winner will receive a prize. Submissions are due by Wednesday, September 9th and a decision will be announced at our Library Catalog Launch Party on Tuesday, September 15th.

Shelving Changes

A summer never goes by without at least one shift of materials, and though this move occurred before the end of the spring semester, it involves heavily-used collections and is worth another reminder.

Our Wyoming statute sets and *Wyoming Digests* have moved to the first short stack in the middle of the reference area (M-C-1), and the *U.S.C.C.A.N.*, *Code of Federal Regulations*, and *Federal Registers* that were previously on M-N-1 are now on the north wall of the reference area near the fire door that leads to the clinics. This move is the result of expanding our reference collection. Reference materials such as practice sets and form books that were previously on the north wall of the reference area have been integrated into the reference collection to eliminate shelving confusion. And if you use our paper collection of *I.R.S. Bulletins* and *Revenue Rulings*, you will soon find those on the second floor with the government documents tax materials. The second series of the *Federal Reporter* has migrated to the basement, too. We will try to keep you informed of any other shifts of the collection in a timely manner.

Personal Items and Library Shelf Space

Last year was a difficult time for all of us as the building construction impacted classroom scheduling, student locker space, and the building environment. At that time the library stopped enforcing our policy of removing personal items from empty library shelves. However, now that the building has returned to normal use, we request that all personal items be stored within the confines of your carrel area, meaning they should physically reside within the desk area without impacting surrounding carrel users, and carrels are not to be moved to accommodate individual space needs. This will make the library neater and easier to use for all of us. We appreciate your compliance.

IT News

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Fall 2009 Technology at a Glance

- VTC (Video Teleconferencing) in three classrooms (Rooms 178, 180, 186)
- Capability to record or offer live webcast classes (Room 178)
- Classroom Performance System (Rooms 170 & 186)
- Richer and funnier presentations possible with touch button combination of computer PowerPoint slides, doc cameras, DVD/VHS and the Web
- Wired & wireless microphones (Rooms 170 & 178)
- Wired & wireless Internet access anywhere in the building
- Printing access
- Wireless presenter (for PowerPoint) with laser pointer (Rooms 170, 178 & 186)

Printers and Print Quota Increase Utility

All student printers are still in the same locations: One in Room 122, one in the small computer lab in the student lounge (Room 183) and two in the lab (Room 242B). Please visit the library's [Tech How-to's and Policies page](#) for more information about printing. The link above also has information on how to add money in case your free print allocation is finished before the end of the semester.

In its effort to be more environmentally conscience, the library has a new duplex printer that all patrons can use, located in the reference room. However, this printer will only accept print jobs of six pages or less.

Software available through UW

UW offers students, faculty and staff free anti-virus software, MS Office and a few others. They are all located at <http://uwadmnweb.uwo.edu/SOFTWARE/>.

Wireless

Once you are in the Law building, your laptop should automatically detect the Uwo and UWguest wireless networks. UWguest is mostly intended for guests and it only requires the users to have a valid email such as Gmail, Yahoo or Uwo. New students

using XP may need help from Edward to make Uwo work properly. Vista usually figures out all the default settings by itself. The library webpage has more information about wireless settings, printers, laptop recommendations and software (see [Tech How-to's and Policies page](#)).

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So, one of the things I want to do this year is have the Library Liaison Committee look into this topic and make recommendations for rules about the use of electrical devices in the library. It should prove to be an interesting and educational exercise in rational regulation. Meanwhile, I ask that you: 1) consider carefully what power-using equipment of your own you really need here; 2) that you use responsibly whatever you do bring; and 3) that you unplug items when they're not in use.

Community This leads me into my now-annual discussion of how we rely heavily on you to maintain an appropriate atmosphere in the library. Our library works well as a place to study and relax in large part because you, as members of a small community, exercise self-restraint and take responsibility for helping us maintain a comfortable, informal, but professional, atmosphere. Keep in mind that although this is your home away from home, it's also a university building that's shared with others. In particular, remember that the possession and consumption of alcohol in this building is prohibited by UW regulations, as it is in all university buildings, except by special permit. Enough said.

Finally, I would like to bring to mind again Robert Nozick's thought in *State, Anarchy, and Utopia* that only a "minimal state" is morally defensible. Whether or not that's true, we in the library certainly prefer the "minimal bureaucracy" we operate. Lao Tzu supposedly wrote: "When weights and measures were invented, people learned to steal by weights and measures." We too would rather depend much more on your common sense and common courtesy than an extensive manual of written rules to keep the library operating effectively. So, again, I welcome to your home away from home and encourage you to help us maintain it and to keep improving it.

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