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Library Week, April 13-17, 2009

Library Week is April 13-17 this year, and the library staff is busy making plans for a 3L party and a Green week.



3L Chocolate and Champagne Party

As tradition dictates, we will hold a 3L Chocolate and Champagne Party in the Library Inner Sanctum behind the Circulation Desk. This year the event will be on Wednesday, April 15, from 1:45 to 3:45. If you have class during this time, gather your classmates and stop by before or after. There will be an assortment of chocolate treats, champagne and non-alcoholic punch, and cheese and crackers for the carbohydrate-conscious.

Green Library

Did you know that the paper industry is the nation's fourth largest emitter of carbon dioxide? Are you aware that the printing industry is the single largest air polluter? Want to see how this compares with manufacturing of electronics and their energy usage? Well, this is your opportunity to satisfy those questions. Our library displays will focus on these questions. Watch for further information on:

- A Green Law Library report card.
- Answers to your energy use and environmental impact questions.
- Taking your carbon footprint and being entered into a green drawing.
- Instructions on sending us your Top Three Green Habits.

Ask Us a Green Question

What are the benefits of a programmable thermostat?

According to the Environmental Protection Agency and the Department of Energy, the average American household spends more than \$2,000 a year on energy bills. Almost half of this amount goes towards heating and cooling. By using a programmable thermostat, you can save approximately \$180 a year.

A programmable thermostat allows you to adjust the temperature in your home according to your family's schedule. For instance, you can program it to lower the heat at night and raise it again in the morning. You can also lower the temperature during the day when the house is empty and raise it again when the family returns.

So, start turning down your heat down by 10° when you go to bed at night and watch the savings add up!

Answered using: *Programmable Thermostats for Consumers* at

http://www.energystar.gov/index.cfm?c=thermostats.pr_thermostats

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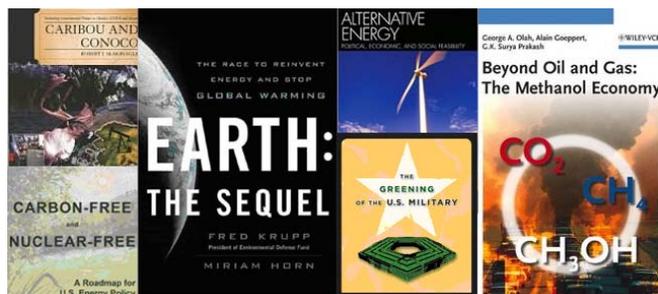
Compact Shelving and Collections

Some of you may recall that the self-study the law school wrote for its recent ABA site inspection alluded to the possibility of erecting compact shelving units in the basement. This would allow us to reduce the space consumed by lesser-used materials, thereby creating more space for the new books we're buying with our increased acquisitions funding, and possibly opening space in the library for other uses.

We expect that before the semester is over we will have responses to our request for proposals on this project. Depending on the cost, it's likely we will install compact shelving in either half, or all, of the basement during the summer. This means that some, or all, of you who have basement carrels would need to clear them out after finals. We'll let you know what's happening in this regard as soon as we know ourselves. There's so much construction going on around campus that this small project has had a rather low priority with the powers that be. Rest assured, however, that the carrels will return as soon as the project is done.

As for the new books that will be filling the space we create, you may be interested in knowing that we're adding material in all subject areas but are especially focusing on energy law, since that's an area of great concern to the UW and the state these days. Amy Pearce has been reviewing the collections of other law schools with strong energy law collections, and we're ordering titles they have that we weren't able to buy in our leaner years.

Although the university may suffer some budget trimming in the next year or two as a result of current economic conditions, we don't expect the library budget to be seriously affected. We welcome your suggestions, if you have specific recommendations for books you'd like to have us consider purchasing. Just talk to any of the library staff or send one of us an email with the information.



New Energy Law Titles

The library is building up its Energy Law collection to meet the needs of the expanding interests of the faculty in the College of Law. Here are a few of the new titles we've received recently.

Alternative Energy: Political, Economic and Social Feasibility by Christopher A. Simon
New Books Shelf - [HD 9502 .U52 S544 2007](#)

Beyond Oil and Gas: The Methanol Economy by George A. Olah, Alain Goeppert, and G. K. Surya Prakash
New Books Shelf - [HD 9502.5 .M472 O43 2006](#)

Carbon-free and Nuclear-free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy by Arjun Makhijani
New Books Shelf - [HD 9502 .U52 M346 2007](#)

Caribou and Conoco: Rethinking Environmental Politics in Alaska's ANWR and Beyond by Robert J. McMonagle
Treatise Room - [HD 9502 .U52 M395 2008](#)

Earth, the Sequel: The Race to Reinvent Energy and Stop Global Warming by Fred Krupp and Miriam Horn
New Books Shelf - [TJ 163.4 .U6 K78 2008](#)

Energy and Climate Change: Creating a Sustainable Future by David Coley
New Books Shelf - [TJ 163.2 .C625 2008](#)

Energy and Security: Toward a New Foreign Policy Strategy edited by Jan H. Kalicki and David L. Goldwyn
New Books Shelf - [HD 9502 .U52 E4543 2005](#)

Energy and the Environment by Robert A. Ristinen and Jack J. Kraushaar
New Books Shelf - [TJ 163.25 .U6 R57 2006](#)

The Greening of the U.S. Military: Environmental Policy, National Security and Organizational Change by Robert F. Durant
Treatise Room - [TD 195 .A75 D87 2007](#)

The New Energy Paradigm edited by Dieter Helm
Treatise Room - [HD 9502 .A2 N487 2007](#)

IT News

Rich Media Lingo Explained

Now that we will soon have Mediasite in our new classroom, let's look at the language associated with this technology. The words used to mean this same technology can be confusing. You may have heard WyoCast on UW campus this semester. Some schools refer to this technology by Mediasite; others call it Rich Media Recordings. They all mean the same thing - the technology that captures the audio, video, slides,... of a lecture or any event, compiles them into one package and makes the package available live on the web or available on-demand on the web.

A yellow rectangular button with the text "WyoCast On-Demand" in a bold, black, sans-serif font.

Mediasite Foundry is the main provider of this technology. Wyocast is a personalized name that UW adopted. And we will probably call ours LawCast!

Computer Deals

Whenever you purchase a personal computer, remember to check if there is a discount available to you as a UW student or employee. Dell, Apple Inc., HP/Compaq and Gateway are the only ones that offer such discounts at this time. Also keep in mind that those discounts do not guarantee the best price, so be sure to compare these prices with other stores before ordering. The following website has updated deals and contact information:

<http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/InfoTech/services/sales/compspecials.htm>



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New Electronic Resources

The **Religion Law Reporter** is an exclusively online electronic publication which reports and indexes U.S. federal and state judicial opinions addressing the free exercise of religion, state establishment of religion, the clergy and religious institutions. If you wish to receive periodic e-mails alerts from this resource, email tplumb@uwyo.edu.

Bloomberg Law Reports examine recent legal and regulatory developments covering a wide array of topics including: Antitrust & Trade, Asia Pacific Law, Banking & Finance, Bankruptcy, Corporate Law, Director & Officer Liability, Employee Benefits, European Law, Executive Compensation, Health Law, Immigration Law, Insurance Law, Intellectual Property, Labor & Employment, Litigation, Mergers & Acquisitions, Privacy & Information, Risk & Compliance, Securities Law, and Sustainable Energy. At any given time, we have access to only the most current issue for each title.

Both resources are available from our library databases web page on and off-campus for law students, faculty, and staff from www.uwyo.edu/lawlib/databases.asp.

Creating a Table of Authorities

LexisNexis is now offering law students and faculty free access to the educational edition of **Best Authority**. This table of authorities' creation software works as an add-in to Microsoft Word for Windows. For more information and to download visit <http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool>.

Prepping for Finals

With finals on their way, this is a good time to consider using the **Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction (CALI) Podcasts and Lessons** available from www.cali.org. UW College of Law students have access to a wealth of supplementary online lessons for a number of classes, required and elective. Lessons often include graded questions providing you with instant feedback. If podcasting is more your style, CALI Radio hosts a number of podcasts on various legal subjects. If you haven't logged into CALI before, see a librarian for our institution's authorization code.

Which is more energy efficient – cooking with a crock pot or cooking in the oven?

The chart below shows the energy use required to cook the same dish using an electric oven and a crock pot. It also gives the approximate cost of the electricity used, assuming 8 cents/kwh.

Appliance	Temp.	Time	Energy	Cost
Electric Oven	350° F	1 hr	2.0 kwh	16 cents
Crock pot	200° F	7 hr	.7 kwh	6 cents

You can see that using a crock pot requires less energy and saves you money.

No matter what method of cooking you choose to use, you can use the following suggestions to ensure you are conserving energy and cooking the most efficiently.

- Use as small a pan, as little water, as little preheat time and as little peeking in the oven as possible.
- For stove-top cooking, consider using a pressure cooker. By building steam pressure, they cook at a higher temperature, reducing cooking time and energy.
- Keep burner pans (the metal pans under the burners that catch grease) clean so they'll be more effective at reflecting heat to the cookware. Blackened burner pans absorb a lot of heat, reducing burner efficiency.
- If you use electric burners, solid disk elements, and radiant elements under ceramic glass, use flat-bottomed cookware that rests evenly on the burner surface. The ideal pan has a slightly concave bottom because when it heats, the metal expands and the bottom flattens out. Electric elements are considerably less efficient if the pan does not have good contact.
- Always cook with the lid on your pans. Cooking without lids can take three times as much energy.

- If you have a gas range, make sure that the gas burns blue. If the flame is yellow, the fuel is burning inefficiently and the range should be checked by the gas company.
- To reduce cooking time, defrost foods in the refrigerator prior cooking.
- Food cooks more efficiently in ovens where air can circulate freely. Don't lay foil on the racks. If possible, stagger pans on upper and lower racks to improve air flow.
- Cook double portions when possible, and freeze the remainder. Less energy is required to reheat than to cook the dish over again.
- Using glass or ceramic pans in ovens allows you to reduce cooking temperature by 25 degrees F with no extra time required.
- Microwaves operate better when the interior is clean. Spills will absorb energy waves just as readily as the cooking food.

Answered using: *Energy efficient cooking*. Mother Earth News, Apr/May93, Issue 137



Read and Return

If you find yourself reviewing or boxing up your personal book collection and have more books than you know what to do with, consider donating them to the library's Read and Return shelves. We stock these shelves with books for your law school colleagues to casually take home and return after reading. Donations are accepted in the library Reference Office.

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