

Hopper Headlines

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Suggestion for Library Improvements?

As you probably know by now, the law school may generate additional revenue in the near future via tuition increases. We would like to hear from students as to the library uses to which you think some of those funds might be applied. Would you like to see additional carrels installed? More group study space? Are there databases you'd like to have us license or areas in the collection you'd particularly like to see strengthened?

If you have suggestions or questions about this, talk to Debbie or Tawnya or me, or send one of us an email. Also, keep in mind that each class has a representative to the Library Liaison Committee to whom you could pass on your thoughts. Those representatives are: 1st year—Wendy Ross; 2nd year—Matthew Crowson; 3rd year—Katie Hui.

by Tim Kearley, Library Director

Library Holiday Tree—Many Parts Are Edible



As the semester ends, our minds turn to free time, food, family, and holidays. Until then, we invite you to relieve some of your stress by partaking of the treats on the library's holiday tree.

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As the Semester Turns: Exams and the Library

Of course, it is very important to be sober when you take an exam. Many worthwhile careers in the street-cleansing, fruit-picking and subway-guitar-playing industries have been founded on a lack of understanding of this simple fact.

Terry Pratchett, *Moving Pictures*

Exam Files

Exam time is upon us again. Are you aware that some professors make previous exams available for your review? From the law library website, www.uwyo.edu/lawlib/ click on "Exam File" in the right column. When asked for your username and password, enter your individual UW login. 2L's and 3L's please note that this is a change from our previous policy of one username and password for all.

Library Courtesy

Everybody is stressed this time of year. Your courtesy in the library is requested. Please keep conversation down, set cell phones to vibrate, and remove your cell phone conversations from the area.

Group Study

Study rooms are at a premium during this time of the semester. They may be reserved at the circulation desk for up to two hours at a time per group (not per person), and the reservations can be renewed if the room is still available. If the room is not in use, individuals may use the space. However, groups have priority and may ask individuals studying in the room to move out if they have properly reserved it.

In addition, we are extending the use of our reference area to group study space. From Thanksgiving Break through exams, groups may set up at the tables in the Reference area to work together. Conversation is expected, though we ask that groups refrain from being boisterous. We will be erecting sound barriers, where possible, to accommodate the additional noise. Please remember that all areas near student carrels are quiet study space.

Visiting Scholar in the Library

Some of you may have noticed the temporary “carrel” we’ve set up on the second floor of the addition using cubicle materials. Its inhabitant is Mei Bo Cheng, a UW Visiting Scholar from China. Mei (pronounced May) also goes by the English name of Colin May. Since the law school has no extra office space, this is the best we could do for him, and we wanted to let you know why he’s there.

Mei has a law degree from the Nanjing Finance and Economics University and is a candidate for a Master’s in Law from the Soochow University School of Law. He worked briefly as an associate for a law firm in Suzhou and is currently on a leave of absence from a clerkship at the Hiqui Court in Suzhou.

Mei’s special interest is in evidence, and while at UW he’ll be researching that topic for his thesis. Mei will be in residence here until April and will be auditing classes as well. Say hello to him when you have the chance.

Click on This: Online Treatises

New Loislaw Treatise Titles

Our library has recently purchased electronic access to treatises in five content areas: Business Practice, Employment Law, Estate Planning, Family Law, and Real Estate. These treatises are those published by Aspen, a valued legal publisher, and include forms and checklists along with full coverage of the legal topic. E-treatises are available from the Loislaw <http://www.loislawschool.com/> and also linked from the library’s Legal Databases page. Click on the “Treatise Libraries” link to gain access. Additional content areas are listed, but we only have full text access to the five mentioned above.



Accessing Databases Off-Campus

While researching, remember that most library databases can be accessed off-campus by clicking on the “Off-Campus” access link from any law library website and entering in your UWYO username and password. *Loislaw* is the last database to be successfully implemented into the proxy. The *Index to Foreign Legal Periodicals*, *Shepards*, and *Keycite* are not accessible through the proxy due to licensing restrictions.

Loislaw™

Attention 3L's – I want your baby photos!

For the GRADUATION (yes, it is not too soon to be thinking of graduation) display this year, I would like to incorporate your baby photos. While home for the holidays, snag a picture from a family photo album. I’ll scan it and return it safely in no time. Don’t be shy – share!

Thanks, Tawnya Plumb

Any guesses as to which faculty are below?



Legal Writing Contests

Legal writing contests afford students the opportunity to present and publish papers and earn cash awards. Competitions run throughout the year. If you have written a paper for class that you feel has a chance to be published, visit the library web site at <http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/lawlib/student.asp>, and follow the Legal Writing Contest link to find where you can submit your work. New competitions are being posted at the Career Services job web site as they are received, as well as on the Career Services bulletin board outside the 1L classroom.