It’s been a very busy semester, and after everything that has gone on to this point, we are just now approaching the crescendo. The weeks after Thanksgiving and continuing through finals are important ones for all of us. So, briefly, we want to remind you about library rewards to help get you through the upcoming time and library policies to remind everyone that to get through this time requires cooperation from everyone.

Each year during finals the library staff members decorate a tree with edibles to provide sustenance to those students studying in the building day and night. When you feel that a study break is in order, please come to the library entrance to seek out a snack.

This time of year requires strict adherence to our library quiet study time. Please take note of posted policies on library use. Stress and the need to share library resources often result in more difficulties this time of year. Since we know where many of those issues arise, this is a good time to remind students about library policies that are most often infringed:

**Quiet Study.** All areas of the library that have carrels are quiet study areas. Conversations should be moved from study areas to study rooms, the reference area, or the student lounge. Remember that short conversations can often grow into lengthy discussion that disturb those around you. If you fall into that trap, as we all do, then be apologetic and quiet down when asked.

**Group Study Rooms.** Rooms are available for group study for up to two hours per group. Groups may renew their reservation if no other group has reserved the room for the following time slot. We have two closed carrels for individual study. Rooms are reserved at the circulation desk.

**Reserves.** Exam preparatory materials on Reserve get heavy use this time of year. These materials check out for three hours at a time. Because of the demand, we require immediate compliance regarding return times. Refusal to return items can result in loss of borrowing privileges for future items.

**Online Study Aids.** Happily, students are able to access some outlines and study series through their Westlaw accounts. You may retrieve nutshells, hornbooks, Exam Pro, and the Acing series, among other titles. Log on to Westlaw and select the My eProducts link at the top of the page. You may search content with a keyword search or use the Subject, Materials Type, and Series tabs to locate resources you would like to review.
The George W. Hopper Law Library recently acquired access to the Law360 platform via Lexis Advance for students and faculty. Law360 is a subscription legal news service used by legal professionals to stay current on what’s happening across the legal industry. Every business day, Law360 publishes more than 175 articles across 40+ practice, industry, and state sections. It’s a one-stop source for the legal news and analysis you need. With this new access to Law360, you can easily set up newsletters to be delivered to your inbox daily on any of the various practice areas. Once logged into Lexis Advance, look for the Law360 icon in the news heading.

If you would prefer to access Law360 directly, email tplumb@uwyo.edu to request a personal ID.

I’ll Take My Looseleafs Online, Please

The library has recently subscribed to the CCH/Wolters Kluwer IntelliConnect platform. This platform includes online versions of titles that you might know and love such as Bankruptcy Law Reports, Consumer Credit Guide, Federal Estate and Gift Tax Reporter, and the Standard Federal Tax Reporter. In addition, IntelliConnect includes a hundred more titles in the areas of antitrust & trade, banking & finance, corporate & securities, energy and natural resources, government contracts, health care, insurance coverage, intellectual property, labor & employment, products liability, tax and more. Access IntelliConnect from our library databases page at http://www.uwyo.edu/lawlib/databases/ under the subject-specific heading. On campus you will have seamless access. Off campus you will be prompted for your UWYO username and password.

If you’d like an individual account with IntelliConnect, email tplumb@uwyo.edu to receive registration information. After registering, you can set up email news alerts, save your searches, and create folders on the IntelliConnect system.

Back up your files:
It is a good practice to back up our data at least twice a month. As we get close to the finals, backing up becomes even more critical. You may use an external USB flash drive as your backup drive or you may opt for free cloud storage, in which case you should be selective of which data are safe to be in the cloud due to potential security breach.

Printers
The printer named “Westlaw Room 242 Printer” has been removed from Grail since it was having way too many issues. All of the other six printers are still available on Grail. It is also planned that the next time we purchase new printers we will add one color printer in the Room 242 Lab.

Wireless
A new Wireless Access Point has been installed near the north-east part of the library’s first floor. If your carrel is in that area you should notice an improvement in the signal strength.

Loaner Laptops
The Law Library has a few Dell laptops that law students can borrow to take finals. Coe library also has laptops available to all students (purchased by IT Student Services). If you need one of these laptops you must reserve it ahead of time since they get taken very quickly on a first-come, first-served basis.