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Summer Library Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 8 a.m. - 11 p.m.
Friday 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. - 11 p.m.

* Specific schedules for intersessions, holidays and other breaks will be posted or check the web at <http://www.law.unlv.edu/library/hours.html>

Reference Hours:

Mon. - Thurs. 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.
2 p.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Reprographics/Copy Center:

Mon. - Thurs. 1:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Friday 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

* Holiday and break hours will vary from schedule. For summer schedule / services, check their office.

Library Staff:

Administration:

Rick Brown, Director
Kory D. Staheli, Associate Director
Joy Y. Nishie, Management Ass't III

Public Services:

Jennifer L. Gross, Ref. Librarian
Matthew Wright, Ref. Librarian
James Quinn, Circulation Supervisor

Technical Services:

Steve Elkins, Head of Tech. Services
Sean Saxon, Tech. Svcs. Librarian
Rebecca Bostick, Serials Assistant
Nancy Downing, Serials Supervisor
Martha Hard, Acquisitions Assistant

It was a very good year

by Rick Brown

Director

As we approach the end of the Law Library's second year of operation, it is natural to reflect on the growth and development of the Library during that year. By any reckoning, as nearly native son Frank Sinatra would say, "It has been a very good year."

The heart of any library is not its collection but its staff. The already excellent staff of the UNLV Law Library has been strengthened by the addition of four new staff members during the past year. Steve Elkins, with many years of law library experience at Villanova University and the University of Virginia law libraries, arrived in June as Head of Technical Services. That area is a crucial but somewhat hidden part of the library that orders, receives, catalogs, and processes all of the materials that make up the law library collection. Matthew Wright, graduate of the University of Utah Law and University of Washington law librarianship program, came in August as our second reference librarian. Joy Nishie moved over to the Law Library from the Psychology Department as our

Management Assistant III (to bring much needed order to the law library administration) in June and Martha Hard joined the staff last month as our Acquisitions Assistant.

The collection has grown rapidly as well. Our total volume count (including both hard copy volumes and microform volume equivalents) is now over 167,000 and that number will continue to grow rapidly over the summer as materials on order are received and processed.

Unlike the staff and the collection, the physical plant did not grow during the past year. However, planning for the Law Library's (and the Law School's) permanent home on the main campus has been moving forward rapidly. The construction documents for the project are almost completed and we expect construction to begin late this summer. The new law library will be a first-rate facility, nearly three times as large as the existing law library, with adequate space for books, micromaterials, computer facilities, study areas, and meeting rooms.

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details on pg. 4!

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LEXIS gears you up for summer

Summer Access to LEXIS

You may request full educational access for the summer if you are involved in an unpaid externship (e.g. public interest or judicial), summer school or school-related work (Law Review/Journal, Moot Court, Research Project for Professor or Clinical Program Staff). Contact your LEXIS Publishing Representative if you have questions about qualification. Sign up for Summer Access at <http://lexis.com/lawschools/> and click "Summer Access."

Summer Research Assistance

As always, your Lexis Publishing Representative, Darcy Dauderis, Esq., will be available throughout the summer to meet with you for refresher training, research assistance and advanced training to get ready for next year! You can contact Darcy at (702) 568-7962 or darcy.dauderis@lexis-nexis.com. If you'll be in Reno this summer and need some assistance, Lexis Student Associate Janet Traut, will be spending the summer in the North. You can contact Janet at jetraut@aci.net.

Training Classes to be offered

Watch throughout the summer for LEXIS training classes - refresher, advanced, certificate workshops... Stay tuned! Something you're interested in seeing? Let your rep. know!

Congratulations to Case Summaries & Core Concepts Winners!

For those who spent 10-15 minutes with Janet or Darcy learning about the new Case Summaries & Core Concepts this spring, several were lucky winners in the national contest. Congratulations to Steven McDonald and Jessica Wolf, winners of a \$25 gift certificate from Amazon.com. Also, congratulations to the winners of \$5 Blockbuster Video gift cards: David Aberman, Rob Beyer, Craig Bourke, Sarah Carrasco, Janice Casarotto, Andi Chang, Kevin Hedden, Dave McAfee, Raymond McKay, Sunny Ruitenbeek, Michael Staudaheer, Tara Tyler, and Dale Wellman.

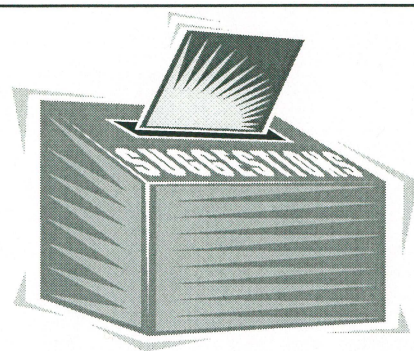
Take advantage of Loislaw.com during the summer

by Jennifer Gross

Reference Librarian

Loislaw.com is a legal research database similar to Westlaw and Lexis. The owners of Loislaw have decided to make it available to our law school free of charge. As an added bonus, you may use Loislaw for free all summer, even during your summer employment. This applies even if you use it to research law for your summer employer. Loislaw has done this because they feel it will be a good way of marketing the database. A Loislaw password and instructions for logging on will be e-mailed to you within the next few weeks.

Comprehensive coverage of caselaw from all 50 states and the federal courts can be found at Loislaw.com. It does not contain any secondary sources, for example, law reviews, or treatises. Because it only consists of primary sources, Loislaw is much less expensive than Westlaw or Lexis (of course, for law students, it's free). For a complete listing of the Loislaw libraries, pick up a brochure in the computer lab. Although this site is not as comprehensive as Westlaw and Lexis, Loislaw does have a very good search engine. The interface is very similar to Westlaw and Lexis, so you should be able to figure out how it works fairly easily. If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact one of the reference librarians.



Out of the suggestion box

by James Quinn

Circulation Supervisor

We have received many excellent suggestions in the suggestion box. We have taken them all under careful consideration and have adopted several of them. Thank you very much for your input and your interest in the library. I would like to respond to two of the suggestions.

The first is that we change reserve checkouts from two to four hours. I have heard this from several people, and it seems reasonable to take it to Prof. Brown and Prof. Staheli for consideration. However, before I do I would like to hear from students (if any) who would be opposed to this idea, as well as anyone else who is in favor of it. If you have any thoughts pro or con, please drop by my office and let me know. You can also call 895-1398 or send an email to quinnj@nevada.edu.

The second was a suggestion that we update the audiotapes and other study aids at reserve. That collection contains materials that were donated

see *Suggestion* on page 3

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Get a jump on your summer clerkship!

Many law schools around the country sponsor "Jump Start" programs at the end of the school year to help students prepare for summer employment. Following that tradition, a Jump Start program will be held here at the William S. Boyd School of Law on Saturday, May 20, 2000 beginning at 9:00 a.m. Law librarians and lawyers will be teaming up to offer students a full day of free legal research review and training. A sign-up sheet is located in Building 2 at the reception desk and enrollment is limited to 50 students. The Law Library, Career Services, and the Associate Dean of Student Services are sponsoring this program.



Preliminary Schedule:

9:00 a.m.	Welcome
9:15 a.m.	Legal Research Strategies
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:15 a.m.	Primary and Secondary Source Research: A Review
11:00 a.m.	Break
11:15 a.m.	Researching Nevada Law
12 noon	Lunch (to be provided) and Panel Discussion: "How to make the most of your summer clerkship"
1:30 p.m.	Break
1:45 p.m.	Legal Research on the Internet
2:30 p.m.	Closing

Martha Hard joins the library staff

Martha Hard, the Law Library's newest staff member, is now our Acquisitions Assistant. She comes by way of the main campus library where she filled a temporary position for over a year. Previously from Buffalo, New York, Martha arrived in Las Vegas in September 1998. Jobless for only six weeks, she was hired at Dickinson to work in Faculty Copy Service, then housed in Interlibrary Loan. Martha's experience comes from working in two hospital libraries for a total of 10 years. "I am much relieved to be in a permanent 'real' job," she says, "and I look forward to an enriching, exciting career as the Law School and the Law Library expand into the irresistible future."

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by local attorneys who purchased them for their own use in law school. The library did not purchase them and does not plan to keep them updated. The way to expand and update that collection would be for people to continue donating materials. If you have purchased tapes, flashcards or outlines that you no longer need, please consider donating them to the study aids collection so the students who come after you can benefit from them. A current list of study aids can be found at the Circulation Desk.

Thanks again for your ideas. Please continue to use the suggestion box often!

Librarian

Ask Madam



Dear Madam Librarian,

Why do the exams on reserve have to be stapled and bound in folders? We have to pay 14 cents a copy to hand copy compared to 4 cents [in the copy center].

-Anonymous

Dear "I Don't Want to Pay 10 More Cents a Page" Student,

In the midst of finals week, it sounds like you could use an interdisciplinary history lesson. Once upon a time, reserve exams were compiled in a loose-leaf format and, alas, pages inevitably wandered the vast catacombs of the library, never to be seen or heard from again.

As a result of this wanton carelessness, the next student who checked out the reserve exam thought they were getting the whole enchilada but in reality, they were missing crucial pages. In order to put your minds at ease and ensure each student is getting the complete reserve exam, we've bound and stapled the contents and placed them in a permanent folder. While you may have to cough up a king's ransom to copy them in this format, we think it's a small price to pay (literally and figuratively) for the assurance that you are getting every last page of the reserve material. Now stop worrying about exam materials and go to the bottom of the page to fill out your entry for a Black's Law Dictionary! Madam Librarian knows you can't afford to buy one after paying for all those reserve copies, after all!

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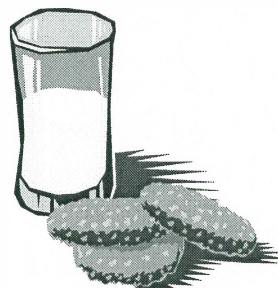
Madam Librarian assures anonymity. Please put your questions for her in the 'Ask Madam Librarian' box at the Circulation Desk or email her at mlibrarian@hotmail.com

Sedona Bark Cookies

from the recipe box of Nancy Downing, Serials Supervisor

Soothe your sweet tooth with this quick and easy treat that makes a lot but is guaranteed not to last a long time!

- 1 cup (2 cubes) butter (not margarine)
- 2 cups packed brown sugar
- 50-60 salt crackers
- 12 oz package chocolate (or butterscotch) chips



Preheat oven to 450 degrees. Grease cookie sheet (or line with tin foil). Lay saltines flat in solid layer in pan. Use half-crackers to fill in open spaces.

Melt butter in saucepan over medium heat. Add brown sugar and stir constantly until mixture reaches full, rolling boil. Boil for 3 minutes. Pour quickly over saltines and spread to edges of pan. Place in oven for 3-5 minutes until mixture bubbles. Watch carefully or it will scorch.

Remove from oven and immediately sprinkle chips evenly over all. Wait 1-2 minutes for chips to soften, then spread to edges.

Cool at least 3 hours; best if cooled in fridge or freezer. Break into pieces and store in air-tight container in fridge or freezer (or cookies will be sticky).

Law Students: Win a hardcover Black's Law Dictionary!

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Open only to UNLV law students; one (1) entry per a student. Drop off entry form in the box near the library circulation desk. Drawing to be held the last day of finals (5/12/00). Need not be present to win; winner will be contacted by email or phone.