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New Face at the Reference Desk

By Susan Morrison
Catalog Librarian

There’s a new face behind the reference desk this semester at the Law Library, but Alexis Fetzer is no stranger to the Law Center or to the library. Alexis worked in the Law Library while an undergraduate at LSU. After receiving her degree in history, with a minor in French, she entered law school and is now in her third year of study at the Paul M. Hebert Law Center. She plans to begin work on her library degree after receiving her J.D. and hopes to join our ranks as a law librarian.

Group Study Room Reservation Goes Online

By Kevin Baggett
Circulation Librarian

Just in time for the hectic finals study period, the Law Library has changed the way law students can reserve group study rooms. We are now offering an on-line only reservation portal. You may log-into the system using your LSU Law Center ID and password at this address: https://it.law.lsu.edu/MRBS or follow the Group Study Rooms link on the Law Library Home page.
When you are reserving the group study rooms, remember to follow the regulations regarding their use:

- LSU Law students may reserve a room 24 hours in advance using the on-line reservation system.
- Southern Law students may reserve a room with the circulation desk student worker via the on-line reservation system.
- Law students must present a current student ID at the circulation desk to check out a study room key and must return the key at the end of the period for which they have reserved the room.
- Checkout periods are for 3 hour intervals per study group, not per person.
- You must have at least 3 people in your study group and they must all be present at the time of checking out the room.

Any violation of these regulations will result in voidance of the reservation and possible study room privilege revocation. The online reservation system will be monitored by an administrator and any reservations made more than 24 hours in advance will be deleted.

If you are having trouble creating your reservations, visit the library group study room page for a quick tutorial:  [http://www.law.lsu.edu/index.cfm?geaux=library.groupstudyrooms](http://www.law.lsu.edu/index.cfm?geaux=library.groupstudyrooms)
Blood Drive
By Rita Parham
*Media Services Librarian*

The Law Library Community Outreach Committee will sponsor a Blood Drive to benefit the LSU Blood Service Center, LSU Medical Center at Earl K. Long. This is an annual community outreach event, and it rewards blood donors with a cholesterol check, tee shirts, cookies, and drinks for their contributions. Donors can also receive information on how to participate in the blood assurance program.

Wednesday, October 27, 2010
8:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m., Room 107
Paul M. Hebert Law Center

Donors are encouraged to eat well before donating.

Current Awareness through BNA Premier
By Mary Johns
*Assistant Director for Technical Services/Systems Librarian*

The Law Library’s subscription to BNA Premier allows our users to stay current on a variety of legal topics. BNA has more than 600 reporters, lawyers, and editor; and it is the largest independent publisher of information and analysis products for professionals in business and government. BNA Premier includes access to 160 daily, weekly, or monthly news services covering the full range of legal, legislative, regulatory, and economic developments that impact the business environment around the nation and the world. Specialty areas include corporate law & business; employee benefits; employment & labor law; environment, health & safety; health care; human resources; intellectual property; litigation; and tax & accounting. For instance, if you had signed up for the U.S. Law Week Supreme Court Today you would receive the following up-to-date news on October 12, 2010.

U.S. Law Week's Supreme Court Today

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LATEST NEWS

The U.S. Supreme Court today granted review in seven cases on its appellate docket, two of which were consolidated:
• *Bond v. United States*, No. 09-1227. Does a defendant whose efforts to poison a romantic rival led to her conviction under 18 U.S.C. § 229 for possessing and using chemical weapons lack standing to challenge the statute on the ground that it unconstitutionally impinges upon state sovereignty?

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http://pubs.bna.com/ip/bna/lwt.nsf/StatusCasesGrantedRev

The court today denied review in 47 cases on its appellate docket:
http://pubs.bna.com/ip/bna/lwt.nsf/StatusCasesDeniedRev

The URLs included in the email highlight lead you into BNA Premier for more news about each case, along with any opinions.

To sign up, go to http://www.bna.com/emailssignup. When you’re off-campus or using wireless in the library a BNA password is required. Stop by the Reference Desk or contact Mary.Johns@law.lsu.edu for the current password.

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Need Clinical Medical Journal Articles?
Ajaye Bloomstone
Acquisitions/DOCLINE Librarian

When writing papers or conducting research, DOCLINE may be a resource to consider. DOCLINE is the document delivery system of the US National Network of Libraries of Medicine and used internationally by medical libraries to share clinical medical journal articles. As a member of the South Central Region of NNLM, the LSU Law Center Library is one of a handful of law libraries in the United States participating in the DOCLINE program. Many of the law reviews we hold contain articles of a medico-legal nature which we share with hospital and academic medical libraries, and they reciprocate with us in sharing clinical medical articles from their journal literature, usually on a free reciprocal basis. The next time you need articles from the medical journal literature, feel free to contact Ajaye Bloomstone, ajaye.bloomstone@law.lsu.edu, 578-4044, for assistance in tracking down these resources.

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Midnight Hours Coming Soon

The Library will extend its hours to midnight beginning Monday, Nov. 15 through Dec. 10. Check the Library Calendar for details. Upcoming closed dates include Saturday, Nov. 6, 13, and 20 due to football home games, and Thursday, Nov. 25, for the Thanksgiving holiday.