Notes From the Director

By Anne Acton

Sophisticated Spaces for Students and Staff

You have probably noticed the décor upgrades to several of the library public spaces that were made over this past summer. The Cherry Room finishes and furniture have all been redone and multimedia equipment has been installed for use by any classes, events or conferences that take place in there. The first floor and mezzanine levels are newly furnished, matching the furniture and cherry wood décor that has been phased in over the past few years.

What you might not have noticed are various staff work areas that have been improved. The Reference Office now houses three staff members instead of four and sports a conference table for meetings and group projects.

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Portia Gets a Makeover

By Sandy Lamar

Portia now sports the school colors, and features a detail from the statue of Portia and Shylock which is at the circulation desk. The changes, however, are not simply cosmetic.

Quick links from the top menu are always available. From left to right, notice quick jumps to the NESL homepage, the library homepage, and our full database page. On the right, the Worldcat link leads to a database at Firstsearch which allows you to search thousands of library catalogs world wide for materials NESL does not have. If you find material via Worldcat which would help you, our ILL form is a click away.

The Administrative Office on the second floor now conforms to the cherry finishes and matching professional furniture.

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New Databases

by Helen Litwack

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News from the Circulation Desk

by Anita Chase

The library has passes to local museums around Boston for NESL students, faculty, staff and alumni that can be used at a reduced rate. Currently we have the Museum of Fine Arts, the Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and the Museum of Science. Reservations should be made in advance at the library circulation desk or by calling the circulation desk at (617) 422-7288.

The Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Science are daily coupons which have to be used on the date printed on the coupon. The Museum of Fine Arts coupon admits two people for $5 each for general admission (regular admission for students is $15) and the Museum of Science coupon admits up to four people for $5 each (regular admission for students is $17). The Gardner admission fee is $5 per person with the museum pass.

For more information or to link to each museum, go to the NESL library homepage and Museum Pass Program listed under Administration of the Law Library or stop by the library circulation desk.

Staff News

by Kristin McCarthy

Jeffrey Manganaro  (Class of ’07) was hired as the new part-time Saturday reference librarian. While he was a student, Jeff was on the New England Journal for Criminal and Civil Confinement. He also worked for the library and was the Westlaw Student Representative for the 2006-2007 academic year. During the week, he clerks at the Probate and Family Court. Jeff replaces Bob De Fabrizio  (Class of ’90) as Saturday reference. We are grateful for the work that Bob has done for us over the past year and are delighted that Jeff has joined our staff.
Notes From the Director (Cont’d.)

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Also on the second floor, a new Archives Office has been built out of repurposed administrative space. Now the Portia Law School, Calvin Coolidge College and New England School of Law institutional archives are housed in attractive, organized space.

IM Reference

by Brian Flaherty

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When in doubt… CHAT

The reference staff has recently rolled out a two pronged attack against the absence of NESL Reference Librarians in Cyberspace. You can now “chat” with a reference librarian, either on AOL Instant Messenger (username: NESLReference), or by using our VRL Plus instant messenger service.

To ask a question on AOL or MSN, just send a message to NESLReference. There is usually a librarian logged on to AIM whenever there are reference librarians on duty (and sometimes when there aren’t – yes, some of us have been known to log on to AIM and answer reference questions from home JUST FOR FUN).

BNA Databases

by Kristin McCarthy

The New England School of Law Library added a great new electronic resource to the collection this summer. Some of the most frequently used BNA publications (Bureau of National Affairs) are now available online from the library homepage. These databases are accessible by clicking on BNA Core Collection or through our complete database list. In addition, because the library subscribes to the BNA collection, the databases are now available to all students and faculty through their Westlaw and Lexis accounts.

The BNA Core Collection includes the ABA/BNA Lawyers’ Manual on Professional Conduct, the Antitrust and Trade Regulation Report, the Criminal Law Reporter, the Family Law Reporter, the Labor & Employment Law Library (including BNA’s Labor Relations Reporter), the Securities Regulation and Law Report and United States Law Week. The BNA publications are useful for conducting research. The Labor & Employment Law Library reports on judicial and administrative cases in the areas of fair employment practices, individual employment rights, disabilities, labor-management relations, and labor arbitration. The BNA publications are also invaluable for keeping current. For instance, U.S. Law Week provides access to and commentary on U.S. Supreme Court cases as well as other federal and state cases that set new precedent, interpret a new statute or regulation or deal with newsworthy issues. U.S. Law Week is also very helpful in locating circuit splits among the federal circuit Courts of Appeal.

Because BNAs are so useful for current awareness, students and faculty may want to sign up for email alerts. E-mail alerts are provided on a weekly basis and provide links to more complete information in the publications online. On the main page for the Core Collection, there are links under E-mail Preferences where you can sign up for e-mail summaries of any BNA reference library (the Labor & Employment Law Library) or BNA news service (all the other BNA publications).

Law review and New England Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement students were introduced to the BNA databases and updating services during orientation because they are so useful for topic selection. But if any student or faculty member would like help using these databases or setting up email alerts, the reference staff would be happy to help. Stop by the reference desk in person or phone (617-422-7299) or email us (email from the library homepage) and we can get you started with the BNA databases.
Librarians’ Recommended Reading

By Library Staff

**Harrison, Bernard.** 
*The Resurgence of Anti-Semitism: Jews, Israel and Liberal Opinion* 

This book is recommended both on its own merits and for its usefulness as just the kind of mental exercise (in parsing language) that can help develop the critical thinking required of lawyers.

Written by a self-identified non-Jewish analytic philosopher (Professor Emeritus of Philosophy, University of Utah), and taking as its jumping off point the 2002 British magazine *New Statesman*’s cover art depicting a Union Jack pierced by a Star of David, with the headline “A Kosher Conspiracy?”, Harrison’s points are arguably as relevant to liberals and leftists here in America as to those in the UK and Europe, with whom this book primarily deals.

**Benjamin, Stuart.** 
*The Lincoln Lawyer* 

A legal thriller about a defense attorney and his search for recognizing the innocent man that brings out recognizing pure evil. Plot twists and a surprise ending make this a great book for commuting or leisurely reading.

**Eggars, Dave.** 
*What Is What* 

Story of the history of the civil war in Sudan told through a refugee living in the United States.

**Barnes, Julian.** 
*Arthur and George* 

A novel set in the early 1900s, its focus is on the real life case of George Edalji, who is aided in his criminal case appeals by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle.

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Interlibrary Loan

By Amy Rice

Do you need a source that the NESL library doesn’t have? Do you want to do some non-law related reading (because you have so much time on your hands)? Interlibrary Loan is here to help! The process is quick and easy, and for certain types of materials, you may never have to leave home to receive them.

You can submit a request using the electronic form on the library webpage, using WorldCat (in the list of databases on the library home page), or fill out a paper request at the circulation desk.

Please allow a reasonable amount of time to receive your request.

Books usually arrive in 7-10 days, but can arrive sooner if they are coming from local libraries.

Articles, if they are sent in electronic format, take 1-3 days and can be e-mailed to you. We will call you when your materials arrive, and you can pick them up at the library.

Please take advantage of this service. It is free and easy!

Contact Amy Rice with any questions: *arice@library.nesl.edu*; 617-422-7289
Portia (cont’d)

(Continued from page 1) For example, that Stanford Law Review is in print in our library, you can see from the display that you can get full text, pdf articles from 1948 in JSTOR and HeinOnline, from 1982 in Westlaw and Lexis, and from 1998 in Expanded ASAP.

The default search is now a keyword search which returns results grouped from the most relevant to the least relevant. In this example, the search is limited to International Law, books only, which are in our Reserves collection behind the Circulation Desk:

The result, below, shows 50 brief citations per page, grouped by relevancy, with an easy link to switch to arrange results by date or alphabet. In this example, the “most relevant” books (10 of them) all have the phrase “International Law” in the title. Within that “most relevant” grouping, materials are in reverse chronological order.

Group 2, starting with item number 11, contains the next most relevant results. The items in it are weighted more heavily because of where and how the terms appear in the record (for example, the terms might be in the sub-title, notes, or the contents field). Notice, for example, the book titled Guide to International Legal Research. In this example, it is the Library of Congress subject headings in combination with the title that indicates that this is highly relevant.

If you click through to the record itself, you get a “copy status” display which tells you quickly if you can check the book out. If you click on “full record” you can see why this was considered highly relevant even though it didn’t use the exact term “International Law” in the title.

You can easily switch between a relevancy results view and an ungrouped view sorted by date or title using the links provided at the top of the result set.

Recommended Reading (cont’d)

(Continued from page 4) Jed Rubenfeld The Interpretation of Murder The first novel written by Yale law professor Jed Rubenfeld and involves a murder which occurs in New York City in 1909, during the week that Sigmund Freud comes to America for the first (and last) time to give a lecture.

Irene Némirovsky Suite Française “With these two novellas, Holocaust victim Irène Némirovsky accomplished the daunting task of translating the unspeakable horror and chaos of war -- at the precise moment it was exploding all around her -- into luminous, coherent, and masterfully crafted fiction.”

Christopher C. Horner The Politically Incorrect Guide to Global Warming and Environmentalism This latest installment in the P.I.G. series provides a provocative, entertaining, and well-documented expose of some of the most shamelessly politicized pseudo-science we

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The number of New England School of Law student organizations with a presence on Westlaw’s TWEN has risen to thirty eight. This includes organizations formally recognized by the SBA, such as the Environmental Law Society, as well as individual graduating sections, like the Evening Class of 2009. This popularity is fueled by the ease in which students can join organizations, communicate via forums and email, and work collaboratively on documents. If you would like to join a student group’s TWEN course, log on to TWEN, click add a course, then scroll down to the student group listing.

If you would like to request a TWEN page be set up for an organization or group, please speak with any reference librarian. You will need to sign an additional Internet User Agreement and designate a person to serve as administrator. Also, keep in mind that TWEN pages generally can be set up to remain active for an entire academic year. If you desire a continuing presence, you will need to activate the page for the summer and each additional academic year.

The advanced search query screen has lots of bells and whistles, with a FAQ of search commands and tips. Some may be familiar to Westlaw and Lexis users (quotations for an exact phrase, the usual stop-words not searched), while some may not be: “cat^7dog” means in ranking results by relevancy, give the word “cat” seven times more weight than the word “dog”). The query screen’s checkbox “Search for articles outside JSTOR” refers to journal websites that may have free recent issues posted, but there are not many of these.
Databases (cont.)

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ALI Library

New also for this semester, NESL has added the American Law Institute Library module to our HeinOnline subscription. This database currently contains a reference guide to the collection, Uniform Commercial Code drafts and confidential drafts. More content will be added; click on “Guide to American Law Institute Publications” to see the complete list of full-text available now and what will be coming.

Newspapers

This year, Massachusetts Library Information Network (MLIN), which provides us free IP-linked access to a number of Infotrac databases, has added the New York Times, 1995-, Proquest Massachusetts Newsstand (Boston and local regional newspapers back to the late ‘80s or early ‘90’s), Massachusetts History Online (overlaps considerably with what we have elsewhere, e.g., law reviews, bar journals, legal newspapers including Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly back to 2004-, but also has a few interesting & unique titles such as Journal of American and Comparative Cultures, Journal of Social History, Journal of the Early Republic). NESL database list has a link for all MLIN databases.

Coming Soon:

EBSCO’s “Literary Reference Center” (full text of over 1,000 books) will also be available soon through MLIN.

Recommended Reading (Cont’d)

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are likely to see in our relatively cool lifetimes.

Charles Jencks

The New Paradigm in Architecture: The Language of Post Modernism

This book follows the evolution of Post-Modernism through its key players: Daniel Libeskind, Robert Venturi, James Stirling, Hans Hollein, Aldo Rossi, Rem Koolhaas, Peter Eisenman and Frank Gehry. Broken down into major trends and illustrated with nearly 400 photographs and diagrams, this 7th edition is a comprehensive study in the field of Architecture today.

Jasper Fforde

The Eyre Affair

Jasper Fforde described it as "a literary detective thriller with romantic overtones, mad-inventor uncles, aunts trapped in Wordsworth poems, global multinational scheming evildoers, an excursion inside the novel Jane Eyre, dodos, knight-errant-time-traveling fathers, and the answer to the eternal question: Who really wrote Shakespeare’s plays?"

Margaret Frazer

Tale and The Traitor's Tale

are both political shenanigans surrounding the death of the Duke of Suffolk, and possibly a plot against the King of England.

Erik Larson

Isaac’s Storm: A Man, a Time, and the Deadliest Hurricane in History.

This book traces the development of weather forecasting, formation of the National Weather Service, and the 1900 hurricane that struck Galveston Texas with no warning.

John Barry

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Barry traces the development of medical education, virology, and bacteriology as he chronicles the horrific influenza virus that killed millions throughout the world in 1918.

Other Titles Read and Recommended:

John Barry

Rising Tide: The Great Mississippi Flood of 1927 And How It Changed America.

Douglas Brinkley

The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast

Stephanie Meyer

Twilight

Dennis T. Avery and S. Fred Singer

Unstoppable Global Warming: Every 1,500 Years

Henrik Svensmark

The Chilling Stars: A New Theory of Climate Change

Ann-Marie MacDonald

The Way the Crow Flies

Jeannette Walls

The Glass Castle

Len Lyons and Ilan Ossendryver

The Ethiopian Jews of Isreal
SUMMER EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

The library sent a survey via email to all 2L, 3L and 4L’s asking about summer legal employment. We were particularly interested in what legal research students did over the summer and what databases and print materials you used. If you have not had a chance to fill out the survey yet, please take a moment to do so. It is only 9 questions! So far the library has collected about 75 responses and will publish a summary of responses in the spring newsletter. Stay tuned!

IM Reference (Cont’d.)

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To reach our VRL service, just go to the library home page (http://www.nesl.edu/library), and click on “Chat on VRL Plus.” This will bring you to a screen where (after you turn off your pop-up blocker) you can type in your question, and “log in to live chat.” If there are no librarians online, you will be able to leave an Email message (we try to respond to the Email as soon as we receive it, but certainly within the same day). The VRL system is more versatile than AOL or MSN – using the VRL Chat service we can actually browse the internet with you – follow your searches and suggest alternatives, suggest web-pages, or introduce you to resources you’ve not tried yet – all real-time.

While we’ve had the VRL service available for over a year, recently traffic has really picked up as our students have discovered the convenience of having a reference librarian available via their home or workplace computer. Take advantage of the outstanding staff you have available to you for school, for work, or JUST FOR FUN.
Library Hours

Monday—Friday
7:30 AM—11:00 PM
9:00 AM—10:00 PM
10:00 AM—11:00 PM

Saturday
9:00 AM—10:00 PM

Sunday
10:00 AM—11:00 PM

Please Note the Following Exceptions; Any Further Exceptions Will Be Posted:

Mon., Nov. 12—Tues., Nov. 20
7:30 AM—11:50 PM (Mon.—Fri.)
9:00 AM—11:50 PM (Sat.)
10:00 A.M.—11:50 PM (Sun.)

Wed., Nov. 21
7:30 AM—6:30 PM

Thurs., Nov. 22
CLOSED (Thanksgiving)

Fri., Nov. 23—Fri., Dec. 7
(Extended Hours)
7:30 AM—11:50 PM (Mon.—Fri.)
9:00 AM—11:50 PM (Sat.)
10:00 AM—11:50 PM (Sun.)

Sat., Dec. 8—Thurs., Dec. 20
7:30 AM—11:50 PM (Mon.—Sun.)

Fri., Dec. 21
7:30 AM—11:50 PM (Last Exam)
9:00 AM—6:00 PM
10:00 AM—6:00 PM
8:00 AM—6:00 PM
CLOSED (Christmas)

Sat., Dec. 22
8:00 AM—6:00 PM (Mon.—Fri.)
10:00 AM—6:00 PM (Sat.—Sun.)

Sun., Dec. 23
10:00 AM—6:00 PM

Mon., Dec. 24
8:00 AM—6:00 PM

Tues., Dec. 25
8:00 AM—6:00 PM

Wed., Dec. 26—Mon., Dec. 31
8:00 AM—6:00 PM

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