FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome back! Over the summer, the law librarians and staff have been busy with renovations to the law library and purchases for the collection.

Federal stimulus money was used to purchase the electronic Making of Modern Law collection including Legal Treatises (1800-1926) and United States Supreme Court Records and Briefs (1832-1978), the Foreign and International Legal Resources collection on Hein Online (a rich collection of international yearbooks) and books on international and comparative law (our recent monthly acquisitions lists reflect the significant purchases in this area). In addition, four new group study rooms are now complete. These larger rooms, located on the Assembly Street side of the law library’s fourth floor, opened in April and students were using them even before the new furniture was installed.

With the financial support of anonymous donors, the reference librarians were back on the road training non-law librarians on the basics of legal research – the Circuit Riders program.

We renovated the law library by repainting and installing new carpet on all of the upper floors, replacing the circulation desk countertop, recovering most of the furniture in the library, and installing new reading tables for the first floor. You’ll learn more about these enhancements throughout this issue.

Please let us know how you like these renovations, and, as always, please contact me or any of the librarians if you have questions about the library’s resources or services.

Duncan Alford
Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library
Friends of the Law Library Come Through…
Donors’ Generosity Lead to Exciting Programs Old and New!

Thanks to anonymous donations, the Law Library re-starts, continues, and adds many features for its patrons

Terrye Conroy and David Lehmann are completing their 2010 Circuit Riders tour. This award-winning Outreach Program, which launched in 2006 but stalled last year due to lack of funding, received much appreciated financial support this year through an anonymous donor. This generous donation provided the funds necessary to re-start the program and conduct the workshop, entitled “Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians”, in 10 locations throughout the state over this spring and summer.

The workshops were held at libraries in Sumter, Spartanburg, Florence, Aiken, Greenville, Rock Hill, North Charleston, Beaufort, and the final workshop for 2010 was held August 6th at the Anderson County Library in Anderson, South Carolina.

For more information about the program, visit the Circuit Riders web site at, http://www.law.sc.edu/library/circuit_riders/. The program was featured in the fall 2010 Carolinian as a Carolinian SALUTE article, “Philanthropy Works”, and in the July/August issue of the Legal Information ALERT publication with an article entitled, “Circuit Riders Teach Legal Research Skills to Non-Law Librarians: A Talk with Terrye Conroy”, 2009 Spirit of Law Librarianship Recipient. It was also the subject of a presentation at the annual meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries in Denver, Colorado in July.

Also with funding from an anonymous donor, the law library has been able to greatly enhance our Federal Legal Collection, adding approximately 120 titles to the collection.

The Law Library greatly appreciates the support received from these donors!
With the receipt of stimulus funds, the law library added four new group study rooms and no sooner than the dust settled from construction, these rooms quickly became a “hot item” for students.

The rooms are located on the 4th floor of the library, along the Assembly Street side, and are available for use by groups of 3 or more students. They can be reserved through TWEN, and instructions for making reservations are posted on the law library’s web page, as well as on signs posted on the doors of each room.

Fortunately, the construction was completed over the summer and fairly quickly, so the inconvenience was minimized, and well worth it!

Other improvements to the library include new carpet and paint on the upper floors and reupholstering of most of the furniture, which gave the library a fresh, new look.
CONGRATULATIONS!

Law Library Faculty/Staff Deserve BIG Congratulations…

Katie Holtz, Circulation Assistant in the Law Library, graduated on Saturday, August 7, 2010 from the School of Library and Information Sciences and received her Master of Library and Information Sciences (M.L.I.S.) degree. All of us in the Coleman Karesh Law Library are very proud of her accomplishment, as Katie has been attending school part-time since 2007, while continuing her full-time work here in the law library.

She has also been the recipient of the Prue Goolsby Endowed Scholarship each semester, which is awarded to a deserving Library School or Law School student who has worked in the Law Library for at least one year and has expressed an interest in law librarianship. This scholarship provided some much appreciated financial assistance towards her books and technology fees, and we are all grateful to Mrs. Prue Goolsby for her continued interest and assistance in the Law Library.  **Congratulations, Katie!**

Katie receiving congratulations from Dean Pratt

Terrye Conroy, Reference Librarian and 2009 Spirit of Law Librarianship Award recipient, was awarded tenure by the University this summer. Terrye is very active in the librarians’ community, implementing not only the Circuit Riders, but many other programs as well.

Terrye received both her J.D. and M.L.I.S. degrees from The University of South Carolina, and she joined the Law Library faculty in 2004. She currently teaches Legal Research and Advanced Legal Research and has conducted numerous national, regional, and local presentations. Terrye has worked tirelessly and serves the law library, law school, and the community well. We are all happy that she has achieved this much deserved milestone and join in saying,  **Congratulations, Terrye!**
Tech Services Rocks!

So we rolled on out...

On Wednesday, May 12th, the Technical Services Department received a staff appreciation day, and, along with Associate Dean Alford, enjoyed a well deserved break with an afternoon of food and fun on the horseshoe.

After meeting several important deadlines, the Technical Services team deserved a break, and Sara Repinski planned the day: lunch at the McCutcheon House and then some time just hanging out on the Horseshoe. It was a perfect day.

We learned that there is a little competitive nature in all of us, especially Duncan, as we played a few spirited games of bocce ball.

On a quick tour of the McKissick Museum, Mary Cross and Pam Dawes shared stories of the days when it was the main research library on campus.

In all we had a great time. Who would have thought that we would enjoy bocce ball so much?

Coleman Karsh Law Library welcomes its newest employee, Ms. Julie Noland. Julie is a full-time, temporary Reference Librarian and is teaching two sections of Legal Research. She received her J.D. from Northern Kentucky University and her M.L.I.S. from the University of South Carolina.

Julie is located in room 103D (when not at the reference desk) and can be reached at 777-6109. Welcome, Julie!
NEW DISPLAY FOR 2010 MEMORY HOLD THE DOOR

During his orientation welcoming speech, Associate Dean Rob Wilcox uses four examples from the Memory Hold the Door biographies to highlight the professional virtues that law students and lawyers should cultivate. In addition, the law library mounts a display that celebrates the lives and accomplishments of the four examples used. The attorneys honored in the 2010 display are:

**John Betts McCutcheon, Jr.** (1936-1990)
"Mr. McCutcheon was a man of great intellectual and legal ability, but, looking beyond such attributes, he was a man of personal grace, dignity and respect for God and man."

**David W. Robinson, Sr.** (1874-1953)
"Mr. Robinson was an admirable citizen, scrupulously honest and of great ability, professionally and otherwise. 'He never shirked the unpleasant features of a legal fight when to do so might gain his own personal advantage.'"

**Ellen Hines Smith** (1909-1975)
"Ellen spent her life breaking glass ceilings, not aggressively, or from selfish motives, but through sheer ability, energy and a compassion for her fellow human beings."

**Thomas Porcher Stoney** (1840-1885)
"He excelled at both the law and politics. An exceptional advocate, stump-speaker without peer, he could sense the reactions of jurors and voters who responded to his vivid personality, his reasoning and his innate character, honesty and integrity. He enjoyed the affection of most of those who knew him, the sincere respect of all."

The display is located on the first floor of the library, between the South Carolina Legal History Collection and the Attorneys Room.

**ON THE MOVE...**

**Stephanie Marshall**, Asst. Director for Faculty Services, has relocated her office to room 309. Stephanie has been using that office part-time, but is now located there full-time. Her new phone number is 777-9652.

**Sara Repinski**, Acquisitions Librarian/Head of Technical Services, has accepted a new position as the Technical Services Team Leader at Widener University Law Library, and will be leaving Coleman Karesh Law Library in mid-September. While we will most certainly miss Sara tremendously, we congratulate her and wish her well in her new endeavor!
LAW LIBRARIAN ACTIVITIES

Terrye Conroy

Presentations

*Legal Research and Reference* course for the School of Library and Information Science, spring 2010, with David Lehmann.

“Statutes, Cases and Codes, Oh My! Easing Public Librarians Down the Road to Legal Reference,” Presenter-panelist, American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) annual meeting, Denver, CO., July 2010, where she shared her experiences with the Law Library’s Circuit Riders Outreach Program.

Served as the Chair of the Legal Information Services to the Public (LISP) Special Interest Section (SIS) of AALL for the 2009-2010 academic year.

David Lehmann

Presentations


Circuit Riders Lecture Series: 1-day Statewide Workshop Presentations w/Terry Conroy

Publications


Pamela Melton and Rebekah Maxwell attended the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries (SEAALL) annual meeting to promote the 2011 meeting, which is being hosted by the South Carolina Law Library community and will be held in Columbia, South Carolina in April 2011.