FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Colleagues –

I wanted to inform you of some recent improvements to the Law Library and its collection. We have renovated the entrance to the library – adding carpet and lighter paint. This renovation was in response to student comments about the “institutional” feel of the entrance.

The law library has started an approval plan of scholarly books on legal topics published by university presses in the United States and the United Kingdom. This approval plan will deliver these books on a regular basis at a discount to build the scholarly book collection in the library.

The law library has taken possession of various photographs and other memorabilia from the study of James F. Byrnes previously held by the Thomas Cooper Library. The law library has displayed for decades selected pieces of furniture from the Byrnes home in Columbia. These newly acquired items will complement the law library’s existing holdings once owned by one of the most prominent South Carolinians of the 20th century. More details on these items can be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

In mid-April the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries will be holding its annual meeting here in Columbia. Approximately 200 law librarians will be here to discuss the conference’s theme on partnerships among libraries, and between libraries and other entities. My colleagues in the law library, Pamela Melton, Rebekah Maxwell, Karen Taylor, Terrye Conroy, and David Lehmann, have been working diligently on local arrangements for this annual conference.

As always, please let us know if we can be of any assistance.
The law librarians of South Carolina, including the librarians of the Coleman Karesh Law Library, are proud to be the hosts of the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries. There are over 500 SEAALL members - in academic, court, and law firm libraries - from twelve southeastern states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico. The meeting will be held from April 14-16, and will give our law librarian colleagues from all over the southeast a chance to enjoy our beautiful city. Details are posted at the Annual Meeting’s website at http://seaall2011.law.sc.edu/.

We are undertaking a thorough cleaning of the library stacks and books. This is a slow process, so please forgive the noise on nights and weekends as we make our way throughout the library. We are currently cleaning on the 2nd floor, and we hope to have that floor completed by the end of the semester.

Our intrepid staff member, Joey Plumley, wielding one of our two new HEPA vacuums.
Circuit Riders Program Starts
2011 with a Bang!

The Circuit Riders Outreach Program started its 2011 series with a presentation at South University on January 21, 2011. The USC law librarian Circuit Riders, Terrye Conroy and David Lehmann, conducted their all-day Legal Research for Non-Law Librarians workshop for a record number of public and academic librarians.

Participants represented libraries from Florence County, York County, Midlands Technical College, Claflin University, South University, and the University of South Carolina’s library school and Thomas Cooper Library.

The workshop focuses on accessing state and federal statutes, cases, and regulations; using secondary sources to identify and interpret these resources; and avoiding the unauthorized practice of law.

WELCOME NEW LIBRARY EMPLOYEES!

The law library is pleased to introduce Gloria Zinky and Jane Fraytet. Gloria joins us as Head of Technical Services. She previously was Associate Director at the Charlotte School of Law and a Senior Trainer at Innovative Interfaces, the maker of our library’s integrated library system. Jane is a part-time, temporary Reference Librarian from the Charlotte, N.C. area. She previously worked at TIAA-CREF and several Charlotte law firms. Gloria’s office is located in the library’s Technical Services area in room 102, and she can be reached at 7-5898 or zinkyg@law.sc.edu. Jane can be reached Monday-Thursday at 7-6109 or fraytetj@law.sc.edu, and is located in room 103D, when not serving on the library reference desk.
TDNet for Legal Journals and Periodicals

The Coleman Karesh Law Library has upgraded its legal research offerings to law students and law faculty. The library has added TDNet for legal journals. This database is an adjunct to the TDNet available through Thomas Cooper which offers social science and other e-journals. Our TDNet journals include legal journals and periodicals from Lexis, Westlaw, HeinOnline, and Lexis Academic. The database also includes “by title” searching for BNA and ABA journals, as well as Legal Trac and Wilson’s Index to Legal Periodicals.

TDNet offers law students and law faculty a single point of access to legal e-journals. It also offers users online searching of the entire database by keyword, author, and subject. It will show all journals in a given subject area, allow users to search and browse titles, give users the ability to create profiles of “favorite” journals for easy access, and allow users to receive unlimited weekly alerts by e-mail or RSS feed for selected journals. If you have any questions about this new service, contact a reference librarian for information and help in its use. The reference desk is open 8:30 to 5:00 or by phone (803) 777-5902 or via e-mail at lawref@law.sc.edu.

To use TDNet, just go to the Law Library website and click on Law School E-Journals:

The TDNET page offers searching by title, simple or advanced search, or click ALL on the TDNET homepage and see an alphabetical listing of the journals.
The Law Library is constantly monitoring databases and sources of legal information to provide access to law school faculty and students. In an attempt to have the most input and commentary on new databases prior to any purchase, we have set up a trial database page so everyone can use proposed new databases. We have added a link to Survey Monkey to allow comments on the databases prior to a final decision about their purchase. Please review the databases that pertain to your interests and let us know what you think about them via the survey or an email.

This month we have two databases on trial, Paratext’s, 19th Century Masterfile and Gale’s, The Making of Modern Law.

- **19th Century Masterfile** - This database gives researchers a single resource for exploring pre-1930 literature, and linking to full text, where available. The 19th Century Master File provides access to English and foreign language materials published prior to 1930.

- **Nellco-Gale Databases** – “With 1.85 million pages, comprising approximately 1,350 titles and 2,225 volumes, The Making of Modern Law is a virtual gold mine of information for legal historians.” The Making of Modern Law components are:
  - MoML V, Primary Sources Part II (1763-1970)
  - MoML IV, Primary Sources Part I (1620-1926)
  - MoML III, Trials (1600-1900)

These databases can be accessed from our home page.
James F. Byrnes Collection of Materials

The Coleman Karesh Library recently acquired from the Thomas Cooper Library materials originally from James F. Byrnes’ study in his Columbia home. The collection includes photographs of United States and world leaders and framed copies of political cartoons from the 1930s, 1940s, and 1950s that hung in Byrnes’ study, along with a desk, a 1942 calendar, a clock, bookends, and a writing set he used. The desk and writing set, along with many of the political cartoons, are currently on display in the South Carolina Legal History room on the first floor of the Law Library. The photographs are housed in the Law Library’s Archives and Special Collections room.

The Law Library’s Archives and Special Collections room also houses photocopies of Byrnes’ copies of briefs submitted to the United States Supreme Court while he was an associate justice on the Court from July 8, 1941 to October 3, 1942. These photocopies were obtained from the James F. Byrnes Papers at the Clemson University Libraries’ Special Collections Department and form a nice complement to the materials received from the Thomas Cooper Library. For access to the photographs or the photocopies of the briefs, please contact Pamela Melton or Michael Mounter in the Law Library.
In an effort to give the library entrance a less “institutional” feel, we painted, installed carpet, and added prints from around our campus. The smaller prints include the current law school, Petigru (which housed the law school from 1950 until it was moved to its current location), and the National Advocacy Center.

Also in progress, the small group study rooms on the upper floors of the library are being renovated. In addition to re-painting and re-carpeting, we’ve ordered new study tables for 7 of the rooms, and had the tables in rooms 218B, C, D, & H refinished. The foyers of the ladies’ restrooms on the upper floors are also receiving new paint and carpet, and as a “finishing touch”, we’ll install mirrors and benches for the ladies’ convenience.

We’re trying to schedule most of this construction during spring break and will ensure the least amount of disruption possible if the project goes past spring break.