FROM THE DIRECTOR...

Colleagues –

I wanted to update you on recent developments in the law library. First, we have shifted the collection in the law library to accommodate the growth of our print collection and the changing needs of our patrons. The bound journal collection was bursting at the seams and has been moved to the 4th floor. The first floor collection – the core collection of case reporters and statutes – has been rearranged to bring case reporter sets together and to allow for the growth of the reporters. As part of this process, we added more table seating on the first floor at the request of students who expressed a preference for studying at tables near natural light.

Second, to enhance the student space in the library, we repainted and recarpeted the small group study rooms and installed new study tables in those rooms. The foyers to the women’s rest rooms on the upper floors of the law library were refurbished with new carpeting, new paint and full-length mirrors. More comfortable, attractive chairs have been installed on the first floor of the law library.

Third, we have also added significant new electronic resources to our collection:

- Proquest Legislative Insight – This robust database of legislative history is a companion to Proquest Congressional (formerly LexisNexis Congressional). This collection will eventually contain compiled legislative histories and the full text of the relevant legislative documents for over 18,000 significant public laws since 1929.
- Oxford Scholarship Online – Our first purchase of electronic books contains the law titles from Oxford University Press

Of course, none of the accomplishments described above could have been completed without the dedication and hard work of the librarians and library staff. I would like to thank Karen Taylor for planning the shift of the collection and Michael Mounter and Joey Plumley for accomplishing the shift. I would like to thank Karen and Jayne Hatchell for their assistance in planning the physical plant improvements. All the librarians and library staff aided in making these improvements a reality and I would like to thank them all for their hard work this past academic year. As always, please let us know if we can be of assistance.

Duncan Alford, Associate Dean for the Law Library
LOOKING FOR A GREAT PLACE TO STUDY?

CHECK OUT ALL THE NEW STUDY AREAS IN THE LIBRARY!

Whether it’s overlooking the fountain, in a tucked away nook,
at your favorite old spot
enjoying our new chairs,
lounging out in the open,
or in a refreshed study room,

WE’VE GOT THE SPOT!
New Arrangement of Library Collections

This summer, we have moved some of our collections to make materials more usable for patrons and to open up additional the study areas on 1st floor for students and other patrons.

- The entire national and regional reporter collections, which had been split between the 1st and 4th floor due to space constraints, are now housed on 1st floor.

- The periodical collection, which had also been split between the 1st and 4th floors, is now housed on 4th floor. Current issues are still available at the Circulation Desk.

- All of the American Law Reports series, including the “Trinity series”, are now together on 1st floor.

- Various legal multi-volume form sets, such as American Jurisprudence Legal Forms, Nichol’s Cyclopedia of Legal Forms, West’s Legal Forms, American Jurisprudence Pleading and Practice Forms, etc. have been moved to the 1st floor.

- All of our South Carolina materials, other than the Transcripts and Briefs collection, is now centrally located on the 1st floor. This includes superseded codes, House and Senate journals, bills, Attorney General Reports, etc.

- We have also moved the South Carolina section of the classified collection, KFS 1800-KFS2399, to the 1st floor.

A large map of the 1st floor, which details the new arrangement of 1st floor materials, will be located at the entrance to the library. Small pocket maps will be available at the Reference and Circulation Desks.

Many thanks to Michael Mounter, Joey Plumley, and student employees, Tim Mulholland, Andrew Harris and Aaron Glenn for their hard work which resulted in a smooth and rapid shift of the collections!
Law Librarians of South Carolina Host Annual Meeting of the
Southeastern Chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries

The law librarians of South Carolina hosted the 2011 meeting of the Southeastern Chapter of AALL from April 14 through April 16.

Law librarians from all over the Southeast came to our beautiful city to enjoy innovative educational programming, networking with colleagues, and peerless hospitality. Pamela Melton, Associate Director for Library Administration, chaired the Local Arrangements Committee and did a yeoman’s job negotiating with hotels, caterers, and event planners.

Other members of the committee were Terrye Conroy, Pam Dawes, Jayne Hatchell, David Lehmann, Rebekah Maxwell, and Karen Taylor, all of the Coleman Karesh Law Library; Paula Tejeda of the Charleston School of Law; David Morgan of the McNair Law Firm; Melanie DuBard and Linda Martin of Nelson, Mullins, Riley, and Scarborough; Donna Trimble of Bowman & Brooke; Janet Meyer of the South Carolina Supreme Court Library; and Marcia Burris of Ogletree Deakins.

The pre-conference Institute, which focused on the teaching of legal research and writing, was moderated by Robert T. Bockman. Representing USC on the Institute panel were Rebekah Maxwell, Terrye Conroy, Jan Baker and Liz Dalzell. We offer our special thanks to Bob, Jan, and Liz for their contributions to the Institute, the best-attended in recent history. Thanks also to Lisa Eichhorn and Duncan Alford for their moral support, and heartfelt thanks to Jayne Hatchell and Pam Dawes for logistical support.

Our Community Service partner for the meeting was The Nurturing Center in Columbia. SEAALL members bought the Center a collection of children’s books and the organization presented the Center with a check for $1,000.00.

The meeting was a huge success and we are happy to have hosted. Hats off to Pamela and the Committee for a job well done! To learn more about the meeting, our library’s involvement, and to see our fascinating photo gallery, visit the annual meeting site at:
http://seaall2011.law.sc.edu/
LIBRARIAN ACTIVITIES

On Saturday, April 16, 2011, Katie Holtz and Rebekah Maxwell presented “Partnering with Student Journals for the Delivery of Library Services” as part of the programming for the SEAALL Annual Meeting. The presentation was one in a series of Ignite presentations delivered at the meeting. Ignite is a production technique that has been likened to a cross between PowerPoint and a poetry slam. An Ignite presentation is done in five minutes with 20 slides that are programmed to advance every 15 seconds. The presenter must use powerful images and sharply focused-commentary to achieve maximum impact. A five-minute presentation can take from six to ten hours of production work. This is the first time this programming format has been incorporated into a SEAALL meeting. We had a lot of fun, learned a lot, and were able to share interesting information with our audience.

Also as part of the SEAALL programming, Duncan Alford was the moderator for the Plenary Session: Moderated Discussion - Future of Legal Publishing. The speakers for this session were: Scott Collins, Vice President of Lexis Law Schools; Steve Newsom, Managing Director, Lawriter LLC; and Dinyar Mehta, Director, WestlawNext

The Law Library took its Circuit Riders outreach program to Newberry in April to help South Carolina Access to Justice Commission launch its first pilot Self-Help Center in our state. Learn more about the Circuit Riders program at http://www.law.sc.edu/library/circuit_riders/.

Terrye Conroy co-authored two chapters in the third edition of Mitchell M. Yell’s “The Law of Special Education.” The book was published in the spring.