From The Director…

Welcome back. I hope the start of the semester has gone smoothly. I wanted to report on library activities over this past summer.

Li Ma joined the library team on June 1, 2014, as our new acquisitions librarian. She joins us from St. Louis University where she served as acquisitions and serials librarian for over five years.

The law library has subscribed to additional databases. The Making of Modern Law: Foreign, Comparative and International Law Treatises contains approximately 3400 online treatises published prior to 1926. Some of these treatises are considered rare and, therefore, inconvenient for researchers to use. These electronic titles are full-text searchable and readily available from your desktop.

The library also subscribed to Fastcase, an online database of both federal and state law. The SC Bar will provide free access to Fastcase to bar members beginning October 1. The SC Bar will no longer provide access to Casemaker. Our students will now have the opportunity to use Fastcase prior to entering legal practice.

Please remember that law faculty and law students have access to a digital subscription to the New York Times. Please contact the reference desk for access information.

The law library purchased a sophisticated book scanner located on the first floor of the library. Researchers are requesting digital copies over print copies and this high quality scanner will meet that need.

Pamela Melton, Associate Director for Library Administration, led the digitization of the South Carolina Register. With the cooperation of the State Library and Thomas Cooper Library, the complete run of the State Register is now available online for free to researchers. This project complements other law library digitization projects – South Carolina Attorney General Opinions and historical records and briefs of the South Carolina Supreme Court – that are nearing completion.

Please see the remainder of the newsletter for more details on the recent busy summer in the Law Library.

As always, please let us know if we can be of assistance.

- Duncan Alford, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library
Join Us for Libraryfest 2014!

Every Fall, the Library opens up its doors to the faculty, staff, and law students, in particular to introduce ourselves to the new class of students. This year, LibraryFest will be held in conjunction with Constitution Day. Stop by on Wednesday, September 17 between 12:30pm and 2:00pm to check out awesome displays on the Constitution, to meet our vendor reps, and to eat some delicious cake. LibraryFest is the only chance for 1Ls to win one of two study carrels up for grabs by entering our prize drawing! Other prizes will include t-shirts, prize packs with lots of goodies, and gift cards to local establishments. We hope to see the whole law school community there!

New Students Tour the Library

On Tuesday, August 19, over 215 first year law students participated in tours of the Law Library as part of their First Year Orientation activities. Students took a tour of the library, were introduced to key faculty and staff within the library and IT department, and were given instructions on how to register for Westlaw Next, Lexis Advance, and Bloomberg.

Regular Fall semester hours for the Law Library are as follows:

Please note:
Admittance to the law school building after 9:00 pm is restricted to USC faculty, staff, students, and members of the bar with proper ID.
Law Library Faculty and Staff Achievements

Law Librarian **April Hathcock** recently accepted a position at the New York University Bobst Library in Manhattan as the scholarly communications librarian. She will be working on intellectual property compliance issues for the library. She will be missed and we wish her the best in her future endeavors.

Law Librarians **Terrye Conroy** and **Alyson Drake** presented at the 2014 Computer-Assisted Legal Instruction Conference in Boston, Massachusetts, in a panel entitled, "Thinking Outside the Book: Legal Research Instruction" on creating an online textbook for the first year Legal Research, Analysis, and Writing Program and the online manual for the Circuit Riders Program, along with their colleagues Tina Brooks and Beau Steenken from the University of Kentucky. The panel described how to implement the writing of an online textbook and how they created and embedded video materials and quizzing features into the online textbook. Panelists also described lessons they learned in the process, to help others avoid those same pitfalls as they implement their own online textbooks.

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**New Library Scanner**

In response to increasing demand, this summer, Coleman Karesh Law Library added a scanner to its array of electronic equipment available for students and patrons. The scanner features a touch screen, face-up scanning, preview screens, and smartdock capabilities.

The Law Library’s new high-speed scanner is located on the first floor of the library, near the public access computers. Scanning instructions are available on the touch screen. However, if assistance is needed, any of the Access Services staff will be happy to oblige.

*Left: The new high-speed scanner, located on the first floor of the Law Library. Photo courtesy of Pamela Melton.*
Library Bobbles

One of the most inspiring and beloved collections in the Coleman Karesh Law Library is not comprised of books at all. It is our collection of bobbleheads representing the Justices of the United States Supreme Court. The bobbleheads come to us through the largesse of The Green Bag, a legal journal to which the library subscribes. They are produced erratically and must be claimed in person by presentation of a certificate, which is mailed to the subscribing entity. Maybe. The certificates are issued with an element of caprice; not every subscriber gets a certificate for every bobblehead. It is a cause for celebration when the library gets a certificate, and then the wild scheming begins about how we’re going to perfect our claim. Because the bobbles must be picked up in person at a D.C. law firm, we generally rely on the benevolent offices of colleagues in D.C. or onsite colleagues who are traveling in the area. Once we have a willing courier, we hand off the certificate; only originals will be accepted.

The bobbles are created to reflect as much of a Justice’s jurisprudence as the Green Bag’s designer can cram onto a figurine. The figures’ various decorations and accoutrements represent legal issues considered and opinions written. Sometimes even the clothing, shoes, and accessories reflect an event of historical significance in the Justice’s life or career.

This fascinating and entertaining collection is currently on display in the publications cabinet in the Law Library’s entrance hall. We invite you to come and enjoy it with us. You can learn how to interpret the features on the figurines at http://www.greenbag.org/bobbleheads/bobbleheads.html

Above: The Coleman Karesh Law Library Bobblehead collection, located in the entrance hall to the Law Library.