From The Director…

As we arrive at the end of the fall semester, I wanted to update you on activities in the library this past fall.

The librarians have been busy planning for the library in the new building. Selection of the library furnishings is nearly final. A recent walk through of the new building revealed the outlines of beautiful and comfortable spaces in the new law library.

Candle Wester and I recently made a presentation to the Law School Library Committee on the transition to ebooks by libraries. Public libraries have long provided access to ebooks. Academic libraries and law libraries have been more deliberate in their adoption of ebooks. While I will not go into the full details of the presentation on ebooks, I wanted to highlight the following:

- The library provides access to ebooks through Oxford Scholarship Online, Proquest, and PASCAL, a consortium of academic libraries in South Carolina;
- Ebooks allow for new and different types of research;
- Ebooks purchased by libraries are often not cheaper than the print version of books;
- South Carolina procurement regulations put up some complications in the purchasing of ebooks; and
- The academic publishing industry has not converged on a uniform platform for ebooks.

We will continue to introduce more ebook titles but are taking a deliberate approach, particularly given the recent mergers of several academic publishers.

Please see the remainder of the newsletter for more details on the busy fall semester in the Law Library.

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

Have a joyful holiday and a Happy New Year.

- Duncan Alford, Associate Dean and Director of the Law Library

Keep Current With What’s Going On at the Library!

To find out the latest on what’s happening at the law library between issues of the Addendum, check out the Cocky Law Blawg and Coleman Karesh Law Library’s Facebook page!
Law Library Inter-session and Holiday Break Hours:

- **Wednesday, December 23 through Sunday, December 27:** CLOSED for HOLIDAY
- **Monday, December 28 through Wednesday, December 30:**
  Monday — Wednesday 10:00 am—2pm
- **Thursday, December 31 through Sunday, January 2:**
  CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY
- **Monday, January 4 through Tuesday, January 5:**
  Monday 8:00am—6:00pm
  Tuesday 8:00 am—11:00pm

Regular hours will resume on Wednesday, January 6, 2016.

Law Library Faculty and Staff News

Director of the Law Library **Duncan Alford** and **Candle Wester**, Assistant Director for Faculty Services, recently addressed the law school’s Library Committee on the complications of electronic books (ebooks) for law libraries. The committee members had a lengthy discussion of ebooks as part of the transition of library collections from print to digital. Duncan and Candle discussed the types of ebooks currently available through the law library, including Oxford Scholarship Online, Hein’s Legal Classics, Proquest, and the several hundred thousand ebooks available through PASCAL, a consortium of academic libraries in South Carolina.

In October, **Alyson Drake** presented a program at the 2015 SCLA Conference in Columbia, entitled Accessibility 101, with Robin Wheeler, the Executive Director of the SC Access to Justice Commission. Her article, a reflection on her experience at AALL’s Management institute titled "Communications and Strengths," was published in the July issue of AALL Spectrum.

New Law School Progress

Construction on the new law school continues apace. The courtyard, completed roofs, floor levels, and window placements are recognizable in these aerial photographs taken by **Jeff Lamberson**.

Public-Use iPad Now Available

In November, the Law Library outfitted an iPad for public use on the first level of the library. Located in the seating area near the new books and videos, the iPad is loaded with several law and legal issue apps. It is free to use for students and patrons.

Law Library Exam Break

The Law Library laid out a healthy spread for Law Students during exams. According to some comments on facebook, the treats were “the bomb” and even ‘life-saving!’ While the library hasn’t verified the recovery and/or rescue benefits of Capri Sun and granola bars, the library is always here to help students, especially during exam time!
2015 Halloween Carnival a Howling Success!

The 2015 Law School Halloween Carnival was held in October. The annual event, held in the Law School lobby, was sponsored by the USC Women in Law. Students and staff volunteered to give out treats, host games, and ensure that everyone had a fun and safe time! The Law library gave out 50 goody bags and many books to the participants, and a scary-good time was had by all!

LibraryFest 2015

In September, the Law Library held LibraryFest. Over 97 1L students participated in the annual event, which introduces 1L students to the Law Library and IT services, and welcome 2L and 3Ls back to the Law Library. Among the activities and surprises were tours, a prize drawing, goody bags, and of course, cake!