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Museletter

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Got a Question?

Need help finding information for a paper?

Need help with a class assignment?

Need help with a work assignment?

Consult your Reference Librarian.

Reference Librarians are available:

Monday-Thursday:

9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

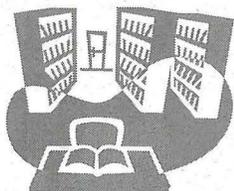
Friday:

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday and Sunday:

1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Or via email at lawrefdesk@richmond.edu



The Good, the Bad and the Ugly Caroline Osborne

A few things to reflect upon as you begin the New Year and the semester.



DVD Collection

The Good: The library has a small collection of law-related recreational movies which can be checked out for viewing at no charge. To find a list of these and any future acquisitions, go to the library catalog at library.richmond.edu. In the “search for box” enter *dvd movie* and in the “search by” box, scroll down and click on *call number*. Click on “search” and you will retrieve an alphabetical list of DVD titles.

The Bad: We are not Blockbuster so the selection is small.

The Ugly: So far so good, no mad scramble for popular titles has been observed.



Databases

The Good: More and more information is available at your fingertips without leaving home. Remember there are other, non-legal databases available from the library web page by clicking on the “Other University of Richmond Library Resources” link.

The Bad: Not everything is on the web and not all resources are full text.

The Ugly: Use of some databases is restricted by license agreement or other circumstances. Inquire at the reference desk if you encounter problems using any of the databases.

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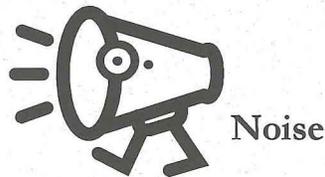
Carrels



The Good: Students have personal work space set aside for them.

The Bad: Location, location, location is the rule in real estate. The same is true for carrel location. Never fear, there is always the carrel swap at the end of the Spring semester for those who desire new scenery.

The Ugly: Can there be an “ugly” when everyone gets his or hers own work space? Well, maybe when your neighbor uses a cell phone too frequently, talks too much, or constantly rustles a potato chip bag.

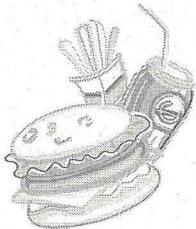


The Good: Nothing makes the library staff happier than to hear and see students using the facility.

The Bad: Sometimes the exuberance carries further than intended and becomes disruptive to those studying in their carrels.

The Ugly: An echo chamber exists at the opening to the large staircase to the second floor. Remember, sound carries, as do conversations, some of which include information that is not intended to be shared with the entire school.

Food



The Good: Students can now have a cup of coffee or a drink and a sandwich while they work.

The Bad: Your fellow students may become jealous when the smell of your delicious snack wafts through the library.

The Ugly: Accidents happen and spills result. Please remember to clean up. If necessary, report spills to Ms. Barlett at dbarlett@richmond.edu.

The library seeks to have a welcoming environment for all who use it. If you have suggestions, please submit them in the suggestion box at the catalog kiosk at the front of the library.

Survey Time

Students and faculty might have observed something different in the library during October and November. Some were asked to participate in an on-line survey, others were asked to not reshelve books. Did any wonder what was behind these unusual happenings? In an effort to continue to provide the best to the students and faculty the library is in a constant process of evaluating the needs of our patrons and attempting to balance those needs with the traditional budget and time constraints. Recently, the process of such evaluation turned to surveys regarding the use of the collection, facilities and publications.

Beginning at the end of October and into early November Gail Zwirner, Lois Brown and Kathy Salandro conducted a survey of space utilization and non-circulating print resources. Four times a day counts were taken indicating usage of books, reference materials, reporters, periodicals, the Virginia collection, microforms, carrels, tables and casual seating. Also during this period an on-line survey of the faculty as well as second and third year students was made available assessing the *Museletter*. Format as in preference for print versus on-line and subject matter of interest were focal points of the survey.

The results of the surveys are now being analyzed. It is too soon to know what changes, if any, will result. Still, these are some interesting observations.

1. Tables are in high demand, especially those with power.
2. The basement study rooms are used regularly.
3. Class schedule did not appear to impact library usage.
4. Reporters continue to be used frequently as does the microform collection.
5. Print is the preferred format for the *Museletter*.

The library will continue to evaluate the data received and incorporate it into the discussions regarding future plans. Who knows, it might even result in more surveys.



Upgrade to Library System Include OPAC Changes Gail Zwirner

Two new options in the online public access catalog (OPAC) at <http://librarycat.richmond.edu> may affect your search results. The default search option is now "Keyword: Find ALL of these words." This is a search enhancement we have requested since we subscribed to the Voyager system in 2001. The search option we had been using, which is now listed as "Keyword: Find ANY of these words," produced similar, but many more results. Both searches produce a list of results by relevance.

The other option is under "Quick Limits." We usually use these options to limit a search to the Law Library collection. You are now able to exclude Boatwright Government Documents as well. For example, a search using the terms "fair credit," searching by "Keyword: Find All of these words," and using the quick limit "exclude gov docs," produces a "tight" list of results. However, it will include the Law Library's CIS collection of government documents.

**University of Richmond Law School Library Hours
Spring 2007**

Regular Hours

Sunday, January 14-Thursday, April 26

Sunday	10:00 a.m.-Midnight
Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m.-Midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

Exception Hours-Spring Break

Friday, March 2-Saturday, March 10

Friday, Mar. 2	7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 3	CLOSED
Sunday, Mar. 4	CLOSED
Mon., Mar. 5-Fri., Mar. 9	7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, Mar. 10	1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Mar. 11	Resume regular hours

Spring Exam Period

Friday, April 27-Thursday, May 10

Sunday	10:00 a.m.-Midnight
Monday-Thursday	7:30 a.m.-Midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m.-Midnight
Saturday	9:00 a.m.-Midnight

Spring Intersession

Friday, May 11-Saturday, May 19

Friday, May 11	7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 12 (Graduation)	9:30 a.m.-Noon
Sunday, May 13	CLOSED
Mon., May 14-Fri., May 18	7:30 a.m.-6:00 p.m.
Saturday, May 19	CLOSED
Sunday, May 20	10:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.
Monday, May 21	Summer classes begin



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