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Director's Message



Between winter break and through today, a few things are changing. During Spring construction, we share space with the Dean's Office at our circulation desk. In the basement, we removed outdated shelving, providing temporary room for more places to study. We also recently said goodbye to two librarians. We thank them for their services. At the same time, we're happy that many things remain the same. We have research and technology support seven days a week, and our library remains open for business. We are happy to continue another semester, and we wish you all a Happy New Year!

-Dean Skalbeck

Library News



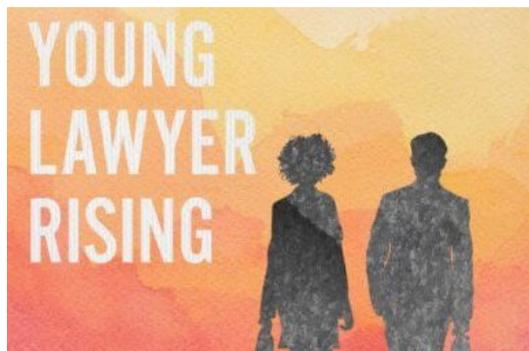
Merhige Special Collections & Rare Book Room (photo by ACH, Jan. 28, 2022).

Welcome to 2022! Have you made any New Year resolutions? According to **Psychology Today**, even though we start with the best intentions, most people will ditch their resolutions by February. Why? We forget that for a new behavior to become a lasting habit, it must be fun! Trying to give up triple-shot lattes is definitely not fun, so they recommend substituting a better choice like green tea instead of going cold turkey. Also, try a proven technique called "temptation bundling" by adding some fun into your resolution routine. Pair running on a treadmill (not fun) with something you enjoy, like listening to a podcast or audiobook. We wish you success in the New Year, and we hope your resolutions stick! Our resolution? Keeping you informed of the Law Library news.

New at the Circ Desk

You can borrow more than just books from the Circulation Desk! We now have laptop stands you can use, as well as book stands, chargers, and more. Check out what you can check out!

Featured Resources



“What I Wish I’d Known” – Career lessons from the ABA’s Young Lawyer Rising Podcast

In this episode of the **ABA’s YLD Young Lawyer Rising Podcast** four lawyers speak to their experiences during their first two years of practice.



Wolters Kluwer Study Aid Library is now Aspen Learning Library!

Effective Monday, December 20, 2021, the Wolters Kluwer Study Aid Library has been rebranded as the Aspen Learning Library (“the Library”) with a new domain: **AspenLearningLibrary.com**.

Materials Update



We added **60** new books to our collection this month. Browse the Law Library's latest resources on our [updated materials list](#).

Looking for an e-book? We added **over 1,000** new e-book titles this month. Check out our [updated e-book list](#).

Things to Consider



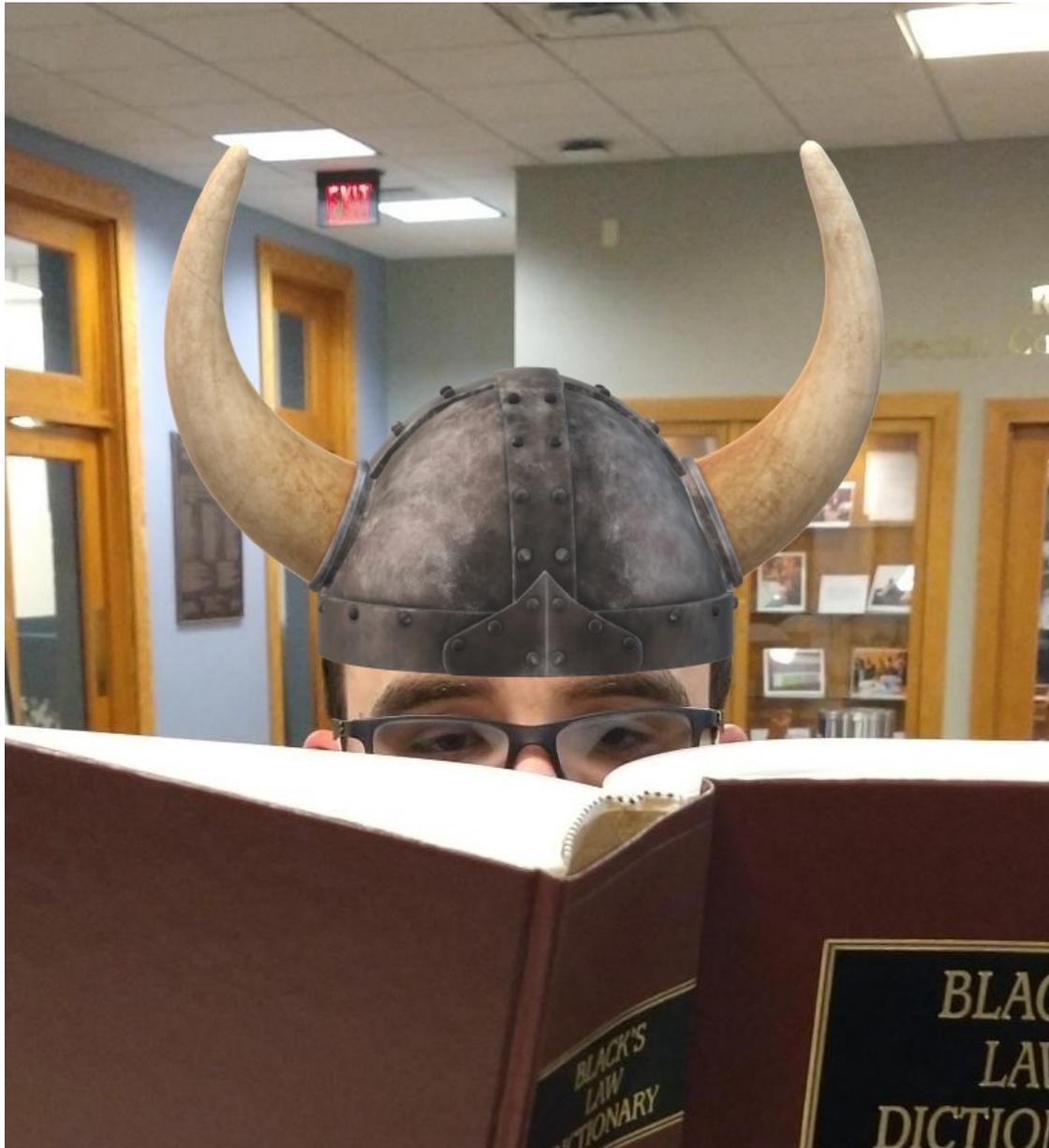
Paul Birch, Computer Services Librarian, Retires After 32 Years

By Alex Clay Hutchings

The Muse Law Library and all of us at Richmond Law wish Paul Birch a happy retirement!

Paul has been with the Library for 32 years, and it is bittersweet to say goodbye. I spoke with Paul about his tenure at Richmond as our Computer Services Librarian. I especially wanted to hear about all the technological changes he has seen in the library over the past three decades. [**Continue reading...**](#)

Student Services Corner



Student Selfie Contest

Show us how you study!

Standing on your head in the Downunder? Climbing the rock wall at the gym? The Law Library wants to see all the wacky, zany, looney, wild, and wonderful places and ways you study for class. Submit a photo of yourself studying in some weird place or in some hilarious way, and you can win big! Photos will be judged on creativity by your professors, so go wild!

Grand Prize: \$50 Amazon Gift Card

Second Prize: \$30 Amazon Gift Card

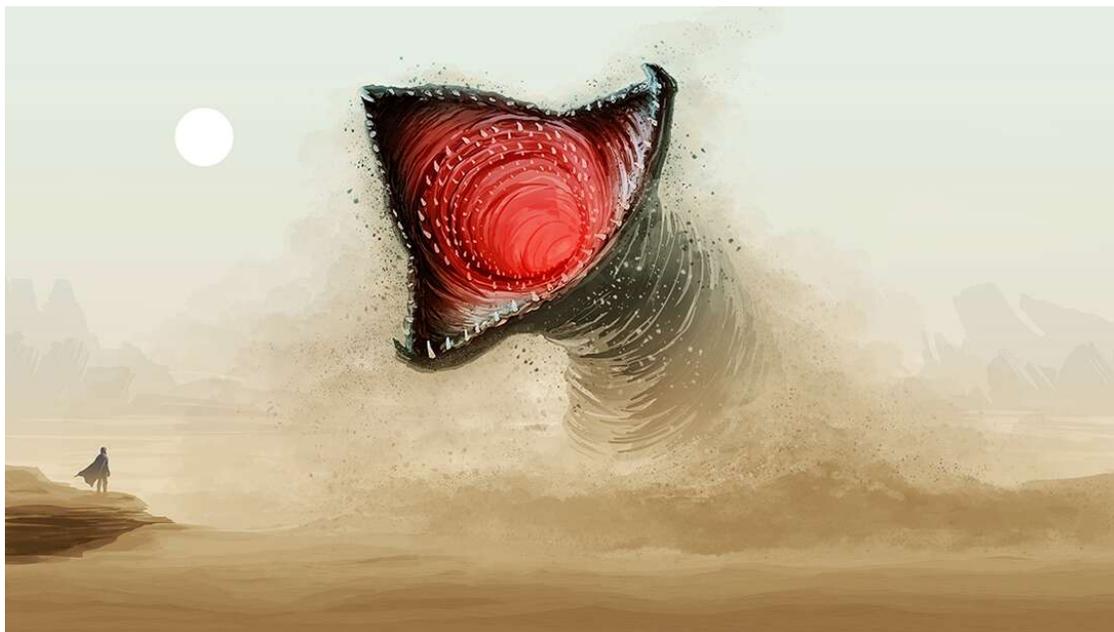
Third Prize: \$20 Amazon Gift Card

All submissions will receive free Lexis points!

Entries will be accepted until February 20th. Please email all entries to Alex Clay Hutchings at ahutchings@richmond.edu with the subject line "Selfie Contest."

The Facepalm

Legal News to Make You 🧑



Recently, a crypto startup calling itself Spice DAO proved it's worth the money to hire a lawyer. Spice DAO purchased a rare copy of Frank Herbert's 1965 sci-fi epic *Dune* at auction for a staggering €2.66 million (\$3.04 million) -- 100 times its auction estimate of €25,000. After winning the auction, Spice DAO proudly boasted on Twitter of its plans to "1. Make the book public (to the extent permitted by law). 2. Produce an original animated limited series inspired by the book and sell it to a streaming service. 3. Support derivative projects from the community."

But what Spice DAO didn't realize (*unbelievably*) was that if you are buying a copy of a book, **you are not also buying the copyright of that book**. Ultimately, Spice DAO's goal was to convert the book into NFTs (non-fungible tokens) by scanning the pages into JPGs and destroying the book -- making the digital pages unique as the "only" legal copy of *Dune*. It even talked of selling as an NFT the video of burning the book as well. Unfortunately for Spice DAO, since they did not purchase the copyright they have no rights to develop derivative works based on the novel and no rights to distribute it, and would likely be sued to smithereens if they tried. So Spice DAO is now the proud owner of exactly

268 pages of very overpriced paper.

Facepalm achieved.

If you are a student who wants to have your voice heard and be published in MuseNews, contact [Alex Clay Hutchings](#), Student Services Librarian.

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