

# Hopper Headlines

Volume 5, Issue 1

August 2010

## Welcome and Important News

Tim Kearley, Library Director

On behalf of the library staff, I'm happy to welcome you (or welcome you back) to the George W. Hopper Law Library. We hope it will become your home away from home and that you will find it a comfortable place to study, whether in solitary concentration or as part of a group. To facilitate that aim, we've instituted some new policies and are clarifying others.

**Concerning Food.** First of all, you will note the absence of "no food" signs. Yes, we've moved from a *de jure* "no-food" rule (which had morphed into a *de facto* "don't ask, don't tell" policy) to one permitting reasonable food and drink. Thoughtful consideration of others will be required for this policy to work.

Everyone will need to avoid especially odiferous or messy items and will have to clean up after themselves, packing out the remains of perishable items brought in. If the library is to continue to be a good place to study and do research, it can't become a cafeteria; but we understand that it's often convenient to snack while you read for your next class. So, while we urge you to take breaks for a change of scene, and to eat your major meals elsewhere, you can refuel in the library as long as you meet the "reasonable law student" standard of care.

### Of Group Study Rooms, Carrels, and Neuroeconomics.

The sort of self-regulation noted above also applies to other aspects of library life, such as using carrels and group study rooms. I was happy to see my bias toward few formal rules, and in favor of relying on people's inherent good sense, verified by recent neuroeconomic research. According to the Times of London, "one neuroeconomist thinks our moral code is so ingrained that substituting it with formal regulation can lead to worse behavior."

According to Prof. Paul Zak (Claremont Graduate University) "penalties and regulations 'may crowd out the good behavior that most people, most of the time, follow.'" In the library context, this means we lay down a few basic rules for carrel and study room use—our "skeleton of formal regulation," as Prof. Zak puts it—"to stop the sociopaths taking advantage, fleshed out with plenty of self-regulation."

Our formal regulations deal with health and safety, and the protection of public property. It's your self-regulation that creates most of the library's atmosphere. And in this connection it's important to remember that the library (even the basement!) isn't anyone's rec room or den. The library is a public place used by lawyers (your potential employers perhaps) and the general public, as well as being the workplace for our library staff. So, while you're our primary users, and we welcome your proprietary feeling toward the place and want you to be at home here, keep in mind you share this space with others whose interests also must be considered.

**Spiffy, Remodeled Room 123.** Self-regulation will be necessary in maintaining the elegantly remodeled group study room 123. The gift of last year's graduating class, 123 now has a very professional, boardroom look, and it will be used for interviews with potential employers in addition to being a group study room. It won't keep its classy appearance long unless everyone who uses it takes responsibility for keeping it in good order.

**Technology in Rooms 008, 125-A, and 242-A.** During the summer, we installed flat-screen displays and cabling in these three group study rooms. So, now you can plug your laptop into one of these displays to practice a PowerPoint presentation, show a group your course outline, share pictures of your summer vacation, etc. Here, too, it will be up to you to leave things in good working order for your colleagues, in as much as we don't have sufficient staff to check the equipment after each use.

## INSIDE THIS ISSUE

- 1 Welcome and Important News
- 2 Class of 2010 Graduation Gift
- 2 Collecting Student Publications
- 2 Career Library Moves
- 2 Legal Links, Snapshot Day
- 3 IT News
- 3 Click on This, Read and Return
- 4 Top Circulating Items



**The New-ish Carrels.** Some of you will recall that, by the sweat of their brows, various library staff and students hauled additional carrels into the library last semester. (Fortunately, the UW Risk Management Office didn't see us in action.) This summer, we placed a work order to bring power to these new carrels. That should happen early in the semester, but we don't yet know exactly when.

**New Hours.** After years of noticing rather little library use after 10 or so at night, and in order to enhance security, we've decided to close at 10:30 p.m. Sunday through Thursday, instead of at midnight. You can still sign in and study here as long as you so desire. Be our guests. Knock yourselves out. These new hours mean only that you'll need to be here by 10:30 in order to get into the library and sign-in before we close. We've always been fortunate in having a pretty secure building, but the couple of pilfering incidents we had last year helped move us in this direction. All non-law student patrons will have to leave at 10:30, so you'll know that anyone remaining thereafter is one of your colleagues.

**Restored Acquisitions Budget.** Over the summer, we received the good news that much of the acquisitions funding increase the state supplied us two years ago, but took back in the budget crunch, will be restored to us in the current biennium. So, if you have suggestions for books, journals, DVDs, etc. that you'd like to have us consider purchasing, tell me, Debbie Person, Tawnya Plumb, or Amy Pearce.



## Class of 2010 Graduation Gift

The library was honored and delighted with the class gift from the Class of 2010. The Class decided to upgrade library study room 123 across from the Circulation Desk to foster use as an Interview Room in addition to its current use as study space. The walls were freshly painted and the carpets cleaned. In addition to the new furniture, there is a white board cabinet that can be closed when not in use. To reinforce the idea of this room as an interview space, the Career Library materials were relocated here from the college's administrative office space.

This facelift to the library space was a much needed improvement. The Library wishes to extend our gratitude to the Class of 2010, and especially to the members of the Graduating Committee, for their generosity and hard work in improving this space for us and for future students of the College. It is your space. Let's all make certain to respect the furnishings and leave the room clean and unaltered.

## Collecting Student Publications

The library has started a new initiative to collect published works of members of our student body. If your work has been accepted for publication, please consider donating a preprint to the library's new Student Publications collection. It will be housed in the newly refurbished study room 123. The Class of 2010 went to considerable expense and effort to establish this room and make it conducive to group study as well as an interview space for prospective employers. They wished to showcase the accomplishments of the students of the College of Law, reflecting positively on all of our students and graduates. If preprints are not available, please alert us to newly published works by forwarding the citations to Deb Person, [dperson@uwo.edu](mailto:dperson@uwo.edu).

## Career Library Moves

Over the summer the Career Library materials were moved from the Career Office to the new Interview Room, study room 123 across from the Library's Circulation Desk. These items may be browsed or checked out the same as other library materials.

## Legal Links

Did you know we have compiled lists of helpful legal websites for you? They are accessible by clicking on *Legal Links* on the library's home page. There are several categories of links, such as Wyoming, Federal, Case Law, Indian Law, International Law and Legal Reference. Take a look the next time you need help locating a source.

## Snapshot Day

On Tuesday, October 19<sup>th</sup>, the library will be participating in Wyoming Library Snapshot Day. We will take photos and collect stories from our library to show the tremendous impact libraries have on Wyoming's residents every day. The Snapshot Day is a project of the Wyoming State Library and the Wyoming Library Association. Snapshot Days have been held in other states in the past, with assistance from the American Library Association. The information collected from the day can be used to advocate for libraries.

### ◆Fall 2010 Law Technology at a glance:

- iClicker classroom response system in 170, 178, 182 and 186.
- VTC (Video Tele Conference) in 178, 180, 186 and Jury room.
- Mediasite recorder in 178
- Rich media presentations with touch buttons combination of computer PowerPoint slides, document cameras, DVD/VHS and the web.
- Wired & wireless microphones in 178, 170 and 182
- Wired & wireless internet access anywhere in the building
- Printing access
- Wireless presenter (for PowerPoint) with laser pointer in 170, 178 and 186

### ◆Software available:

All current students can download and install on their laptop or home computer the following software: anti-virus software (Trend Micro PC-Cillin), MS Office 2007, MS Office 2010 for PC & MS, Office 2008 for Mac (Office 2011 for Mac may be available this fall), Windows 7, Vista and XP are also available to upgrade your operating system. They are all located at <http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/SOFTWARE/>.

### ◆Printers and Print Quota Increase Utility:

There are four student printers on the [\grail](#) print server and they are located in rooms 122, 145 and 242B. The printers in 242B have duplexing capability but this function is often turned off until the user turns it on in printing preferences or printer properties depending on the application. Please visit <http://uwadmnweb.uwyo.edu/lawlib/tech/printing.asp> for more information about printing.

The link above also has information on how to add money in case your free print allocation is finished before the end of the semester.

There is also a printer next to the library reference computers that any library patron can use but it is only accessible from the library public terminals, and it only accepts print jobs of six pages or less.

### ◆Wireless:

UW has two wireless networks: UWyo and UWguest. UWguest is mostly intended for guests, and it only requires the users to have a valid email such as gmail, yahoo or uwyo. UWyo requires a valid UW account for secure authentication. If your laptop fails to connect to these wireless networks, see your law IT specialist for help (in room 139).

### New Electronic Resources

Our library has been a long time subscriber to *Legal Trac*, an excellent index to law reviews which leads the researcher to abstracts and full text articles. Thanks to negotiations made by the Wyoming State Library, all those in Wyoming have access to the following online resources through geolocation.

*LegalTrac* indexes nearly 2,000 titles including major law reviews, legal newspapers, bar association journals and international legal journals. Titles included in *LegalTrac* are selected by a special advisory committee of the American Association of Law Libraries and are highly regarded.

Gale's *LegalForms* provides forms for all 50 states dealing with basic legal matters including divorce, power of attorney, or wills. The user may browse by title or subject or search by keyword. Forms may be downloaded, and completed forms may be saved to a computer's hard drive or e-mailed to a home address.

Gale's *Criminal Justice Collection* allows the researcher to search in 150 journals specific to the topic.

Visit <http://gowyld.net/dbases.cfm> to access these databases from anywhere in the state.

College of Law students, faculty, and staff may access the Gale databases from our databases web page at <http://www.uwyo.edu/lawlib/databases.asp>.



## Read and Return

Do you find that you have collected more books than fit on your shelves? If so, please consider donating a few leisure reading titles to the library's Read and Return shelves. We stock these shelves with books for your law school colleagues to casually take home and return after reading. Donations are accepted in the Reference Office.

## Top Circulating Items

While most of us toil away on Westlaw and Lexis doing our legal research, some library users are finding valuable resources among the media and books in our collection. Want to see our top circulators?

Rank	Title	Location
#25	Modern public land law in a nutshell / by Robert L. Glicksman, George Cameron Coggins.	Reserve
#24	Water law in a nutshell / by David H. Getches.	Reserve
#23	Legal interviewing and counseling in a nutshell / by Thomas L. Shaffer and James R. Elkins.	Reserve
#22	Choice of Entity, by William Streng	Looseleaf, Tax Management Portfolio
#21	Civil Procedure (Sum & Substance audio)	Reserve
#20	Merchant of Venice (DVD)	Leisure Media
#19	Paper Chase (DVD)	Leisure Media
#18	Property / Steven L. Emanuel. (Emanuel study guide)	Reserve
#17	Wyoming State Bar Legal Directory	Reserve
#16	Agency, partnerships, and LLCs : examples and explanations / Daniel S. Kleinberger.	Reserve

#15	Code of Wyoming rules	Reserve
#14	Torts (Sum & Substance audio)	Reserve
#13	Civil procedure : examples and explanations / Joseph W. Glannon.	Reserve
#12	Contracts (Sum & Substance audio)	Reserve
#11	The law of torts : examples and explanations / Joseph W. Glannon.	Reserve
#10	Property (Sum & Substance audio)	Reserve
#9	Teachers and the Law/ Louis Fischer	Treatise
#8	Intellectual property : examples & explanations / Stephen M. McJohn.	Reserve
#7	Contracts : examples & explanations / Brian A. Blum.	Reserve
#6	My Cousin Vinnie (DVD)	Leisure Media
#5	Criminal law : examples & explanations / Richard G. Singer, John Q. La Fond.	Reserve
#4	Civil procedure / by Linda S. Mullenix.	Reserve
#3	Evidence (Sum & Substance audio)	Reserve
#2	Wyoming Court Rules Annotated	Reserve
#1	The bluebook : a uniform system of citation.	Reserve

Librarians	Library Staff	Technology Support
Tim Kearley, Director of the Law Library Debora Person, Administrative Librarian Tawnya Plumb, Electronic Services Librarian Amy Pearce, Public Services Librarian	Tammy Ackerson, Library Specialist Abby Beaver, Library Assistant Marguerite Latta, Library Specialist Susan Wozny, Library Associate Senior	Edward Havugimana