

The Foggy Notion

News of the Hastings Law Library

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The new semester is off to a roaring start and now is the time to develop good habits before you get overwhelmed with papers and studying. One habit I'd like to suggest is reading the Library's homepage as it changes every month.

Under "Current Library News" you will find out about changes to our hours (for holiday scheduling), new services we're offering, databases we have added and more. You can get there by selecting Library at the school's main website or by going directly to <http://library.uchastings.edu/library>.

Getting to Know the Library, II

Last month I wrote about some of the basic services we offer. Here are a few more:

Course Reserve materials: Find materials on course reserve by searching the professor's name or by course name in the Reserve Lists on the Library's HOPAC. From the welcome screen choose **R** for **RESERVE Lists** and then choose **P** to **Retrieve by PROF/TA** or **C** to **Retrieve by COURSE**.

Here's how it works, if you choose **C** and type in "evidence" you will see a list of 7 professors. Selecting #3 (Park) will bring up a list of 48 titles that the library is holding on course reserve for his evidence class. Use **F** or **B** to scroll

Forwards and Backwards through the list or sort the list using **A** (by author), **T** (by title), or **S** (by call number).

Once you have a call number, you can request the materials at the Library Circulation Desk. Course reserve materials may be borrowed for 2-hour time periods for use in the library only.

Laptops in the Library: Four connections for laptop printing and network access have been added in the Library. They are located in the four carrels in the 4th floor stacks where the bound law journals are shelved.

Each carrel has an ethernet jack and parallel cable which can be connected to a laptop. A laser printer is located next to the carrels; you can print using your NewCal copy card.

Limiting Feature on HOPAC: The Hastings Online Public Access Catalog (or HOPAC) allows you to limit by location which can be handy for finding the most recent issues of many of our looseleaf titles or subject-specific treatises.

For instance, if you're looking for international intellectual property books type in "international intellectual property" as keywords in the HOPAC. When the results are displayed on the screen, press **L** to **LIMIT**, **W** (**WHERE Item is**

located), **33** for **Reserve Stacks** (a.k.a. the California Room – more than just California materials!), then **F** for **FIND**. Of the 217 titles originally pulled up, you are left with only 15 to scroll through.

Another use for limiting is to find titles from a certain publisher. You heard about a title on landlord tenant law by the Rutter Group, so you do a keyword search for the words “landlord tenant”. LIMIT using **P** for **PUBLISHER**, and type in “Rutter Group” then **F** for **FIND**. Of 140 titles, you will find the exact one you want.

You Asked For It

In the *Library Comments and Questions* binder someone wrote that the copy card vending machines don't accept the newly minted \$5, \$10 and \$20 bills.

Damian Cano, our contact person with NewCal, says that the bill acceptors do accept the new bills but not all the time. A new bill acceptor has been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.

Lexis and Westlaw Training

Just a reminder – Even though both Lexis and Westlaw were offering special training last month just for the 1-Ls, we'd like to remind you that training is available for all Hastings students.

Email Stephanie Swanson at stephanie.swanson@lexisnexis.com for Lexis training and contact Nicole Ennix at nicole.ennix@westgroup.com to find out about Westlaw training.

In the meantime, for assistance with a Westlaw search, you can call the Reference Attorneys at 1-800-733-2889 (1-800-REF-ATTY) and for help with your Lexis search, call 1-800-455-3947 (1-800-45-Lexis).

Did You Know?

Last month I mentioned that California residents with a San Francisco Public Library card have access to electronic reference works available through the San Francisco Public Library's website.

One electronic database they offer is J-STOR. This database has the full-text of over 200 academic journals, some going back to 1838. Topics include anthropology, ecology, history, language and literature, mathematics, philosophy, political science, sociology and statistics.

You can link to their website by clicking on Library Catalogs from the Hastings Library homepage and scrolling down to SFPL. From there, click on E-Books . . . and Other Electronic Resources and then click on E-Books and Reference Databases. You will then be asked to enter your library bar code. Using the drop-down menu under Alphabetical List of All Databases, highlight JSTOR and click Select. From there you can search or browse the journals, view articles and print them.

Next month – Searching EBSCO.

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