



## From the Director's Desk

I am not surprised in the least that this issue of *Testimony* is filled with information about exciting new services and technology upgrades, and announcements about upcoming events and learning opportunities. That is what the Law Library is all about. Members of our faculty and staff dedicate themselves to making sure that



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your research needs are met.

Whether you are a first year student grappling with an assigned exercise or a seasoned professor researching a topic for a law review article, I hope that you will take full advantage of the services we offer.

We look forward to assisting you.

## Card catalog? Not exactly.

Search the Library Catalog by:

Words

Author & Title

Title

View your record

Author

Reserves

Subjects

Other Searches



Do you remember those old library file cabinets filled with thousands of white author/subject cards? If not, the whole idea might sound a bit archaic. If you do, then the similarities between how the old system and the electronic system works is striking. That's because the basic purpose of a catalog system, regardless of format, is to assist library users in answering two basic questions:

- Does this book exist?
- Where can I find it?

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# Introducing. . .

## MyLibrary@Regent.Edu

...your personal Research Portal.

MyLibrary is an exciting new tool that allows Regent University library users to create a customized portal that reflects their personal interests and research needs.

In addition to providing a convenient list of the most frequently used subscription databases, MyLibrary also offers users a chance to add their favorite personal links.

Visit <http://libraryportal.regent.edu/mylibrary> and create your custom research portal today!

### Personal Links

### Databases

1. Article1st
2. Hein-Online
3. Index to Legal Periodicals & Books
4. IndexMaster
5. JSTOR: Journal Archives
6. LegalTrac
7. Lexis (Faculty)
8. Lexis (Student)
9. LexisNexis Academic
10. Loislaw
11. UnionLists
12. Westlaw (Faculty)
13. Westlaw (Student)
14. WorldCat

### Your Librarian(s)

Bill Magee (226-4098, [wilmag@regent.edu](mailto:wilmag@regent.edu)) and Eric Welsh (226-4454, [ericwel@regent.edu](mailto:ericwel@regent.edu)) and Marie Hamm (226-4233, [mariham@regent.edu](mailto:mariham@regent.edu)).

### Quick Searches

A MyLibrary Quick Search

### Virtual Reference

1. Acronym Finder
2. Dictionary
3. Information Please
4. Thesaurus

### e-Text & e-Journals

### Library Links

1. Directions--Law Library
2. Hours--Law Library
3. Interlibrary Loan--Law Library
4. Library Catalog
5. Policies--Law Library

### Community Links



## Upcoming Training Events

### Law Library Basics—Part I: Using the Online Catalog Effectively

Tuesday, January 12

### Law Library Basic—Part II: An Introduction to Library Databases

Thursday, January 15

Each session begins at 7 p.m. and lasts approximately 45 minutes. To sign up, or for more information, contact Marie Summerlin Hamm at [mariham@regent.edu](mailto:mariham@regent.edu) or Bill Magee at [wilmag@regent.edu](mailto:wilmag@regent.edu).

## ***Card Catalog? Not Exactly.***

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The electronic answer to the card catalog is the Online Public Access Catalog or "OPAC." Our OPAC allows Regent Library users to search by Words, Title, Author & Title, and Subjects. The various search screens are largely self-explanatory, but it does help to keep a few basics in mind.

**Subject Search.** The term "subject search" is a bit misleading. **This particular type of search is limited to Library of Congress (LC) subject headings.** If you are not familiar with the LC structure, finding the subject you are looking for may be difficult. Consider trying a Words search instead.

**Title Search.** Though it sounds easy enough, searching by title can be tricky. The "title" search is a **string search**, which means that whatever part of the title you enter must be in *exact* order. If you are unsure of the title, try a "Words" search instead.

**Words Search.** While it's tempting to treat the "Words Search" like a "natural language" search, it is important to understand exactly how our OPAC treats your search terms. **Multiple words are searched together as one phrase!** With that in mind, it's easy to see how grouping search terms together with parenthesis and using Boolean operators (AND, OR, AND NOT), truncation, proximity, etc. can help you refine your search and locate the resource you need more quickly!

Once your search reveals a resource that looks promising, simply click on the entry for more information about availability and location.

For more information on how to search the Regent Library Catalog effectively, sign up for a Library Basics Workshop or just ask a librarian!



## **Wireless Access Has Arrived at the Law Library!**

**Access to the Internet is now available throughout the Law Library via a Wi-Fi network for laptops and other devices that support IEEE 802.11b wireless connections. The speed of the network is 11Mbps. If you have any questions, please call the Computer Help Desk at ext. 4076!**



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The Law Library is in the midst of a technology facelift! Each of the old Online Catalog terminals have been replaced with sleek new machines. We hope the upgraded monitors and laser printers at each station make your research experience more pleasant and productive!



## Holiday Hours

November 27–28  
November 29–Dec. 16

December 17  
December 18–20  
December 21–January 4  
January 5–7  
January 8

Closed — Thanksgiving  
7:30 a.m. — 2 a.m.  
(Sundays 5 p.m.—2 a.m.)  
8 a.m. —10 p.m.  
9 a.m. — 6 p.m.  
CLOSED  
9 a.m. — 6 p.m.  
Normal Operating Schedule

### Law Library Faculty & Staff

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### Extended Hours During Exams

**The Law Library will be open late during  
Exams!**

**November 29th through December 16th,  
the Law Library will be open 7:30 a.m.  
until 2 a.m., Monday through Saturday.**

**Our Sunday hours will be 5 p.m. until  
2 a.m.**

**Coffee and goodies will be provided!**