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January 2017 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Post

January 5, 2017

Welcome Back! Prepare for Practice!

Posted by Library Blog on 01/05/2017 at 10:09 AM

Welcome back!

Ready to start fresh in the Spring semester? Try our Prepare for Practice program!



On January 11th and January 12th from 11 am to 1 pm in the Law School Bistro, the librarians will be distributing information about the [Prepare for Practice Certification Program](#). The Prepare for Practice

Certification Program is designed to refresh and enhance students' legal research skills in preparation for summer legal placements and permanent jobs. If you complete the certification program requirements, you can receive a Certificate in Legal Research Skills for Practice which can distinguish your resume from others.

Not only will the librarians be passing out information, but for all of you chocoholics out there, the librarians will be serving hot chocolate, as well!

To learn more about the classes and how to complete certification, stop by the library's table in the Law School Bistro area (and join us for some hot cocoa!)

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the reference librarians at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.

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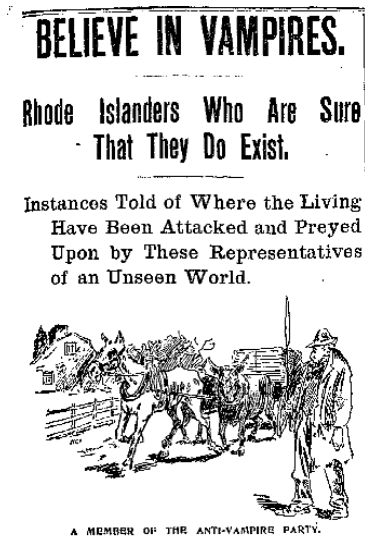
January 13, 2017

New England Vampires

Posted by Library Blog on 01/13/2017 at 08:58 AM

Did you know that New England had its own [vampire hysteria](#) in the late 19th century?

The panic came from the spread of tuberculosis, better known at the time as consumption. While today we know how tuberculosis is spread, New Englanders of the late 1800s could only speculate. One such theory that garnered attention was that a deceased relative was "consuming" the life of their surviving relatives. Newspapers of the time quickly tied these beliefs with vampire legends, making [headlines](#) across New England.



One of the most famous “vampires” from this hysteria resided right here in Rhode Island. [Mercy Lena Brown](#) passed away on January 17, 1892, at the age of 19, from tuberculosis. When her older brother subsequently became ill, the deceased Mercy was identified as the cause of her brother’s illness.

Local historical research, whether on law or vampire hysteria, can be made easier by browsing newspaper archives. The Law Library offers access to historic newspaper articles from the [New York Times](#) and the [Boston Globe](#).

The Library also offers complimentary digital access to the New York Times to faculty and students! Sign up while on campus with the following steps and enjoy!

- Go to: <http://nytimes.com/grouppass>
 - Create an account or renew your account
- NOTE: You must renew the account annually, so be sure to add the expiration date to your calendar!
For more information on how to use these or other library resources, please stop by the Reference Desk or email us at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.

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January 18, 2017

Digital Study Aids Collections

Posted by Library Blog on 01/18/2017 at 01:22 PM

The Law Library is thrilled to introduce our new digital study aids collections: the *RWU Law Digital Library* and *West Academic Online Study Aids*.

The RWU Law Digital Library provides access to a variety of titles from LexisNexis, including:

eBooks: Understanding Series, Questions & Answers, Law Students Guides, Legal Research Guides, Mastering Series, and Skills & Values Series

West Academic Online Study Aids provides access to both eBook and audio study aid content including: eBooks: Nutshells, Concise Hornbooks, Acing Series, Black Letter Series, Law Stories Series, Short & Happy Guides, Turning Point Series, and many more!

Audio: Sum & Substance and Law School Legends

All study aids from the RWU Law Digital Library and West Academic Online Study Aids are available for unlimited use!

The RWU Law Digital Library study aids collection provides access to a variety of ebooks from Carolina Academic Press including:

- Understanding Series, Questions & Answers, Law Students Guides, Legal Research Guides, Mastering Series, and Skills & Values Series

West Academic Online Study Aids provides access to both eBook and audio study aid content including:

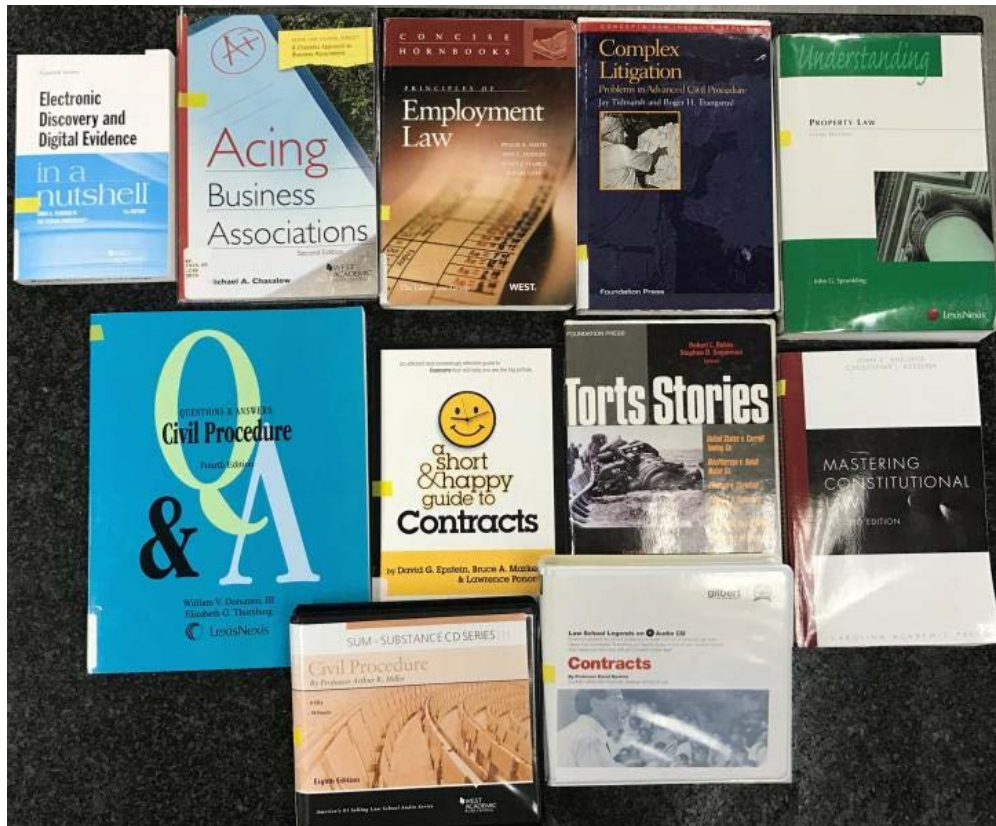
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All study aids from the RWU Law Digital Library and West Academic Online Study Aids are available for unlimited use!

These resources are available by selecting [RWU Law Digital Library – LexisNexis](#) or [West Academic](#) from the library's list of digital resources.

Please contact a librarian for the code to access the RWU Law Digital Library. For off-campus access to the West Academic study aids and to save notes/highlights, register while on campus using the "Create an Account" option at the top of the opening page.

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Legal Beagle's Post

January 26, 2017

Presidents' Day

Posted by Library Blog on 01/26/2017 at 09:29 AM

Presidents' Day this year is Monday, February 20th. It [was originally established in 1885 in recognition](#) of President George Washington, but has become a more general celebration of US Presidents. While some [associate the holiday with car sales](#), some [associate the holiday with bicycles](#), and some [associate the holiday with snow](#), here at the library, we associate the holiday with books!

As you enter the library this week, you will find a collection of books which feature presidents generally, but Washington and Lincoln, specifically. To learn more about the books contained in the collection, see the LawGuide, [Presidents' Day: The Collection](#). You can also find the books featured [on our Pinterest page!](#)

If you are interested in a deeper dive into Presidential history, also check out [HeinOnline's U.S. Presidential Library](#) or [this National Archives' site about Presidential Libraries](#).

