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August 2017 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Posts

August 4, 2017

Welcome (Back)!

Posted by Library Blog on 08/04/2017 at 10:10 AM

The [RWU Law Library staff](#) extends a warm welcome to our incoming 1Ls and returning 2Ls and 3Ls.

Our collection and services are here to complement and advance the scholarship, practice skills education, and intellectual life at RWU Law. We have a [website](#), [blog](#), [Facebook](#) page, and [Pinterest](#) page. We communicate our information in many ways to connect the library with our students, faculty, and alumni.

There are the many ways in which the RWU School of Law Library can help you have a successful academic year. Our knowledgeable, friendly, service-oriented staff are available to assist you in using our various services and resources that include:

- Legal and non-legal research assistance in-person, via [Ask a Librarian](#), by [email](#), or by calling 401-254-4547;
- [RWU LawGuides](#) covering a wide-variety of topics;
- The [interlibrary loan](#) service to obtain an item not held at the [RWU libraries](#);
- [Study rooms](#);
- [Printing and copying](#);
- [Wireless printing](#);
- The [WebCatalog](#) to locate items in our collection and online;
- Access to [digital resources](#) on and [off campus](#);
- Instruction on legal research and technology by our librarians; and
- Westlaw, Lexis Advance, and Bloomberg training. (Check the [Law Library Computer Classroom/Events Schedule](#) for programing dates and times).

The library is a great place to research and study. It is also a great place to chill out and de-stress. If you have any questions or just need a helping hand in the first few weeks, stop by and say hi!



August 11, 2017

Directed Research Assistance Available

Posted by Library Blog on 08/11/2017 at 02:15 PM

While some students are fulfilling their [directed research requirement](#) this semester and some students are writing for submission to the law review, the library has resources for both needs that might be helpful during the brainstorming (topic selection) and research phases (topic development) of the writing process.



One of the services that the library provides is individualized research consultations with students working on a directed research paper and/or a submission for law review. These sessions can be scheduled in Providence or Bristol and are focused on developing research strategies based on your individual needs.

The staff of the law library routinely meets with students on how to select and narrow a topic. We are happy to listen to your thesis proposal and also discuss research strategies as well as topic preemption concerns. We also encourage patrons to meet with Justin Kishbaugh, the RWU School of Law's Writing Specialist. (If you are interested in scheduling a writing consultation, he can be reached at jkishbaugh@rwu.edu.)

Basic information on selecting a topic can be found on our page [TimeSaver: Selecting a Topic](#). Information on legal research and writing can be found on our page [TimeSaver: Legal Research and Writing](#). Information on topic development and preemption can be found in our [LawGuide for Law Review](#).

To schedule a research consultation with a law librarian, contact us via [Ask a Librarian](#) by email to LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu, or by calling 401-254-4547

August 17, 2017

Lemonade and Librarians

Posted by Library Blog on 08/17/2017 at 02:58 PM

According to the History Channel website, while “we often think of [lemonade](#) as a summertime beverage” we may need to expand our horizons and embrace the drink all year long as “lemon trees are actually evergreen, at least in the right climate, and they bloom and produce fruit all year.” This week we will be staffing an information table and serving lemonade outside the Law School Bistro on August 23rd and August 24th from 11 am – 1 pm.

The librarians will be in the Law School Bistro to talk to students and distribute information about the [Prepare for Practice Certification Programs](#).

The Prepare for Practice Certification Programs are two certification programs. The legal research program is a free, online program designed to refresh and enhance students' legal research skills. If you complete the research certification program requirements, you can receive a Certificate in Legal Research Skills for Practice, which can distinguish your resume from others. The technology program is also free and taught in the Law Library. If you complete the technology certification program requirements, you can receive a Certificate in Basic Technology Skills for Practice.

To learn more about the Prepare for Practice Programs and how to complete certification for them, stop by the library's table in the Law School Bistro area (and join us for some nice cold lemonade) on August 23th and August 24th from 11 am – 1 pm.

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



Lemonade & Librarians

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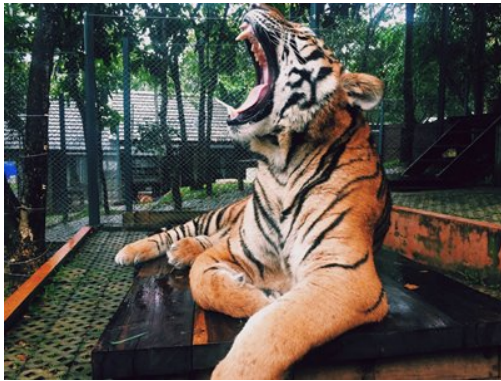
August 25, 2017

Dewey Decimate Your Exams!

Posted by Library Blog on 08/18/2017 at 01:52 PM

Exams are not the biggest or best part of law school but they are undoubtedly important. Succeeding on those exams at midterms or finals is key to success in law school. There are many resources available in the library to help you develop your study skills, improve your performance, and [rise up to any academic challenges!](#)

One resource available is our new [Exam and Essay Writing Success Display & LawGuide](#). This collection of books is focused on excelling on law school exams and features both print and electronic titles.



While not a book on exam success, other items in our collection which exist to help you study in a more productive manner are our new standing desks. This semester we decided to try something new and add standing desks for patron use. Equipped with power outlets for charging and comfortable mats for standing, this new area was developed to support our patrons who prefer to stand while studying or even mix up sitting and standing throughout the day! Even if you don't think standing and reading is your thing, stop by and check out our new standing desk area.

Finally, the best resource for assistance and support in our library are the [library staff!](#)

[Stop by, call us, email us, or chat online](#) with us if you need research help!

