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February 2019 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Post

February 1, 2019

Civil Rights Book Display



Let the celebration of 2019's Black History Month begin! The website [African-American History Month](#) offers an amazing wealth of resources to celebrate, commemorate, and honor this month. It is a collaboration between several US government entities and features an array of resources including audio and video to watch and listen throughout and beyond the month.

Here at the RWU Law Library, we are also committed to honoring Black History Month. This month's book display focuses on [the Civil Rights Movement](#). While one simple display cannot do justice to the civil rights movement of the 1950s and 1960s, we do hope to call attention to justice and injustice in our country. Of particular interest to law students may be the [1964 Civil Rights Act](#) which is part of the exhibit called Our Documents: 100 Milestone Documents from the National Archive.

As you peruse the selections in the display, take a moment to reflect upon the accomplishments of the movement's pioneers. Then reflect upon the work that still needs to be done. There is room for everyone to help.

February 8, 2019

Researching Treaties



[*Black's Law Dictionary*](#) defines a treaty as “an agreement formally signed, ratified, or adhered to between two countries or sovereigns; an international agreement concluded between two or more states in written form and governed by international law.”

Treaty research can be a bit puzzling, but don't fret! The Library has access to a plethora of resources that can help you research treaties. To start, you can check out the RWU Law Library's [*International & Foreign Research LawGuide*](#). This guide has a page dedicated to treaty sources, including both free and subscription sites you can access through the library as a student, such as HeinOnline's [*U.S. Treaties and Agreements Library*](#) and [*World Treaty Library*](#). The *U.S. Treaties and Agreements Library* contains all U.S. treaties, including those currently in-force, expired, or not-yet officially published and, according to HeinOnline, “is the world's largest and most complete online collection of U.S. treaties and agreements.” HeinOnline recently introduced their *World Treaty Library* which contains treaties from a variety of sources including the League of Nations, United States, and United Nations.

If you don't think treaties are cool, maybe [*Jimmy Fallon*](#) can change your mind.

If you need any research help, take some advice from [*Hermione Granger*](#): “when in doubt, go to the library.” The librarians love to research and would be happy to help you along your research journey. They even have fun researching puzzling topics like international treaties. Don't hesitate to stop by the reference desk, or contact us via [*Ask a Librarian*](#). We are also available by email to [*LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu*](mailto:LawLibraryHelp@rwu.edu), or by calling 401-254-4547.

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Do You Know Lynda?



Lynda.com was the brainchild of Lynda Weinman who is known by some as the “[mother of the Internet](#).” Lynda started teaching web design in 1993 and in 1995 launched a website where students could go for free resources on technology. This site which has grown and morphed in the intervening years was [sold in 2015 for 1.5 billion dollars](#). It remains a go-to resource for learning about technology and you have access to this tool at RWU Law.

Using the [tutorials available on Lynda.com](#), you can learn so much about so much! For example, there are tutorials on topics as wide-ranging as the evolution of typeface design to Jazz Piano lessons!

For law students, we recommend the following lessons:

- Essential Training for Excel
- Prezi Classic Essential Training
- Leading with Emotional Intelligence
- Time Management Fundamentals
- Learning Skype

To access these lessons, go to [Lynda.com](#) and enter the name of the lesson.

If you have any questions on how to use Lynda.com, I am sure there is a video on that! If not, please stop by the library or email us at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.

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Visual Learning



Not everyone learns the same way. Some are auditory learners that learn best when hearing information, others are reading/writing learners who prefer to interact with words on a page. Some are kinesthetic learners who thrive with hands on activities and others still are visual learners who like to see their information as visualizations.

If you are a visual learner, you tend to prefer to learn with images, pictures, and other visualizations of information. Not sure if you are a visual learner/visual thinker? You could take a [quiz](#) to find out, or watch a [video](#) that explains what being a visual thinker is like.

The Law Library has resources to help accommodate many different types of learning styles, including visual learning. Our [Study Aids](#) guides are organized by class subject, including guides for all 1L classes and many of the 2L and 3L classes. Each guide is divided into different sections based on learning style preferences. In the “Learn by Reading” tabs, you will find links to the Law Library’s popular print and eBook study aids. In the “Learn by Listening/Watching” tabs, we have audio and visual resources listed (such as the Sum & Substance Audio series & LexisNexis Courtroom Cast). In another set of tabs titled “Test Yourself!” you can find online, print, and eBook resources you can use to test yourself on concepts from class.

The KIC book scanner, located within the Law Library's Print/Scan/Copy Center, allows the library’s patrons to scan books or documents. Pretty cool, huh? Well, it gets ever better. The KIC book scanner was updated last semester to include the new [KIC Study System](#)! Now you can scan a document and send it to the free KIC My Docs app on your smartphone or tablet, listen to the materials you scanned, and make flash cards directly from the scanned

information. [Flashcards](#) are an extremely effective learning tool and can be especially helpful for visual learners.

Here are some other resources you might find helpful:

- [Margaret Hagan's Visual Law Library](#) – This website has a large collection of legal visuals, including cartoons, infographics, charts, diagrams, and more.
- [Law School Study Strategies for Different Learning Styles](#)
- [5 Study Tips for Visual Learners](#)
- [Reasons to handwrite your notes](#) – Hint: Getting the most visual impact is key!

Don't forget, if you have any questions or need assistance using the Law Library's study resources, please ask your friendly librarians! You can stop by the reference desk or email us at lawlibraryhelp@rwu.edu.