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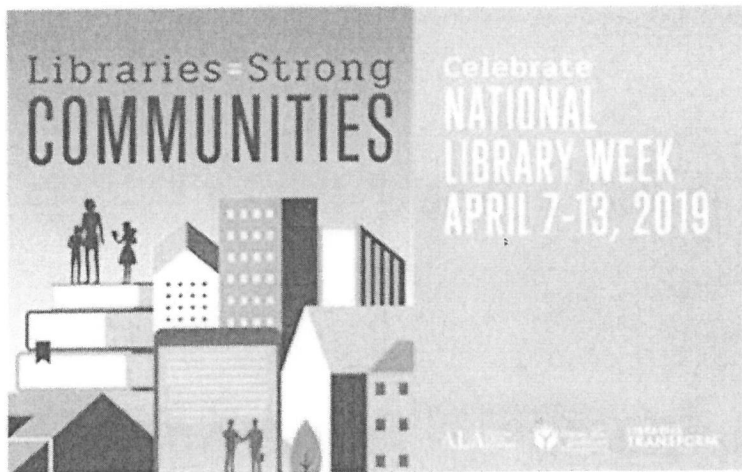
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April 2019 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Post

April 5, 2019

National Library Week!



April 5, 2019

Next week, April 7-13, is National Library Week!

National Library Week is the one week a year that we stop and appreciate all things library-related. Here at the RWU Law Library we will be taking time out to express gratitude to our dedicated student library workers, our amazing full-time library staff, and our awesome patrons. Thank you all!

To celebrate National Library Week 2019, the RWU Law Library hopes you all take time to stop by and enjoy the following festivities:

- Monday, April 8th is Law Library Student Worker Appreciation Day! If you see a student worker, be sure to thank them for all that they do.
- On Wednesday, April 10th, Lexis Representatives will be around midday to demonstrate how to use eBooks on the RWU Law Digital Library platform.
- Thursday, April 11th is Go Fish! Stop by the Circulation Desk and go fishing in the RWU Law Library pond for a chance to win a prize! This fun event is sponsored in part by Lexis Advance.

Happy National Library Week!

April 12, 2019

Literature (and Poetry) & Law



April 12, 2019

Law and literature, according to Black's Law Dictionary, is:

1. Traditionally, the study of how lawyers and legal institutions are depicted in literature; esp., the examination of law-related fiction as sociological evidence of how a given culture, at a given time, views law. — Also termed *law in literature*. 2. More modernly, the application of literary theory to legal texts, focusing esp. on lawyers' rhetoric, logic, and style, as well as legal syntax and semantics. — Also termed *law as literature*. 3. The field or movement in which scholars devote themselves to this study or application. 4. The body of work produced by these scholars.

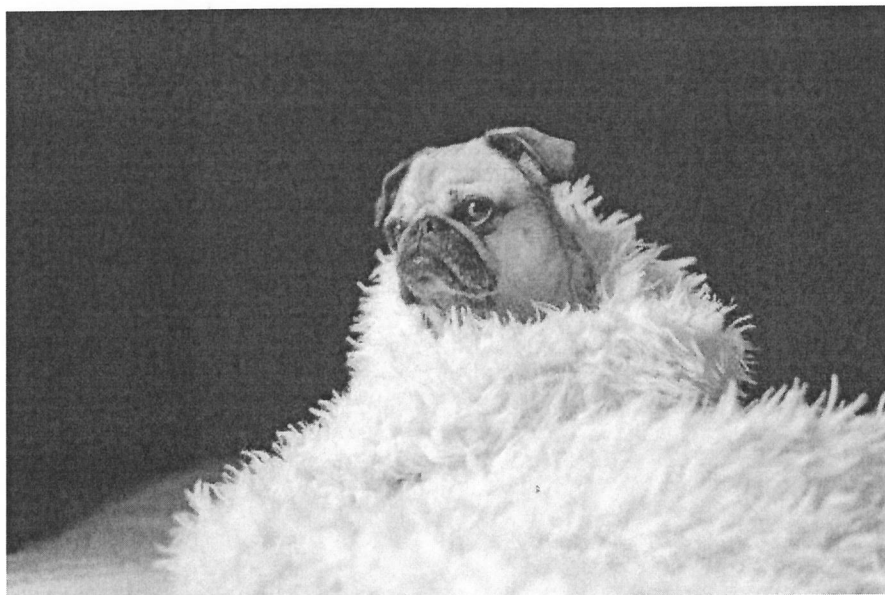
This month's book display is about literature and law in a less formal way. We have included poems about lawyers, poems by lawyers, a list of best fictional lawyers, and lists of author-lawyers. We hope that this display motivates you to think about writing, even legal writing, in a critical and creative way.

If you have questions about writing at RWU Law, your best resource is Professor Kishbaugh, Associate Director of Academic Success & Professor of Writing. His most recent article applies his background in poetry to legal writing!

If you want to see more poetry and the law, check out this website, Supreme Court Haiku Reporter. The bog author creates haiku from Supreme Court opinions!

April 18, 2019

Tips for Finals



April 18, 2019

Good news: The semester is almost over and summer is just around the corner!

Bad news: That means it is exam time.

The end of the semester is always filled with studying and outlining and stress. The Law Library has several suggestions for ways to cope with the end of the semester crunch time:

1. *Use the library's study resources:*

The Law Library's staff has prepared study aids guides for the major study aids in the library's collection. These guides are organized by class subject, including guides for all 1L classes and many of the 2L and 3L classes. In these guides, you will find links to the Law Library's popular print and eBook study aids; audio and visual resources (such as the *Sum & Substance* Audio series & *LexisNexis Courtroom Cast*); and online, print, and eBook resources you can use to test yourself on concepts from class.

2. *Reserve a Study Room:*

There are twelve small rooms which can be used for study and/or audio/video review. Three of the rooms are equipped for audio/visual use. Use of these rooms is governed by a room reservation policy which covers advance reservations, room renewals, cancellations, and consequences of the misuse of rooms. More information about reserving a study room is on the Library's website.

3. *Find a Reflective Space on Campus:*

RWU has many areas (indoor and outdoor) which can be used as a study space or a study break space for quiet reflection. Before you venture outside your comfort zone, you can take a [virtual tour](#) of these places.

4. *Take an Exercise Break:*

The [RWU Campus Recreation Center](#) offers exercise equipment and a variety of group exercise classes to engage your body. Exercise, including walking, sports, and other fun physical activities, can help you maintain a healthy mind body balance. You can even rent a [kayak or paddleboard](#) if you want to spend some time exercising outside.

5. *Check out our Stress Management, Mindfulness and Wellness LawGuide:*

The library's guide for [Stress Management, Mindfulness and Wellness](#) provides information and links to help you manage stress in serious ways and not-so-serious ways.

Breathe deeply, think positive thoughts, and good luck on exams!

April 26, 2019

Summer Access to Materials



April 26, 2019

Need to do research this summer? Have no fear, Bloomberg Law, Lexis, and Westlaw offer summer access to continuing students!

Our LawGuide, Bloomberg/Lexis/Westlaw @ RWU Law: Summer Access, explains the details of continuing your use of the databases over the summer months.

In addition, most digital resources will be available to continuing students who are working remotely this summer. Just log in using the same Username and password which you use to access the RWU campus portal from wherever you are working.

Your friendly RWU Law Librarians are also here to help! If you have any questions about our databases and services or need some help on a tough research question, please don't hesitate to contact us by phone, email, chat, or in person.

Have a wonderful summer!