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December 2020 Library Blogs

Legal Beagle's Post

December 4, 2020

Meet the Staff: Jessica Silvia

December 4, 2020



This year the Legal Beagle is featuring blog posts which introduce you (or re-introduce you) to our hard-working and amazing staff. This week meet Jessica Silvia!

Legal Beagle: What is your title?

Jessica: Faculty and Digital Services Assistant

Legal Beagle: Can you explain to our readers what you do using non-librarian terms?

Jessica: I spend most of my time searching for and finding documents, articles, or books for faculty and students using our databases or ordering the items from other libraries through interlibrary loan. I post information and library event details on social media and I help with updating the library website.

Legal Beagle: What is your favorite book?

Jessica: I do not have one favorite book. I have several. My favorite non-fiction book is *I Am Malala* by Malala Yousafzai. My favorite fiction book is *There's No Place Like Here* by Cecelia Ahern.

Legal Beagle: What is your favorite part of your job?

Jessica: My favorite part of my job is interacting with the students either helping them find the information they are looking for or meeting them and talking at various Law School or Law Library events.

Legal Beagle: What is your favorite meme?

Jessica: My favorite memes have the picture of the "successful kid"

Legal Beagle: What has been your experience in the RWU Law community?

Jessica: I have a background in libraries but do not have a law background. I knew I would learn a great deal when I started this position. The community at RWU Law has been welcoming, friendly, and helpful as I learn to navigate this subject matter.

Legal Beagle: Name something you dislike, but everyone else seems to love.

Jessica: Twitter

December 11, 2020

De-stress with Cuteness!

December 11, 2020



Usually at this time of year, the displays in our computer classrooms turn to puppy cams to help our law school community with the stress of finals.

Due to the pandemic and the (physical) closure of the library, and in lieu of our usual display, we are delivering the stress relieving cuteness of puppy, kitty, and other animal cams directly to you in the form of links on this blog post. In addition to our adorable puppy cams, following some of the advice in our [mindfulness guide](#) can also help you with stress.

If your stress exceeds the power of puppies or other cute animals, please consider talking to a human in the [RWU Counseling Center](#).

And now, the puppies!

[Explore.org](#) is the world's largest virtual zoo. Here one can observe not only the cutest of [puppies](#), but also dozens of live webcams featuring other species such as [cats](#), [fish](#), [jellyfish](#), [donkeys](#), [birds](#), and many more. Schedules vary for the various live webcams from around the world so you may want to visit more than once.

[EarthCam](#) is a network of owned and operated live streaming webcams. It includes dozens of animal cams which are accessible through the search function (the Beagle's current favorite is the [tortoise cam](#)). It also includes many other interesting non-animal live webcams from around the world such as [Times Square](#), [Abbey Road](#), and others.

December 18, 2020

Happy Holidays!

December 18, 2020



Exams are almost over and that is always a reason to celebrate. In this world that has so many disruptions to our familiar patterns, it is sometimes good to remember that we can still celebrate normal things like the end of exams.

December is full of special days that have not changed. We can take a quiet moment to remember the day “which live in infamy” on December 7, [Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day](#). We think about reading a good book during the Winter intersession as we recognize libraries on December 10, [Dewey Decimal System Day](#). December 15 has a little something for almost everyone to celebrate: [Bill of Rights Day](#), [Cat Herders Day](#), and [Human Rights Day](#).

The holiday season brings not only the celebration of the break from studying, but major the celebrations of Hanukkah, Christmas, and Kwanzaa. Some [around the world will celebrate](#) Las Posadas, Saturnalia, Boxing Day, Ōmisoka, New Year’s Eve, and different versions of New Year’s.

The World Health Organization started 2020 with a celebration of the [International Year of the Nurse and Mid-Wife](#). Maybe we should all thank any nurses and mid-wives one last time before the end of the year. (Did the WHO know something we didn’t when the year started?)

Where is all this leading? Simple, find something to celebrate. Savor it. Bask in it. You earned it!