Course Reserve Catalog Now in IUCAT

by Jennifer Bryan

One of the exciting features of the new IUCAT is its course reserve catalog. For the first time ever, Law Library reserve materials are electronically indexed (you might have noticed the absence of the paper index card file from the circulation desk when you came back from semester break).

Before you ask for class reserve materials at the circulation desk, please go through the following steps. It will greatly speed up your service at the circulation desk.

To access the new course reserve catalog from IUCAT, click on the word “Reserves” in the upper left-hand corner of the screen. You can search for class reserve materials by Instructor, Course Number, or Course Name.

Instructor Search

• Type the instructor’s last name in the search box.
• Select “Blgtn Law Library Reserves” from the drop-down menu.
• Click the “Instructor” button to initiate the search.
• Click on the correct instructor’s name from the alphabetical list.
• If the instructor is teaching more than one course, the result will be a list of courses. Choose the correct course.
• If more that one item is on reserve for that course, the result will be a list of titles. Click the display button to see how many copies of that item are on reserve, if any are checked out, and when they are due.

Course Number Search

• Type the course number in the search box, following this standard format: department-course number-library, (e.g., LAW-B758-B-LAW).
• Select “Blgtn Law Library Reserves” from the drop-down menu.
• Click the “Course Number” button to initiate the search.
• If more that one item is on reserve for that course, the result will be a list of titles. Click the display button to see how many copies of that item are on reserve, if any are checked out, and when they are due.

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Course Name Search

- Type the official course name in the search box, (e.g., Poverty Law, or Seminar Law & Development).
- Select “Blgtn Law Library Reserves” from the drop-down menu.
- Click the “Course Name” button to initiate the search.
- If more that one item is on reserve for that course, the result will be a list of titles. Click the display button to see how many copies of that item are on reserve, if any are checked out, and when they are due.

Searching Tips

- The course reserve catalog lists materials on reserve at all IU Libraries statewide. So, make sure you limit your search to the Law Library if you are only looking for items on reserve here.
- Use Go Back on the navigation bar to go back screen by screen.

Important Information

- Class reserve (4-hour loan) materials taken out within fous hours of closing are due the following day at 9:30 a.m.
- The overdue fine for reserve materials is $1.20 per hour. Please be mindful of the due time when you check out any reserve materials, and renew or return them on time.
- Always return library materials through the book drop (located at both the front and back of the circulation desk). You are responsible for any items that you leave on the counter.

If you have any questions about these new course reserve procedures, please stop by the circulation office to see me.

WHITE HOUSE IN TRANSITION

The change in the Office of the President isn’t the only transition taking place at 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue. The first electronic transition is also underway via the White House Web site <http://www.whitehouse.gov/>.

The Clinton administration was the first of the Internet generation and the first to create a White House web site. The site not only served as a public relations device of the President by putting his policies, works, and speeches in the public eye, but it also served as a living museum of American history and represented the seat of government. One could find how to contact the President and Vice President, press releases and briefings, a collection of all documents released by the White House since the start of the Clinton administration, Clinton-Gore initiatives, gateways to general government information, a site for children who want to know more about government, historical information about the White House and first families, and current tourist information. The site went through three complete upgrades during the eight years that Bill Clinton was in office.

To illustrate the change from 1993 to 2001, Thomas Friedman wrote in the New York Times that the Web had about 50 pages in January of 1993 and possibly one billion pages as President Bush takes office.

As of 12:05 p.m. on Saturday, January 20th the Clinton White House web site came down and was moved to the National Archives and Record Administration and the new Bush White House web site went up. Major changes are expected and are inevitable with a new administration, but it’s too early to tell how extensive those changes will be.

Marianne Mason
Documents Librarian
KEEPING UP WITH NEW DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNET LAW

Because the Internet is a relatively new phenomenon, the law governing its use is still evolving. New twists and turns develop almost every day. How can a busy law student, professor, or practicing attorney keep up with these developments? One solution is BNA’s Internet Law News, a free daily updating service. BNA’s Internet Law News is compiled by Michael Geist, law professor at the University of Ottawa and Director of E-commerce Law at the Toronto firm Goodmans LLP. It is sent via e-mail to subscribers every weekday, excluding holidays (both American and Canadian, eh).

Each edition of the News is essentially a list of summaries of longer stories found elsewhere. Each summary includes at least one link that the reader can click on in order to jump to the full text of the summarized article(s). Professor Geist gathers these articles from a wide variety of sources, from such widely circulated newspapers and magazines as the New York Times, the San Jose Mercury News, and Wired, to more obscure sources like the websites DigitalMass and NewsBytes. (One word of warning: the links to the Wall Street Journal operate only for WSJ subscribers.)

The News is international in scope, although the focus tends to be on developments in the U.S., Canada, England, and Australia. Every aspect of Internet law is covered: antitrust litigation (especially Microsoft’s current woes), privacy issues (from FBI surveillance to hackers stealing credit card numbers), First Amendment issues, battles to protect intellectual property, plain-old business matters (e.g., who’s buying out whom, who’s filing bankruptcy papers, and who’s going public), and more. In addition, almost every stage of law-making is covered, from the first whispers of litigation to final court opinions, and from early proposals for legislation or regulation to its enactment or promulgation.

Reading BNA’s Internet Law News is probably the most time-efficient way to keep up with the evolution of Internet law. And it’s free! To subscribe, go to http://ecommercecenter.bna.com.

Liz Larson, Reference Librarian

SUGGESTION BOX

(Every month in this space, Associate Director Linda Fariss selects a comment from the Suggestion Box and replies to it.)

Suggestion: Something that I personally have experienced and others have voiced problems with is the destruction of carrel decorations. I’ve personally had several items which are posted INSIDE my carrel and barely in plain view torn up or written on by other students, simply because it was a political item (i.e., a Bush-Cheney bumper sticker). There’s no need for that among Law students, and I especially draw the line when they destroy personal pictures I have up as well. I know this has happened to other students as well. Just something I thought you would want to know about.

Response: I am very sorry to hear that this is happening in the Library. Although we request that you do not hang items on the outside of your carrel or on the wall, items inside the carrel are permitted. It seems obvious that this is unacceptable behavior. I am asking all student to be respectful of other people’s property. If anyone is observed destroying or injuring property, please report it to a full-time staff member.
THE NEW IUCAT IS HERE

As you have undoubtedly discovered by now, the new web version of the online catalog was implemented at the beginning of the semester. While it has a number of new features that were not possible in our old catalog, there remains much clean-up work to be done. You may encounter some odd locations, somewhat confusing holdings information or perhaps a conversion problem we haven’t even discovered yet. Please bear with us as our staff works to clean up the data problems that occurred during the conversion from the old system to the new.

Stay tuned to Res Ipsa Loquitur for updates and helpful tips on using the new IUCAT. In the meantime, be sure to take advantage of the online help screens throughout the system as well as the searching tips displayed at the bottom of each search screen. Should you encounter any problems locating specific material or if you happen to experience unexpected or confusing search results, please contact a Reference Librarian.

Nonie Watt
Head of Technical Services

NOISE IN THE LIBRARY

A number of complaints have recently been received about excessive noise in the Library that is interfering with quiet study. Please be especially careful about talking at the study tables on the reading room level and at the carrels throughout the Library. If you need to engage in conversation, either check out a key to a conference room or move into the Library lobby. The lobby has been designated as an area for quiet talking.

The Library staff will also make every effort to keep our talking to a minimum in the Library stacks. Some conversation is required in the course of answering reference questions and, of course, when conducting tours of the Library. However, we do post notices in advance when a Library tour is planned.

If you have a problem with noise in the Library, please report it to a full-time staff member. We appreciate your assistance and cooperation in maintaining a quiet place to study.

Linda Fariss
Associate Director

LASER PRINTER ADDED TO ONLINE CATALOGS

You may have noticed a laser printer sitting with the online catalogs in the lobby area of the Library. In the next few days (perhaps by the time you are reading this) the laser printer will be operational. It is connected to all of the online catalogs, including those on the ground, second and fourth floors of the Library. If you use this printer, any copies that you make will be charged against your University print allotment, but not your Law School print allotment. The only printers that are charged to your Law School print allotment are those in the second floor computer labs. There will only be two attached printers left for the online catalogs. Use of these printers is not charged against any allotment. If you have any questions about this printer, please stop by my office in the reference area.

Linda K. Fariss
Associate Director

WORKING THE HALLS

Please join us in welcoming Nick Hansen, the new web specialist, Leora Baude as the New Director of Communications, and Julie Wells, the new Senior Bindery and Conservation Clerk in the Library.

Happy February Birthdays to:

• Pat Clark on the 1st.
• Mary Edwards on the 4th.
• Nonie Watt on the 7th.
• Sarah Seybold on the 23rd.
• Prof. Julia Lamber on the 27th.