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## LAW LIBRARY PURCHASES ALL BNA ELECTRONIC CONTENT!

By Peter Hook, Electronic Services Librarian

With one large purchase, the Law Library has significantly expanded its offering of online databases. The Law School will soon have access to all electronic content available from BNA (Bureau of National Affairs). (See the special Res Ipsa BNA insert for a subject category listing of the database titles.) Soon, there will be one link on the Law Library's Online Resources page entitled 'BNA All'. From this link, you will be taken to BNA's main page from which you will be able to activate a pull-down menu to launch the BNA database of your choice. Access in this fashion will be via the 'BNA Platform.' Additionally, this new BNA content will be seamlessly integrated into our academic subscriptions to both Lexis and Westlaw. In other words, BNA content folders will soon appear as directory options inside Lexis and Westlaw. This will allow you to access your favorite BNA content as you would any other Lexis or Westlaw content.

### Email Updates

Equally as exciting will be the ability to register to receive email updates in almost all BNA subject areas. (See the special Res Ipsa BNA insert for a list of available email update titles.) Law students, faculty and staff will be able to use the BNA

registration process to sign up for up to 100 different update titles. (Stay tuned for more specifics and assistance with this process!) This important 'information push' service will help you stay informed on a wide variety of topics with little effort on your part. The Library hopes that you share our enthusiasm for this exciting development as we strive to bring you the best content, in the best formats available. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Hook at [pahook@indiana.edu](mailto:pahook@indiana.edu) or 856-0464.

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## NEW & NOTEWORTHY: HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

While others were lounging on beaches and traveling through Europe, I took a true “busman’s holiday” by attending the famed (at least in the library world) Rare Book School at the University of Virginia. The school was founded in 1983 at Columbia University and moved to Charlottesville in 1992. Currently 30 five-day, non-credit courses on topics concerning old and rare books, manuscripts, and special collections are offered. The majority of courses are held in Charlottesville, but the school has recently expanded and now offers classes in New York City, Baltimore, and Washington DC.



While the class I took (“Collecting the History of Anglo-American Law”) was particularly relevant to Law Librarianship, and especially useful to me as the IUB Law Library is getting ready to build a new Rare Book Room, the variety of classes offered means that almost anyone with an interest in rare books can find something to take. Here are just a few of the classes offered -

- Introduction to the History of Bookbinding
- The History of the Book in America
- Introduction to Descriptive Bibliography
- Introduction to the History and Preservation of Maps
- Introduction to Islamic Manuscripts
- Introduction to the History of Illustration
- History of American Music Printing and Publishing
- History of European and American Papermaking
- Introduction to Special Collections Librarianship
- Introduction to Illuminated Manuscripts
- Introduction to the History of Typography

Each of the classes is taught by a team of knowledgeable, and often well known, scholars or collectors in the field. My class was co-taught by David Warrington (Librarian for Special Collections at the Harvard Law School and formerly of IU’s Lilly Library) and Morris Cohen (retired director of both the Harvard and Yale Law Libraries, as well as the author of the definitive bibliography of early American law).

Students in these classes range from librarians, to collectors, to book sellers. My class was made up of nine librarians, two British attorneys/collectors, and one book seller. Classes are rigorous, running from 8:30 in the morning until 5:00 in the afternoon, with lectures during the evening. A substantial required reading list is sent to all participants prior

to their arrival and completion of all class-room assignments is also required.

All in all it was a wonderful experience, both professionally and personally. If you’d like to learn more about the school, take a look at their website: <http://www.virginia.edu/oldbooks/>

Dick Vaughan  
Acquisitions & Serials Control Librarian

## PARDON OUR TOURS

Everything in the Law School shifts into high-gear with the beginning of another academic year, and the Law Library’s Public Services staff is no exception. Starting with orientation tours for the entire incoming first-year class, the Public Services librarians expect to provide lectures, tours, bibliographic and computer instruction to well over 2000 students this semester. The librarians will also be guiding a substantial number of non-law students in the use of the Law Library and its collection. Students from a wide range of disciplines, such as Journalism, Business, SPEA, Telecommunications and Political Science will be receiving training in the use of periodicals indexes, legal encyclopedias and the reporter systems during the months of September and October.

In order to make tours of Library less disruptive to students studying in the Reading Room and on the First Floor, the Public Services staff will post notices of upcoming tours so that students can seek other study areas during those times.

*Keith Buckley*  
*Collections Development Librarian*

## EVALUATING JUMPSTART

During the last few weeks of the 2006 Spring Semester, the Law Library conducted the Jumpstart Legal Research Program, providing concentrated remedial research skills training for law students who were either beginning their professional careers or working as summer associates and clerks. In order to expand the program and better prepare next summer’s body of graduates and clerks, the Reference Staff would like to invite all returning Jumpstart students to drop by the Reference Office during the first few weeks of the semester and tell them about your work-related research experiences. We are especially interested in whether or not you

felt adequately prepared for most of your research tasks, how the Jumpstart sessions helped you and, most importantly, what else we could have told you or what we should be telling you about research in the practicing environment. If you don't have time to sit down with us during this hectic period of the semester, we would appreciate it if you could jot down your ideas and leave your notes at the Reference Desk. Your comments will help us in structuring next spring's Jumpstart Program and find new ways of making I.U. law students better researchers, better lawyers, and better prospects in an extremely competitive job market.

Finally, remember that if you discover that you've forgotten some of your newly-acquired research skills by the end of the school year, we'll be more than happy to see you at next spring's Jumpstart sessions.

*Keith Buckley*  
Collections Development Librarian



## GOVERNMENT INFORMATION SOURCES AND SERVICES

The Law Library is fortunate to participate in a cooperative program with the federal government, known as the Federal Depository Library Program. The purpose of the depository library system is to make government publications available for the free use of the American public.

The Law Library participates in the FDLP in order to support the U.S. Government legal information needs and interests of the faculty and students of the law school. Government documents provide a valuable resource to academic researchers and the general public alike.

The Law Library currently receives 21% of the materials distributed through the FDLP. Our selected publications consist of:

- All primary legal sources
- Administrative decisions and annual reports of agencies and their inspectors general
- Commission reports
- A comprehensive collection of the legislative, judicial branch, and Department of Justice publications

- Research level collecting in civil rights and environmental materials

The Government Documents collection is housed on the 4th floor of the library, arranged by the Superintendent of Documents classification system, and is cataloged in IUCAT.

In addition to housing print and microfiche documents, through the Online Resources page of the Law Library website (<http://www.law.indiana.edu/library/>), we provide access to both free and subscription-based electronic sources of government information:

- GPO Access provides free internet access to information produced by all three branches of the government, linking patrons to more than 275,000 titles, including such primary sources as the Congressional Record, the Federal Register and CFR, Presidential materials, the U.S. Code, Congressional bills, and Congressional reports and documents.

- Thomas, a free service of the Library of Congress, provides summary and full-text of Congressional publications (bills, hearings, reports, debates, and statutes). Thomas also contains committee information and information on the legislative process. Search a single Congress or across multiple Congresses, by keyword, bill number, law number, report number, committee or sponsor name. Coverage extends back to 1967 for treaties, 1973 for bills and laws, 1995 for reports, 1989 for the Congressional Record.

- LexisNexis Congressional provides access to indexing, abstracts, and full-text of congressional documents from 1789 forward. Indispensable to legislative research, Congressional is the most comprehensive online resource available for locating congressional publications. Collections are indexed by committee, author, publication number, public law numbers, bill numbers, SuDoc Numbers, and subject terms. Use the basic, advanced, or "search by number" form to retrieve indexing, abstracts or full-text documents in PDF or text formats.

- CQ.com, a legislative tracking Web site from Congressional Quarterly, provides access to full text of Congressional bills, bill tracking and comparison reports, budget tracking, and the Homeland Security intelligence service. CQ.com offers continuous monitoring and analysis of government and politics through the website's "News" tab, or from full

### THE SUGGESTION BOX

Every month in this space Associate Director Linda Fariss responds to a suggestion from the Suggestion Box.

**Please Put Your Suggestions in the Suggestions Box Located on the Circulation Desk!**

text news sources, such as CQ Weekly and CQ Today.

- HeinOnline has a digitized collection of government documents, including a full run of the Federal Register and its indexes, Presidential materials, U.S. Statutes at Large, U.S. Reports, U.S. Attorney General Opinions and the Opinions of the Office of Legal Counsel of the United States Department of Justice, official and unofficial treaty publications, and bibliographies and compiled full-text legislative histories on historically significant legislation. All documents are available in PDF format and are retrievable by citation and meta-data search.

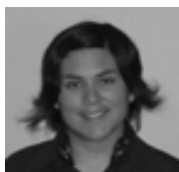
Please feel free to ask me for any assistance in locating government information.

*Jennifer Bryan Morgan*  
Documents Librarian

### THREE NEW FACES AT THE REFERENCE DESK

Your friendly neighborhood reference team has recently expanded! Two students will be working part time at the reference desk this semester, and a former colleague has returned: the students are Sarah Jaramillo and Thomas Bruder, and the returning colleague is Electronic Services Librarian Peter Hook.

Many library patrons will undoubtedly recognize Sarah's smiling face, as she has been a part of the Indiana Law community since 2002. A native of Dallas, Texas, Sarah earned a bachelor's degree in the History of Literature and Philosophy from the University of Oklahoma, then worked in a Dallas law firm for a short while before finding her way to Bloomington, where she worked for almost two years as the Law Library's Bindery and Preservation Assistant. She left that job in the Fall of 2004 to become a full-time law student, although she found time to work part-time at the Circulation Desk. As a 1L, she decided that law librarianship was her calling, so she enrolled in IU's School of Library and Information Science (SLIS) and is now working on both a J.D. and an M.L.S.



In her spare time, Sarah enjoys music, vegan cooking, reading, cycling, and tennis. She hopes to someday work as a reference librarian at a law school on the west coast. For now, she works five hours a week at the Reference Desk as well as regular shifts at the Circulation Desk.

The second student working at the reference desk this semester is Thomas Bruder. Thomas was born in Miami, raised in Birmingham, Alabama and in Memphis, then graduated from Florida State University with a degree in Classics. He went on to earn a J.D. at another fine Indiana institution, Notre Dame. While in law school, he worked as a faculty research assistant and found legal research so fulfilling that he decided to change his career plans and become a law librarian. He is now enrolled in SLIS and working towards an M.L.S. degree.



Thomas is earning internship credits by working at the reference desk for twelve hours each week during the Fall semester. His interests outside of school include foreign languages and literature, games, and writing poetry.

Another "new" face at the desk that is quite familiar to many of our library patrons belongs to Peter Hook, who returned in the spring to his former position as Electronic Services Librarian. Peter was gone for almost two years working full time on a Ph.D. in Information Science. The primary focus of his research is information visualization. He is almost finished with his course work and hopes to someday work as a professor of library and information science.



Peter grew up in a suburb of St. Louis, then earned a B.A. and a J.D. from the University of Kansas, followed by a M.S.L.I.S. at the University of Illinois. He worked for a year as a reference librarian at the University of Illinois' Law Library. When Peter is not working or studying, he enjoys swimming, racquetball, cycling, movies, architecture, and travel.

*Liz Goldberg*  
Reference Librarian

### WORKING THE HALLS

**Happy September Birthday to:**

Mike Maben on the 12th  
Keith Buckley on the 15th  
Prof. Terry Bethel on the 18th



**WELCOME  
BACK STUDENTS!**