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NEWS FROM THE WHEAT LAW LIBRARY

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In the near future the Wheat Law Library staff will create and distribute a user survey. Why a user survey? What purpose will it serve? Typically, user surveys are a tool to garner useful information from its patrons. This information is used to assist the library in evaluating existing services, and perhaps more important, to make changes, improvements or expand a valuable service. A library survey should also point out the library's strengths and weaknesses so that it can address issues in needed areas and promote the services patrons value.

In a nutshell, we want to know precisely what our patrons want and need from the library. Our goal is to receive feedback that will enable us to provide high quality patron service, the type of service that, to coin a phrase, makes us remark "there goes another satisfied

customer." The survey will use the feedback to make sure the library is a responsive and relevant place. A library is a place with multiple uses; a place for quiet and collaborative study, a place to acquire information literacy and the exploration of intellectual curiosity.

Perhaps it was the harsh winter weather, perhaps it was the new, more relaxed food and drink policy that made students feel more comfortable in the library. I observed, right outside my office, and on other floors in the library, tables full of students studying and reading between classes and throughout the day. I was quite pleased. I love it when the library is full of students, faculty and patrons. So help us out library users! Please respond to our survey. Give us feedback so that we can serve you better. What better way to celebrate National Library Week,



Director's Corner

April 11-17, than to hear from patrons what they want to experience, virtually or in person, when they use the library.

See you in the library!

Joyce McCray Pearson
Director &
Associate Professor



9th ANNUAL PAUL E. WILSON FRIENDS OF THE WHEAT LAW LIBRARY LECTURE & LUNCHEON IS SLATED FOR THURSDAY, APRIL 8th: Professor Richard 'Rick' Levy to be Featured Speaker

Rick Levy joined the KU Law faculty in 1985, having received his law degree from the University of Chicago Law School. Prior to joining KU Law he served as a clerk for Judge Richard Posner, U.S.

Court of Appeals, Seventh Circuit.

In teaching and research, Professor Levy has focused on constitutional law and public law. He has a particular interest in government institutions, legislation, and public policy analysis. He was responsible for redrafting the University Senate Rules and Regulations relating to grievances and his expert advice has been sought on a number of occasions when he has testified before state

legislative committees on issues ranging from flag burning to reorganization of the board of agriculture to campaign financing reform.

Professor Levy's lecture is entitled "Libraries and the Future of Campaign Finance Regulation" and will discuss the recent Supreme Court decisions, particularly *Citizen's United v. Federal Election Commission* (overruling *Austin v. Michigan Chamber of Commerce*), which held that limitations on corporate spending in political campaigns violate the First Amendment. Indications are that the Supreme Court also may be prepared to overrule or narrow that part of *Buckley v. Valeo* which upheld limitations on contributions to

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LAW LIBRARY— LIBRARY WEEK EVENTS:

THURSDAY 4/8—9th Annual Paul E. Wilson
Friends of the Wheat Law
Library Lecture & Lunch

MONDAY 4/12—National Library Week
Cake in the Commons

TUESDAY 4/13—National Library Workers
Day

WEDNESDAY 4/14—26th Annual Hazel A.
Anderson Memorial Book Sale
(1st Floor Commons)

FRIDAY 4/16—Library Fines Amnesty Day

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26th Annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale To Be Held On April 14th

The 26th Annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale will be held on Wednesday, April 14th, in the informal commons from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Book Sale is one of the library's many traditions in honor of National Library Week, which this year is April 11th through April 17th. Numerous volumes, not incorporated into the library's collection for various reasons, will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

The Book Sale offers an excellent opportunity to stock up on legal materials ranging from substantive references to ornamental office decorations. The nominal prices ensure that this will likely be the cheapest law book investment you ever make.

The library also invites students to volunteer to work at the sale, which directly benefits KU Law and the Wheat Law Library. Get involved, make a difference, and get a great deal!

If faculty members would like to donate any books to the book sale contact us. We will gladly come to your office and collect them.



NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

National Library Week will be observed April 11-17, 2010 with the theme, "Communities thrive @ your library."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April. It is a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support. All types of libraries - school, public, academic and special - participate.

— ALA website

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candidates and rule that such limits are also unconstitutional. On the other hand, the Court seems comfortable with laws that require reporting and disclosure of contributions and expenditures, including the source of funds for expenditures. The future of campaign finance is one in which there are no limits on the money that can be spent, and the principal check on abuse is that of public disclosure. In light of the heightened importance of information about campaign spending, libraries—including the Wheat Law Library—have an important role to play in making this information publicly accessible.

Professor Levy is a prolific scholar who was named a Postlethwaite Research Fellow, 1996-1999. Levy is fluent in German and has studied in Germany and served as exchange professor at the University of Vienna.

GOOD LUCK WITH YOUR NEW ADVENTURE JOE



Joe Custer, our Associate Director, will be leaving Wheat Law Library this summer to become Assistant Professor of Law and Director of the Law Library at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri.

Congratulations Joe! Best wishes from all of us, we'll miss you!

BAR REVIEW MATERIALS

Wheat Law Library has established a dedicated Bar Review Collection which is located in the Reference area of the Library. The items are available for 24 hour check out.

See the LibGuides for Bar Review Resources to see what is available.
<http://guides.law.ku.edu/>

PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS –

Blake Wilson is the primary contributor from the library to the *University of Kansas School of Law Blog* that gets posted on Tuesdays <<http://kuschooloflaw.blogspot.com/>> check out new posts every week!

Katherine Greene presented as a member of a three librarian panel for a program at MAALL in Columbia, Missouri, entitled *Gathering the Documents & (Perhaps) Discovering Legislative Intent: State Legislative History Research*.

Joyce McCray Pearson presented *Lawyers as Entrepreneurs* at Washburn University School of Law in Topeka on October 14, 2009, her talk was sponsored by the Black Law Students Association.

In April, both Blake Wilson and Katherine Green will be attending the South Western Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) conference taking place at Baylor Law School in Waco, Texas. They will be presenting in a panel discussion entitled *What's new at the Zoo?* This program features multiple speakers "speedgeeking" their way through a variety of tech toys of interest to librarians and their patrons. Watch demos, ask questions, and get hands on experience with some of the latest tech, gadgets, and online tools in a fun, comfortable atmosphere. Kat will be demonstrating the Livescribe recording pen and Blake will be presenting on how to use an iPhone in legal research and practice.

TRAINING

Want to learn more about the **BNA Premier** database? In April a representative from BNA will be sharing tips and insight into researching *Tax* and *Intellectual Property* topics using their database. Keep your eyes open for the dates of these upcoming trainings. Lunch will be provided.



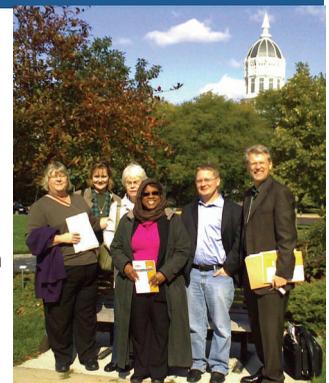
Librarians Attended MAALL Conference Last Fall

In October six Wheat Law Library librarians went to Columbia, Missouri for the Mid America Association of Law Libraries (MAALL) Conference. The librarians went to support the outgoing president of MAALL, our own Joe Custer.

Katherine Greene also presented as a member of a panel about State Legislative histories.

One of the highlights of the confer-

ence was the dinner theater put on by the Historical and Theatrical Trial Society (HATTS) in which they presented *United States v. John Brown* in which John Brown is tried for his role in the murder of five pro-slavery men at the Pottawatomie Creek Massacre. Brown was never tried in his lifetime for this crime. Joyce Pearson, the director of the law library, was selected to be a member of the jury for the trial.



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THE PATH TO SUCCESS IN LAW SCHOOL BEGINS AT THE LIBRARY

As the largest and oldest law library in Kansas, the Wheat Law Library is an integral part of the School of Law. It serves the law school and university community in legal and interdisciplinary scholarly pursuits and provides attorneys, judges, and the general public with access to legal information. Key components of this mission include collecting and preserving Kansas, national, and international legal documents, teaching legal information literacy, and serving as a legal information gateway by providing access to sources beyond the scope of the physical collection.

LIBRARY HOURS

Regular Hours

(Wed., Jan. 13- Fri., Mar. 12 &
Sun., Mar. 21- Thurs., Apr. 22)
Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 11:00 pm
Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 11:00 pm

Spring Recess Hours (Sat., Mar. 13- Sat., Mar. 20)

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday-Sunday CLOSED

Interterm Hours (Sat., May 8- Sat., May 15)

Monday-Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday-Sunday CLOSED

Finals Hours (Fri., April 23- Sat., May 7)

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 1:00 am
Friday 7:30 am - 10:00 pm
Saturday 8:00 am - 10:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 1:00 am
**Except Fri., May 7 7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Commencement Hours (May 16)

Sunday 1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Regular Summer Hours (Starting Mon., May 17)

Monday-Thursday 7:30 am - 10:00 pm
Friday 7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
Sunday 10:00 am - 10:00 pm