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LIBRARY HOURS



The library will be open from 8:00 A.M. until 10:00 P.M. seven days a week. To accommodate those studying for the July bar examination, closing time will be extended to midnight from Monday, July 19 until Monday, July 26. In observance of Independence Day, the library will be closed on Sunday, July 4. Copley Library will be open from 1:00 P.M. until 9:00 P.M. on that day. The LRC will be open on Monday, July 5.

For details, check the Legal Research Center web site at <http://www.sandiego.edu/lrc/about/hours.php>.

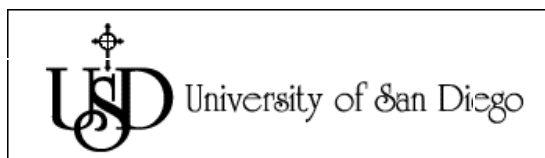
LIBRARIANS OFF TO BEANTOWN



From July 11 to 14, LRC librarians Nancy Carol Carter, Jane Bentley, Ruth Levor, and Loren Stamper will head to Boston for the 2004 Annual Meeting of the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL). This year's conference theme, "Boston to Mumbai: The World of Legal Information," reflects the expansion of legal and business information needs beyond national borders, and conference programs will focus on foreign, comparative, and international research. A program highlight will be the "Hot Topic" appearance of Kim Morris, the Baghdad Program Manager for Library and Information of the DePaul University College of Law International Human Rights Law Institute. From her residence/office in Baghdad, Morris has been traveling to three law schools in Iraq, often wearing a flak jacket, and meeting with the deans and staff to assess their respective collections and begin the process of rebuilding their law libraries, which have undergone physical destruction and loss of materials, equipment, and essential records. The more than 70 Annual Meeting programs and workshops also include "*Parlez-vous le droit?*": *Collecting Legal Materials in Foreign Languages; The (Under)world of Legal Information: Protecting Networks from Hackers, Worms, and Malicious Exploitation; The European Union at a Crossroads: Freedoms in a Federated Europe; and Hijab, Jihad, Riba, and Hudud: Islamic Law in the 21st Century.*

LRC Director Carter will be hosting a conference program on *Indian*

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Tribal Legal Records: A Domestic World of Information. She will also receive the Academic Law Libraries Special Interest Section (ALL-SIS) Outstanding Article Award for her article [*The Special Case of Alaska: Native Law and Research*, 22 Leg. Ref. Servs. Q. 11 \(2003\)](#). Associate Director Levor will attend the official launching of the ALL-SIS's Web-based "[Marketing Toolkit For Academic Law Libraries](#)," to which she contributed the piece [*The Unique Role of the Academic Law Library*](#).

**BLOGGING
WITH BRIAN**

Bloglines



Weblogs, shortened in Internet lingo to "blogs," provide shortcuts for easily creating a Web presence to communicate your professional and personal ideas. On a blog, you can also solicit feedback from and interaction with like or contrary minded Web surfers. Brian Williams, LRC Foreign and International Law Reference Librarian, is the first LRC-ian to "go blogger." Brian's blog, "[IT DEPENDS: 13 WAYS OF LOOKING AT A LEGAL QUESTION](#)," gathers news and research links of current interest to the foreign and international law community and to fans of virtual research. There are late-breaking stories relevant to legal scholarship and legal research from sources as varied as WIRED NEWS, JURIST FORUM, human rights organizations, and government Web sites. Brian has also compiled an easy-to-browse collection of links to other legal blogs, legal information sites, law libraries, reference tools, and for the whimsical at heart, even some poetry.

You can visit Brian's blog at <http://itdepends.blogspot.com/>. If you'd like to communicate with Brian about his blog or ask him how to go about setting up your own Weblog, contact him at bwilliams@SanDiego.edu or by phone at extension 7557.

**BOOKS VS.
FOOD**



In "The Day After Tomorrow," the latest doomsday movie, the heroes take refuge from a sudden Ice Age in the New York Public Library. They begin burning books (instead of much more fuel-efficient wooden library furniture) for heat. A dedicated librarian conceals a Gutenberg Bible to protect it from the flames. In his new book, *LIBRARY : AN UNQUIET HISTORY* (2003), Matthew Battles tells of a real life choice concerning books for cooking fuel:

In the winter, [a] scholar and his wife ran out of firewood, and so began to burn their books for heat and cooking. "This forces one to think critically. ... One must prioritize. First, you burn old college textbooks, which you haven't read in thirty years. Then there are the duplicates. But eventually, you're forced to make tougher choices. Who burns today: Dostoevsky or Proust?" [The scholar was asked if he] had any books left when the war was over. "Oh yes,[we] still had many books. Sometimes, ... you look at the books and just choose to go hungry."

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