

LIBRARY HOURS

The library will be closed on Thursday, November 22, in observance of Thanksgiving. The library will reopen on Friday, November 23. From November 30 through December 13, the library will be open from 7:00 A.M. to midnight seven days a week for finals study period.



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

THANKSGIVING HOMILY



In Civil War-era Philadelphia, Rev. Henry Augustus Boardman delivered THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY: A THANKSGIVING DISCOURSE/LRC Lower Level Microforms [K46 .N5 50472](#). Asking rhetorically why public addresses and publications failed to offer “special *thanksgiving* in the JUDICIAL SYSTEM of the United States,” he posited that the judiciary “moves in a secluded sphere. ... [I]ts voices do not attract the public ear. Except on rare occasions, people do not affect the courtroom. And where they do, the cases which allure them are oftener those that appeal to their curiosity or their passions, than those which involve principles that concern our dearest personal rights or our public liberties.”

ALMOST TWO BILLION SERVED



Ten years after some experts predicted the demise of the nation's system of libraries as a result of the Internet explosion, the most current national data on library use shows that the exact opposite has happened. Data released by the American Library Association (ALA) indicates that the number of visits to public libraries in the United States increased 61 percent between 1994 and 2004.

According to the 2007 State of America's Libraries report, 1.8 billion visitors checked out more than 2 billion items from U.S. libraries in fiscal year 2004. Virtually every library in the United States - 99 percent - provides free public computer access to the Internet, a four-fold increase in the percentage of libraries providing such free access over the last decade. By comparison, another study released in March shows that only 69 percent of U.S. households have Internet access.

TWO BILLION
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But unlike the Internet, particularly when accessed at home, libraries still serve a unique function in providing those who seek knowledge and information with guidance from trained and educated professionals. A full copy of the 2007 State of America's Libraries is available at www.ala.org/2007State.

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SIXTIES STYLE



Father Alfred E. Geimer, Director of the USD Law Library, reminds students of the following request made by the faculty and administration in regard to library dress:

“Accepted dress for the library outside of class hours and on weekends is: comfortable dress including sports shirts, slacks, shoes, and socks.”

Father Geimer adds that “Beach attire, such as sandals, no shoes at all, unattractive Bermuda shorts and sweatshirts would seem to be obviously improper.”

Miss Susan Miller, Professor and head librarian, asks the students to remember that out of common courtesy to those who wish to study, students should refrain from bringing food and drink into the library, and from putting their feet on the tables. Students should reshelve all books when they are through with them, and should hold long and extended conversations downstairs in the lounge area. *Courtesy Basis of Law Library, WOOLSACK (former title of MOTIONS) (September 1968).*

MILITARY LEGAL
RESOURCES



The Library of Congress Federal Research Division Web site has primary source materials and publications in the field of military law from the U.S. Army Judge Advocate General's Legal Center & School Library in Charlottesville, VA. These include digitized legal documents and related ephemera such as the Military Law Review, various U.S. Army Field Manuals, and transcripts of the Nuremberg Trials. One important recent addition to these materials is a full set of the Commentaries on the 1949 Geneva Conventions, which were originally published between 1952 and 1959. The site also contains legislative histories of such important acts as the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts of 1974. In addition, there are direct links to the official investigations of the My Lai Incidents during the Vietnam War.
