

LIBRARY HOURS



From November 30 to December 13, the library will be open from 7:00 A.M. until midnight seven days a week for finals study period. Intersession hours, 8:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. seven days a week, begin on December 14 and last through January 6.

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

RESEARCH SUPPORT TRAINING



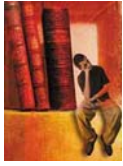
As the semester winds down, and your scholarly work gears back up, you will want to prepare by having your support staff trained to retrieve basic online materials and your research assistants prepared to delve into your areas of study for more in-depth materials. LRC librarians are available to give office personnel introductory or refresher training in using Lexis and Westlaw to retrieve cases. We can also coach your research assistants in specialized topical research. To arrange for training sessions, please contact Education and Outreach Librarian Judith Lihosit at extension 4572 or by e-mail at jlihosit@sandiego.edu.



Our newest reference librarian, Melissa Fung, is bringing the LRC's service orientation to the cutting edge by developing WikiRef, an interactive web site on which LRC librarians can collaborate to keep current on patron needs, the progress of reference projects, quick answers to reference FAQs, scheduling needs, professional announcements, and a myriad of other items that are crucial to efficient and effective reference service.

Even if you didn't already know that "wiki" is Hawaiian for "quick," you are probably familiar with the collaborative online encyclopedia Wikipedia, which contains over 2,000,000 articles that anyone can edit. Our little WikiRef operates on the same principles as a knowledge management system for reference operations and a ready reference database. While access to WikiRef is limited to librarians, we use it for the benefit of our patrons. So far, it has helped us to do things like tracking our work on your queries and projects, alerting each other to class research assignments, and coordinating law review cite checkers' requests. Thank you, Melissa, for enabling us to collaborate wiki-ly!

CAVEAT
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BOOKS



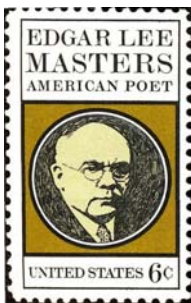
A warning to those of you who will be attending the AALS Annual Meeting in New York City next month – do not be seduced by the misleading name of the “Library Bar” in the lobby of the Sheraton Hotel, one of the convention hotels. Feeling a professional obligation to check out the location with this alluring moniker, this writer embarked upon a 360° virtual tour of said facility, only to discover that it contains not a single book, but rather only “a mahogany bar and paneling and cozy leather club chairs.” Enter, therefore, at your own peril, and have a great time in the Big Apple!

FEDERAL
RULES
UPDATE



There is a brief review of the amendments to the Federal Rules of Appellate, Bankruptcy, Civil, and Criminal Procedure that took effect on the first of December on the Federal Courts Web site at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/index2.html#congressaction>. The text of the amended rules, a chart listing each instance where a current Civil Rule was renumbered in the Restyled Civil Rules, and extensive supporting documentation can be found at <http://www.uscourts.gov/rules/congress0407.htm>.

POETRY OF
THE LAW: THE
FELLOW
SERVANT
RULE



"Butch" Weldy

After I got religion and steadied down
They gave me a job in the canning works,
And every morning I had to fill
The tank in the yard with gasoline,
That fed the blow-fires in the sheds
To heat the soldering irons.
And I mounted a rickety ladder to do it,
Carrying buckets full of the stuff.
One morning, as I stood there pouring,
The air grew still and it seemed to heave,
And I shot up as the tank exploded,
And down I came with both legs broken,
And my eyes burned crisp as a couple of eggs
For someone left a blow-fire going,
And something sucked the flame in the tank.
The Circuit Judge said whoever did it
Was a fellow-servant of mine, and so
Old Rhodes' son didn't have to pay me.
And I sat on the witness stand as blind
As Jack the Fiddler, saying over and over,
"I didn't know him at all."

Edgar Lee Masters, *Spoon River Anthology* (New York: Barnes & Noble, 2006), 26 (originally published 1914).