

LIBRARY HOURS



The library will be closed on Friday, March 21, in observance of Good Friday. We will reopen on Saturday, March 22, and will remain open on Easter Sunday, March 23.

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

LET THE SUN SHINE ON PUBLIC INFORMATION

Sunshine Week, March 16-22, 2008, is a national initiative to open a dialogue about the importance of open government and freedom of information. Participants include print, broadcast and online news media, civic groups, libraries, non-profits, schools, and others interested in the public's right to know. The purpose of designating a special week to focus on public access to government information is to enlighten and empower people to play an active role in their government at all levels, and to give them access to information that makes their lives better and their communities stronger.



A great start for dealing with open government issues is the ABA Section of Administrative Law and Regulatory Practice's AN INTERPRETIVE GUIDE TO THE GOVERNMENT IN THE SUNSHINE ACT/KF5705.5 .B4 2005. In SUBVERTING OPEN GOVERNMENT: WHITE HOUSE MATERIALS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH POLITICS/KF5753 .M66 2006, University of Colorado professor and faculty director of archives Bruce Montgomery notes:

The American republic has had its share of tragedy stemming from government illegality, secrecy, and abuse of power. The open

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records laws, which were designed to act as a bulwark against excessive secrecy, have served the American public enormously well.

For discussions of freedom of information laws and judicial opinions from the perspective of journalism professors, look at CHARLES DAVIS & SIGMAN SPLICAL, EDS., ACCESS DENIED: FREEDOM OF INFORMATION IN THE INFORMATION AGE//KF4774 .A927 2000. Another ABA publication is P. STEPHEN GIDIÈRE III, THE FEDERAL INFORMATION MANUAL: HOW THE GOVERNMENT COLLECTS, MANAGES, AND DISCLOSES INFORMATION UNDER FOIA AND OTHER STATUTES. *With help from John Adkins, Head of Public Services.*

ONLINE STUDENT RESOURCES UPDATED

The Student Resources section of the library Web page has gotten a face lift and now looks and acts fresher and more inviting. The most used items, such as the catalog, interlibrary loan, and course guide are front and center along with the link to campus cash for printing in the LRC computer lab and the reference e-mail address. Under these is the news feed from JURIST's Paper Chase.



The screenshot shows the Pardee Legal Research Center website. At the top, there are navigation tabs: ABOUT USD, ADMISSIONS, ACADEMICS, NEWS & EVENTS, ADMINISTRATION, ATHLETICS, and GIVING. Below the tabs is the header "Pardee Legal Research Center" with a breadcrumb trail: USD > Legal Research Center > Student Resources > LRC Student Resources.

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LRC Student Resources

Click [here](#) to go to the *Student Guide to LRC Resources & Services* page, where you can find out about all the resources and services available to you during your time as a law student at USD. Find information about course reserves, specialized research trainings offered at the LRC, find out how to print in the LRC Computer Lab, and much more. Otherwise, select one of the quick links below if you already know what you want.

Research Quick Links	Quick Info about the LRC
<ul style="list-style-type: none">SALLY (USD's online catalog) , CircuitInterlibrary Loan Info and FormDatabases: Hein, LegalTrac, more databasesCourse guides for elective classesLRC Research & Information GuidesCALI LessonsCite-checker ILL ProceduresGet Campus Cash—put money on your USD ID for printing in the labs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">LRC HoursStaff directoryContact the Ref Desk at lrcref@sandiego.edu or (619) 260-4612

In the News

Legal news from JURIST's Paper Chase... [XML](#)
jurist.law.pitt.edu/paperchase/ updated 02/28/2008 11:52:15 ET

- [Afghan student facing blasphemy death sentence should be allowed appeal: judge](#)
- [US-Mexico "virtual" border fence again delayed](#)
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The **click here** link in the top box on the page leads students to an even greater range of library support services.

The next scheduled face lift “patient” is the Faculty Resources section, so send your suggestions to Instruction & Outreach Librarian Judith Lihosit at jlihosit@sandiego.edu.