

Douglas County Law Library

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Board Election Update

Ballots for this spring's Board election were mailed on April 1st to attorneys eligible* to vote in the election. Completed ballots are due back in the Law Library by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 15th. The newly elected Board members will take office on May 1st.

* To be eligible to vote in an election for attorney members on the board, one must be an attorney whose principle office, i.e.: main practice, is in Douglas County, or, if the practice is in another state, resides in Douglas County. In addition, the attorney must be registered with the Clerk of the Douglas County District Court pursuant to K.S.A 20-

3126. Unless employed solely as a public defender by the State Board of Indigents' Defense Services, the attorney must also have paid the current year's annual Douglas County Law Library registration fee of \$10.00.

Lexis Training Sessions on 4/5 and 4/6

The Library is sponsoring two sessions on using the Lexis on-line legal database. The sessions will be offered on April 5th and 6th, 2005. As reported in the last issue of the Newsletter, the Library was originally going to offer only one of the sessions, but the decision was later made to offer both. The Tuesday session will feature a presentation by Jeff Theis, a representative from Lexis/Nexis. The Wednesday session will feature a video recording of the Tuesday session with additional material included.

Lexis Training Session 1:

3:00 - 4:00 pm, Tuesday, April 5th

Lexis Training Session 2:

Noon - 1:00 pm, Wednesday, April 6th

If you have not already signed up for one of these sessions and are interested in coming, please let Library staff know as soon as possible.

Search For Bar Association History

There is evidence for a bar association having been in Douglas County as early as the 1860s. Unfortunately, the location of most of the records of the Douglas County Bar Association is unknown. Those records in possession of the current DCBA officers only go back a few years. The rest of the records, artifacts, and other historical material that would tell the story of the bar in Douglas County have been lost or misplaced over the years. The Douglas County Law Library is assisting the Bar Association to locate, identify, and collect such material. The hope is to find enough of the missing material to document the history of the local bar and create an archive for the Bar Association.

Please contact the Law Library if you:

- have in your possession, or know the whereabouts of, any material relating to the past operations and history of the local bar
- know of someone who might be able to help locate such material
- can fill in gaps in local bar history with personal knowledge.

KU Law Library Book Sale

The University of Kansas School of Law Wheat Law Library will be holding the 21st annual Hazel A. Anderson Memorial Book Sale on Wednesday, April 13th from 8:00 am to noon in the first floor commons area of Green Hall on the University of Kansas campus. Numerous volumes that have been donated to the Library but not incorporated into the collection will be on sale for bargain prices, and the proceeds directly benefit the students of KU Law. If you have any questions, please contact the KU Law Library at 785-864-9250 or lawref@ku.edu. "We look forward to seeing you there!"

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The current exhibit in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery is paintings by Suzanne Nickle.

The exhibition will run through the end of April. Works in the collection are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Ms. Nickle is available in the Library.

The May 2005 exhibition will feature artwork by Shannon Cloud. More information on this exhibit will be in the May E-Mail Newsletter.

Art Gallery Exhibitions

For more information on current and future Art Gallery exhibitions, or for more information on the Art Gallery, please consult the Art Gallery page on the Law Library's website at http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/art_gallery.html.

If you would like to exhibit your art in our gallery, or know of local artists who would like to show their original art here, contact Bill Pendleton, the Library's Art Gallery Exhibitions Coordinator at 843-3536 ext. 15 or billpen@pendletonandsutton.com, or the Law Library at 838-2477 or info@douglascountylawlibrary.org.

Current Law Library Volunteer Opportunities

The Library is looking for individuals to fill the following volunteer positions:

Recycling Assistant

Reference Assistant.

The Library also has opportunities for volunteers to create positions around their own interests and skills.

For more information and/or for position descriptions, contact the Library or visit: <http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/volunteers.html>.

Library Volunteer Program

The Law Library Volunteer Program provides a capable and dependable voluntary work force to assist with the day-to-day operations of the Law Library and its special projects. This work force supplements the paid Library staff and allows the Library to provide the best possible service to local judges, attorneys, and the public.

The Volunteer Program is instrumental in linking a valuable community resource - the citizens - with a valuable community institution - the Douglas County Law Library - for the benefit, growth, and enrichment of both.

If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering for one of them, or if you would like more information on our program and/or the positions we have open, please contact the Library or visit the "Volunteers" page on the Law Library's website at: <http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/volunteers.html>.

Feedback

This Newsletter is intended to be useful to its readers. As in any enterprise, feedback on how the Newsletter is fulfilling this goal is crucial to our achieving it. If our articles are helpful, let us know. If they are not, let us know. If you have suggestions on how to improve the Newsletter, please let us know. Thank you.

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