

# Douglas County Law Library

## E-Mail Newsletter



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### Free Recycling of Electronic Equipment

UNI Computers, a Lawrence based computer manufacturing business, accepts defunct electronic equipment for recycling. This service includes not only computer CPUs and monitors, but also all electronic equipment including VCRs, TVs, fax machines, etc.

This is a free service except for monitors, TVs, and other devices with cathode ray tubes containing lead. UNI is required to charge a fee for these items; \$7.00 for screens up to 17 inches and an additional

\$1.00 for every screen inch greater than 17 inches. Flat screen monitors do not have cathode ray tubes and will therefore be recycled at no charge.

Computers and other electronic equipment are referred to as electronic waste or e-waste. E-waste poses a major disposal issue because it is made of numerous components, many of which are toxic to the environment.

The Institute for Local Self-Reliance reports that "only 10% of the 6 to 13 million computers taken out of service each year in the U.S. are reused or recycled. About 15% are landfilled and ... 75% are stockpiled." One day this stockpiling will result in a massive disposal issue for this country and the world.

Instead of storing old electronic equipment, it should be disposed of by environmentally friendly means. If it is still in operating condition, it can be donated to a local or national non-profit agency for reuse. If not, defunct electronic equipment should be recycled.

With the celebration of Earth Day on April 22, we are again reminded that we need to do what we can locally to mitigate our negative impact on the environment. One

way to do so is to recycle our old electronic equipment and keep it out of the local landfill.

### **Current Art Gallery Exhibition**

The April exhibit in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery is clay masks by Joe Sutcliffe.

The exhibit will run through the end of April. All of the pieces are for sale and may be purchased directly from the artist. Contact information for Mr. Sutcliffe is available in the Library.

At this time there is no exhibition scheduled for May 2006. More information on the May exhibition will be in the May E-Mail Newsletter.

### **Art Gallery Exhibitions**

For more information on past, 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.

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. 19 or [billpen@pendletonandsutton.com](mailto:billpen@pendletonandsutton.com), or the Law Library at 838-2477 or by e-mail at [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto:info@douglascolawlibrary.org).

### **New Acquisitions**

Newly acquired material added to the Law Library's holdings:

Pattern Instructions for Kansas - Criminal, 3d, 2005 Supplement.

### **Did You Know?**

Every other week, a bit of Law Library trivia is posted in the Law Library and on the Law Library's website. The previous month's "Did You Know" tidbits are then published here in the Newsletter. The hope is for this to improve communication between the Law Library and its users.

March's entries were:

- A Title Catalog of the Law Library's holdings is available in hard copy in the Library and in PDF format on the Library's website.
- A deposit slip should always be complete when adding funds to a Law Library Printing/Copying Account. Slips are available at the Library's Suggestion Box and on the Law Library's website.

### **Current Law Library Volunteer Opportunities**

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

E-Mail Newsletter Editor.

Patron Education and Training Assistant.

Publicity and Marketing Assistant.

Reference Assistant.

Volunteer Coordinator.

Work Station Maintenance 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 the "Volunteers" page on the Law Library's website.

### **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.

### **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.

### **Submitting Articles for Newsletter**

The Editor encourages readers to submit articles for publication and/or make sugges-

tions on material to be included in future issues of the Newsletter.

### **To Subscribe**

Contact the Law Library by mail, e-mail, or telephone and request a free subscription to the Newsletter. It will be sent to you as a PDF attachment to an e-mail. The Library's mailing address is: Douglas County Law Library, Judicial and Law Enforcement Center, 111 East 11<sup>th</sup> Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Library's e-mail address is: [info@douglascolawlibrary.org](mailto:info@douglascolawlibrary.org). The Law Library's telephone number is: 785-838-2477.

### **Classified Ads**

Free classified ads may be placed in the Newsletter by contacting the Law Library. The Editor reserves the right to refuse anything deemed inappropriate and to add restrictions as the need arises.

There are no classified ads this month.

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