

Douglas County Law Library

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E-Mail Newsletter Well Received

The Library received some very kind comments about the Newsletter's first issue last month. We will strive to make future issues worthy of the same kind of praise. Thank you.

E-Mail Newsletter Editor Position Open

The Library is seeking a volunteer to serve as E-Mail Newsletter Editor for the Library. If you or someone you know might be interested in writing, editing, and preparing the Newsletter for distribution, please contact the Library.

First Attorney Education Session a Success

The first offering in the Law Library's attorney education program, "Basic Internet Searching" held on Friday, January 16th, 2004, was a success with ten attorneys in attendance. We will be offering this session again later in the year. Watch for announcements in future E-Mail Newsletters.

A number of positive comments were made as to the value of having these kinds of sessions to help educate local attorneys in areas where their skills and knowledge may be lacking or insufficient. We will therefore continue the attorney education program with a different session this month; see next article.

Lexis Training Session, 2/18/04

The second session in the Law Library's attorney education program is being offered in February. The session is titled "Basic Lexis Research" and will feature a representative from Lexis-Nexis who will provide some basic training on how to perform research using the Lexis legal database that is available on the Law Library's three patron work stations. The free session is scheduled for Wednesday, February 18th, 2004, at 12:00 noon in the Law Library. In order

for the Library to be able to provide ample space and supplemental materials for all participants, please contact the Law Library and pre-register for this free session.

Law Library to be Art Gallery

In order to encourage local artists, and to make our bare walls more attractive, the Law Library is developing a program to provide art exhibition space in the Library. We are working with the Lawrence Arts Guild to identify artists who are interested in exhibiting their work here.

Art will be displayed here on a rotating basis, from one to two months per artist. If the artist so desires, purchase prices may be displayed and the Library will facilitate contact between potential purchasers and the artist. In order to provide a convenient method for hanging the art, picture rails will be installed as ceiling molding in the Library.

If you or someone you know might be interested in exhibiting their art here, please contact the Library.

Art Gallery Exhibitions Coordinator Position Open

The Library is seeking a volunteer to serve as Art Gallery Exhibitions Coordinator for the Library. The person in this position will initially work with Library staff to develop and implement the art exhibitions program and then serve as a facilitator to carry out the program on an ongoing basis. If you or someone you know might be interested in volunteering for the position of Art Gallery Exhibitions Coordinator, please contact the Library.

Library Volunteer Program

The Law Library is continuing to organize its Volunteer Program with the intent of providing 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 will supplement the paid Library staff and allow 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.

We have already had success in our search for volunteers. As of this writing, we have three individuals who will be working in the Law Library on a regular basis and several others who have indicated interest when their future schedules permit. We will profile these volunteers in future issues of the E-Mail Newsletter.

The volunteer positions that we are currently looking to fill are noted in the next article. 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 new "Volunteers" page on the Law Library's web site at: <http://www.douglascolawlibrary.org/volunteers.html>.

Volunteer Opportunities in the Law Library

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

Art Gallery Exhibitions Coordinator.

E-Mail Newsletter Editor.

Reference Assistant.

Work Station Maintenance Assistant.

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

Feedback

This Newsletter is intended to be useful to its readers. As in any new 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 or suggestions on material to include, please let us know. Thank you.

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