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Legal/Courtroom Film Series

As was hinted at in last month's e-mail newsletter, the Law Library is organizing a legal/courtroom themed film series. The series will feature films that have been selected for their overall quality and for their portrayal of the legal system. Most of the films in the series are classics and feature major motion picture stars of the past and

present. A new film will be scheduled for screening every three months.

In addition to the screening of a film, each program will include commentary on the main theme of the film and the accuracy of the film in portraying the legal system. Whenever possible, the commentary will be provided by a local attorney familiar with the film who will also take questions from the audience. We are actively seeking attorneys who would like to participate.

The Law Library is doing the film series as a public service in its education and outreach program to promote a better understanding of the legal system in the community at large.

Films will be screened in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium. The film series is free and open to the public.

Desperately Seeking ~~Susan~~ Film Buffs

The Law Library is looking for attorneys who will help with its new legal/courtroom film series. We need attorneys who like movies and who will provide commentary on them and their legal themes at the film series screenings.

The first entry in the series is *Inherit the Wind*, starring Spencer Tracy and Frederic March, based on the 1925 Scopes "Monkey Trial." Its screening is scheduled for 6:00 PM, Friday, August 25, 2006, in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium. Some of the other classic films planned for the series are *The Caine Mutiny*, *To Kill a Mockingbird*, and *12 Angry Men*.

Interested attorneys can volunteer to do just one or two favorite films, or can help out long-term with the ongoing series. If you want to help out, and/or have suggestions of legal/courtroom themed films we may not have thought of, please contact the Law Library.

Name-That-Film-Series Contest

The Law Librarian's creative well has run dry and cannot come up with a better title for the Law Library's new film series than "Legal/Courtroom Film Series." An accurate description, yes, but hardly an interesting or memorable title.

To remedy this, the Library is holding a contest to name the film series. If you have a good, or at least a better, suggestion, please submit it to the Law Library by July 17, 2006. Entries will be judged by an as-yet-unnamed panel. The winner, assuming there will be one, will have his or her name published in a future e-mail newsletter, as well as having the honor of knowing that they contributed to the overall success of the film series.

Program for New Drivers

As reported in last month's e-newsletter, Shon Qualseth of Thompson Ramsdell & Qualseth will present a program titled "My child just got a driver's license ... Now what?": legal concerns for new drivers and their parents, at 7:00 PM, Tuesday, June 6,

2006, in the Lawrence Public Library Auditorium. Mr. Qualseth will present information on aspects of the law of which young drivers and their parents should be aware. The program, sponsored by the Douglas County Law Library, will last approximately half an hour and be followed by a question and answer session.

Mr. Qualseth gave this program last year as part of the ongoing Douglas County Law Library Public Education Program Series. It was so well received that it is being offered again this year.

The program is free and open to the public.

Current Art Gallery Exhibition

The June exhibit in the Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery is Watercolors by Shannon Cloud.

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

The July 2006 exhibition will feature Artwork by Krystle Cole. More information on this exhibit will be in the July 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, or the Law Library at 838-2477 or by e-mail at info@douglascolawlibrary.org.

New Acquisitions

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

Kansas Criminal Law Handbook. Fourth ed. 2006. Elizabeth Cateforis, ed.

Reel Justice: the Courtroom Goes to the Movies. Revised ed., 2006, by Paul Bergman and Michael Asimow.

To Kill a Mockingbird. Special DVD ed., 2005. Legacy Series.

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.

May's entries were:

- The Douglas County Law Library Art Gallery's second anniversary is on April 30, 2006.
- You can also pay for photocopying by using your prepaid Library printing account.
- The vote of local attorneys in the election on February 26, 2001, asking if a Douglas County law library should be established, was 109 in favor and 12 against.

Current Law Library Volunteer Opportunities

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

E-Mail Newsletter Editor.

Film Series Commentators

Patron Education and Training Assistant.

Publicity and Marketing Assistant.

Recycling 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 suggestions 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 11th Street, Lawrence, Kansas, 66044. The Library's e-mail address is: 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.

For Rent:

Historic brick duplex. Great location, restored, 2 BR. 1809 Massachusetts. \$700.00/mo. References required. Avail. Aug. 1. 842-1133. M-F.

Historic brick duplex. Great location, restored, 2 BR. 1809 1/2 Massachusetts. \$700.00/mo. References required. Avail. Aug. 1. 842-1133. M-F.

Luxurious 3 bedroom apt in Baldwin, KS. \$650.00/mo. References required. Avail. Aug. 1. (785) 842-1133 M-F.

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