

Douglas County Law Library

E-Mail Newsletter

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E-Mail Newsletter Editor

Robert Klotz is volunteering to serve as E-Mail Newsletter Editor for the Library. Rob has been an announcer and programmer for the University of Kansas' public radio station KANU, now Kansas Public Radio, for over 17 years. Rob's Douglas County roots go back to free state settler Dr. Eliab Macy, who settled in the Bloomington/Clinton area in 1854 and who played a small role in protecting fleeing Jim Lane from a splinter group of Quantrill's Raiders.

Lexis Training Session Successful

The second session in the Law Library's attorney education program was offered February 18th. The free session was titled "Basic Lexis Research" and featured a representative

from Lexis-Nexis who provided some basic training on how to perform research using the Lexis legal database that is available on the Law Library's three patron workstations. Is there a topic you would like to learn more about in one of our future attorney education sessions? Contact us and we will see what we can do.

Law Library Art Gallery Update

Bill Pendleton has stepped up to become the Law Library's first ever Exhibitions Coordinator. Bill will seek to encourage local artists to make our bare walls more attractive.

Picture rails have been installed. If you would like to have your art displayed, or know of someone who would like to show their art, contact Bill Pendleton at 842-3536 or billpen@sunflower.com, or the Law Library at 838-2477 or info@douglascountylawlibrary.org for more information.

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.

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:

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>.

Law Library Conducting Survey

The Law Library would like to know your thoughts on having Am. Jur. and ALR available at the Law Library. There is a questionnaire attached to this edition of the Newsletter. Take a couple of minutes and help us serve you better.

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.

To Subscribe

Contact the Law Library by mail, e-mail, or telephone and request a free subscription to the Newsletter. Please indicate whether you want it sent as an attachment to an e-mail or as text in the body of an e-mail. If no preference is indicated, the Newsletter will be sent as an attachment. 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

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Am. Jur./ALR Questionnaire

The Law Library currently provides no access to Am. Jur. and very limited access to ALR. The Library is distributing the questionnaire to determine what interest there is in having the Library provide full access to these two resources, the format that the Library should acquire if it purchases them, and how additional funds could be generated to cover the additional costs. The questionnaire is also being distributed to the attorney boxes in the JLE Center. Please fill out one questionnaire, either electronic or paper, and return it to the Law Library. Thank you.

Should the Law Library provide full access to:

Am. Jur.? Yes No

ALR? Yes No

What format(s) would you want the Library to acquire for each title? If you pick both formats for a title, please indicate which one would be your most preferred format for that title.

Am. Jur.: Traditional printed set Electronic (CD-ROM or On-line)

ALR: Traditional printed set Electronic (CD-ROM or On-line)

Would you be willing to have the Law Library registration fee increased from its current \$10.00 per year to defray additional costs associated with providing full access in the Law Library for Am. Jur. and/or ALR?:

Yes No

If yes, how much of an increase in the annual fee would you be willing to pay for access to:

Am. Jur. only?
ALR?

ALR only?

Both Am. Jur. and

\$5.00

\$5.00

\$5.00

\$10.00

\$10.00

\$10.00

\$15.00

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Other \$ _____

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