

Law Library Newsletter

Welcome ...



to the latest issue of the Law Library newsletter. The term is quickly moving ahead into our [upcoming extended hours](#). We also have a new library display!

Collections Corner

In this article we wish to discuss the acquisitions budget, which has taken a bit of a beating due to the low Canadian dollar. What does this mean for our collection and what do we need to do?

Guides Spotlight

The Law Library is reworking some past guides that were directed towards our first-year students. Take a look at the prototype:



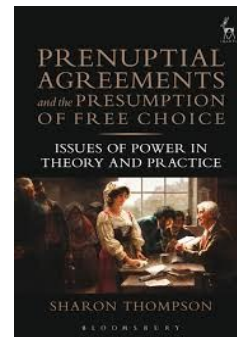
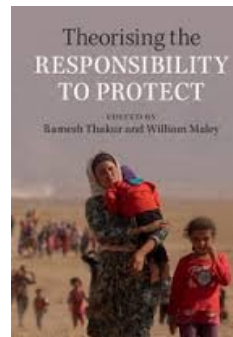
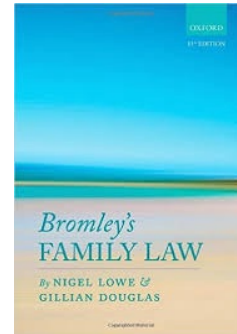
Adopt a Book

More reminders of some great titles that need a new home. Ask at the front desk if you need a book truck to wheel them away!



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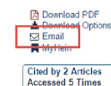
New Books



New HeinOnline Feature

You can now email yourself a link to an article from HeinOnline! The link to the PDF will remain active for 7 days if the user is not a HeinOnline subscriber, if the user receiving the link is a HeinOnline subscriber the link will remain active indefinitely. This enhancement makes it easier for you to share articles in HeinOnline.

Simply click "Email" on the right side of your screen in your search results. This will open an email where you can enter the email addresses of the recipient and sender. once you click send, the recipient will receive the email with the link to the PDF.



Learn more about this new feature [here](#).

Collections Corner: Acquisitions Budget

Back in late September a notice appeared on the Western Libraries website alerting the Western community to the lessened purchasing power of our acquisitions budget and the reality of a deficit. The story was written by Harriet Rykse, Acting Assistant University Librarian (Information Resources and Access). The full notice can be read here:

Impact of a weak Canadian dollar on Western Libraries' acquisitions budget

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR THE LAW LIBRARY

The Law Library's monograph initial budget allocation has been decreased to the point that, with seven months remaining in the fiscal year, we have very few funds left. We are hoping to have enough funds to meet the requests of Faculty for course-related materials and personal research needs. We also have a special donation fund, the Lyndon Maither fund, which was established to support the John & Dotsa Bitove Family Law Library through acquisition of legal resources for students.

For the time being, the Law Library has requested that our vendor does not automatically send in any books on approval. Although this arrangement often found new editions of well-used titles, it is probably prudent at this time to limit new purchases to items on reserve or those specifically requested by instructors.

In the past, any materials which required a subscription, such as looseleaf or journal titles, could only be ordered if the library had maintained a serials credit - created through cancellations. Since 2012 the Law Library has cancelled many print titles - mostly law reports - and those credits could be directed towards online equivalents. With so many cancellations we did build up a healthy serials credit. At this point it is not clear what will happen with the various libraries' serials credits so for the time being

the law library will be holding off on any new subscriptions.

WHAT'S NEXT

The Law Library will not be making any hasty cancellation decisions. We are currently undergoing a review of our monographs collection, which will have no impact on the acquisitions budget. We also plan on reviewing our periodicals collection, but, again, a plan has been in the works for a few years so we should not need to rush into mass cancellations.

The Law Library will continue to keep Faculty informed of the situation. Rest assured, the Law Library will solicit Faculty feedback should serials cancellations be needed.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

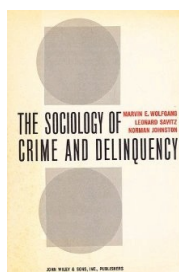
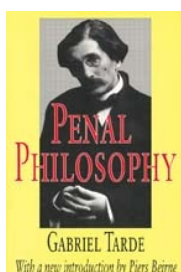
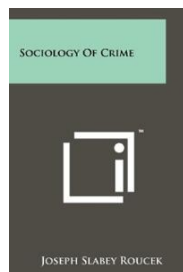
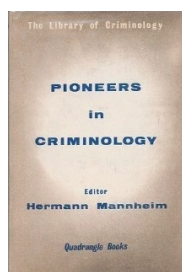
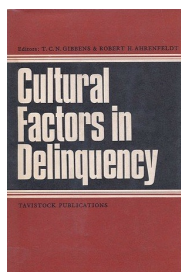
Our top priority is to maintain the core law collection and new monograph items required for law courses and Faculty research. We would ask instructors with materials held on ZHR Reserve to review their reading lists. Please ask Duncan Archibald to remove any materials that you no longer need so that we can consider not picking up a new edition. He will be sending out a reminder email next week. We will continue to replace older editions of materials that instructors deem to be useful.

Please continue to advise the collections librarian of titles that you feel are valuable to our collection - whether for your own research, the research of your graduate students or just because you are aware of its existence and usefulness.



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Criminology

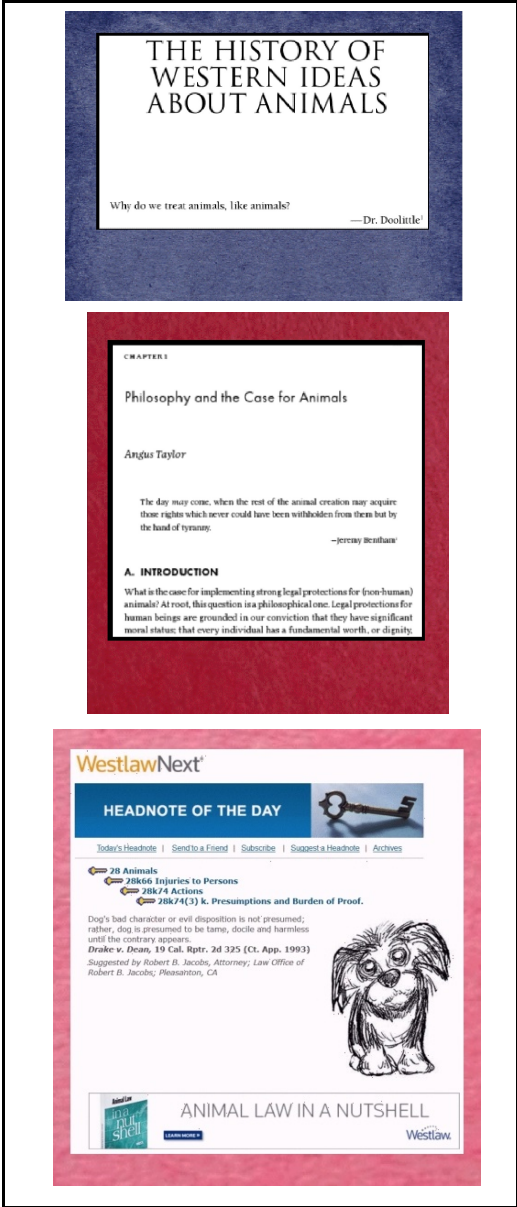


Spotlight: Law Library Displays

Evolution of Animal Law

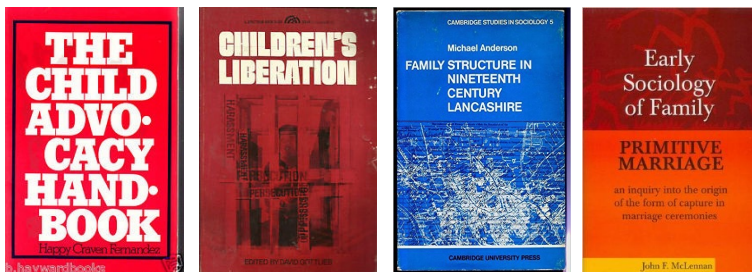
By Edith Richardson

The newest Law Library display, located in the main reading room of the library, is entitled *Evolution of Animal Law*. Items of interest include a representation of books from our collection, along with abstracts from the books, and a copy of the Quebec Bill 54 "An Act to Improve the Legal Situation of Animals" (reached 2nd Reading Oct. 8, 2015).



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The Family



Research Guides Spotlight

TORTS Essentials

LAW SCHOOL LEGAL RESEARCH



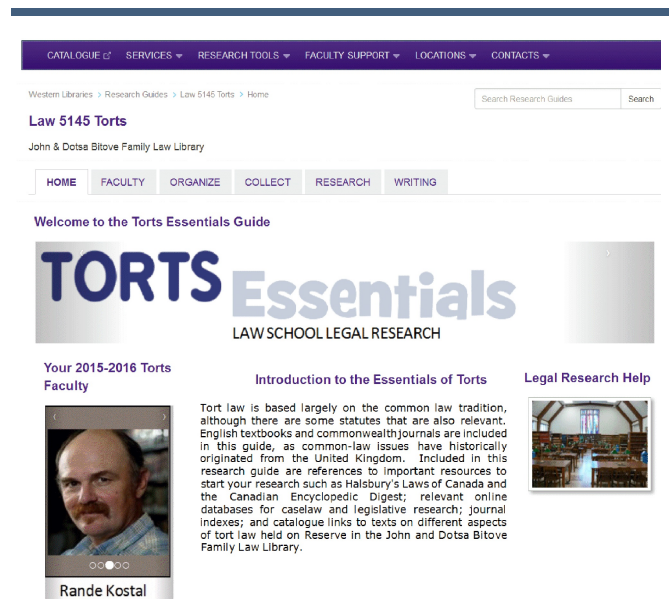
GUIDES FOR FIRST-YEAR LAW STUDENTS

The Law Library has begun creating new guides for first-year law students. A number of years ago, guides had been created by staff member Deb Grey and our then co-op student Cathy Cotter (now the Interim Head Law Librarian at the University of New Brunswick)! We are hoping to have a new slate of these guides ready for next Fall. For now, we are testing out the first guide for **Torts**.

The idea behind these guides was to introduce first-year law students to common starting points for researching the memo topic: Irwin Law texts, *Canadian Encyclopedic Digest* topics, *Halsbury's Laws of Canada*, subject headings for the library catalogue, plus some guidance on organizing their research by breaking down the problem using Facts, Issues, Law, Analysis and Communications.

Each guide will be tailored to the 1L substantive law course: Contracts, Constitutional, Property, Criminal, Torts.

And we have not forgotten the Faculty members who represent the different subject areas - it's just another opportunity for our students to see who you are!



Lexis Advance Quicklaw

Are you wondering about the new interface for LexisNexis Quicklaw? If you refer back to an email dated ~October 26 you can set up an account (this will not override your old password) and experience the new interface. Both platforms will continue to exist for now until all content has been moved over to Lexis Advance Quicklaw. For now, the Canadian content can be browsed:

- By Category (Cases, Legislation, Secondary Materials)
- By Jurisdiction (within Canada)
- By Practice Area

Training options are available from LexisNexis Canada:
<http://www.lexisnexis.ca/en-ca/training/training-resources.page>