

Law Library Newsletter



Welcome ...

to our Summer Newsletter. The Law Library is quiet these days - a good environment for our hard-working summer researchers.

Collections Corner

The Law Library regularly applies usage data to collections decisions - but not just for print. See how working with digital collections is a bit more complicated.

From the Scrapbooks

Once again we have pulled out some library stories from the Banks Room scrapbooks. This time we go back to when we first started collecting numbers.... of books.

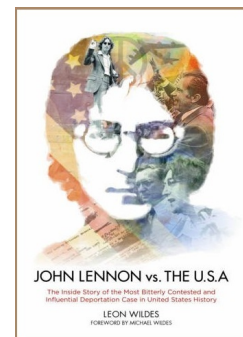
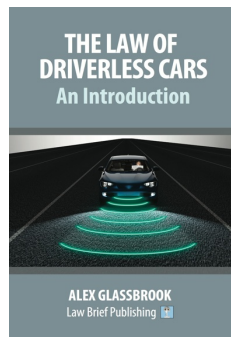
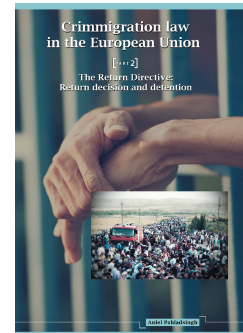
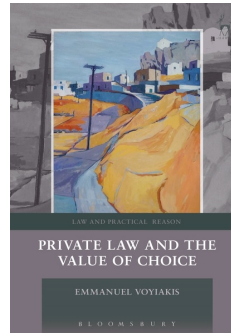
Law Library Corner

There have been some changes to the way the library catalogue describes the locations of our collections! The Law Library also unveils the latest display celebrating the sesquicentennial.



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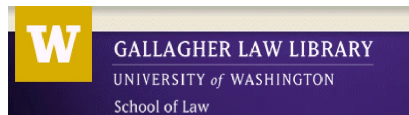
New Books



Current Awareness

SMART CILP is a current awareness service of the *Current Index to Legal Periodicals* (CILP) published by the Marian Gould Gallagher Law Library, University of Washington. The service allows users to set up profiles to receive, via email, publication information on new articles in their area of research. A contents list, sent out weekly, will also include links to the full-text in HeinOnline, LexisNexis, and Westlaw.

The Law Library has purchased 50 profiles. If you are interested in signing up for the SmartCILP service, please email Elizabeth (ebruton@uwo.ca) and she will send your name and email address off to the Gallagher Law Library. You will then be contacted with instructions and a security code so you can set up your profile.



Collections Corner: Usage Statistics

Serials Reviews

When libraries need to seriously review spending and budgets it is never simply a matter of cost, determining whether to purchase or not. This is true for both one-time monograph purchases as well as for subscription-based print or online serials or databases.

The actual need and usage must also be somehow measured. A request for a title for a course or for a faculty member's research is a quick indicator of need.

Usage, however, can be a tricky metric to apply to purchasing or cancellation decisions. One researcher may find that useful journal articles appear across a broad range of law reviews and journals rather than in one or two titles that appear to cater to his or her research area, thereby spreading out the usage across a large number of subscriptions.

Print Usage

When deciding whether to purchase a print monograph, the librarian can pull circulation data from the *Integrated Library System* quite easily on a title-by-title basis. One can quickly see if an earlier edition of a book was ever taken out, if books written by a particular author were popular, or if an emerging subject area is getting any joy.

As long as serials such as looseleaves circulate, one can also see usage statistics. However, for non-circulating items such as legislation, journals, law reports, etc. the only discernible usage pattern is the amount of dust accumulating or how often the book is reshelved.

However, with the increasing transition from print to online, it is natural that usage statistics have become much more prevalent in the decision-making process to retain or cancel.

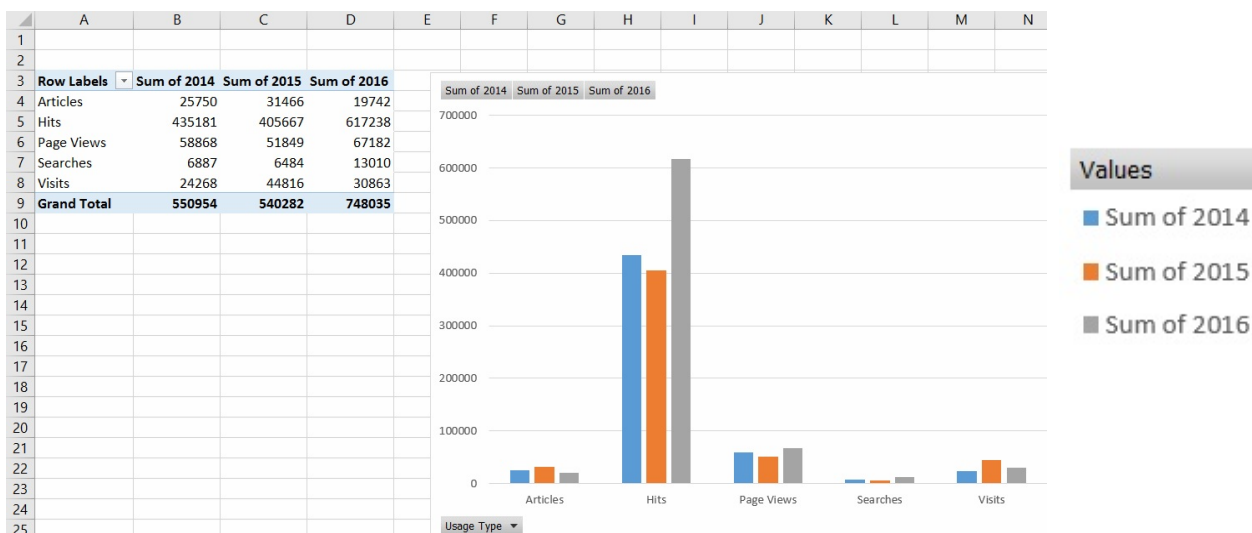
Online Usage

In the online world, usage statistics come from the publisher either on a title-by-title basis, or for the database platform as a whole. In many cases the usage information is standard across different publishers considering the number of searches carried out, the number of times a result from run searches were clicked on, and the number of records that were requested for viewing. This enables a librarian to compare different databases with similar content. Legal databases, however, do not always follow the standard for usage statistics. For some of the large commercial databases, usage data is tied to client tracking usage with costs.

The Law Library is still in the process of collecting usage information from legal publishers. As more data is collected on database usage we will report back in the Newsletter. Using Excel pivot tables the data can be displayed in a more visually appealing manner.

As an example, the following is a table showing Hein Online statistics for the years 2014-2016. The metrics for HeinOnline, besides regular searches, are:

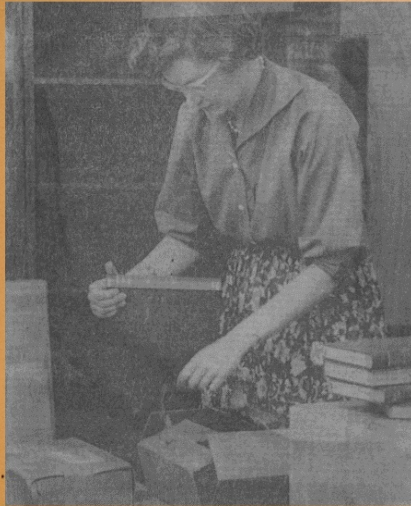
- **Hits:** any request a client browser makes to the HeinOnline server
- **Article:** the number of times one or more pages of an article are viewed or downloaded
- **Page View:** the number of HeinOnline content pages viewed online
- **Visit:** the number of unique HeinOnline server sessions for an account.



From The Scrapbooks

The Law Library's *Banks Room* holds a collection of law school scrap books going back to when the Faculty of Law opened for business in 1959. The following two entries celebrate the beginnings of our Law Library - we were already counting books this early in! These were found in the scrapbook covering the period **April 1959 - June 1964**.

Law Library Given Start at Western



\$40,000 WORTH OF BOOKS - Fresh from the University of London, in England, Miss Shanne Lush, sorts law books at the University of Western Ontario, where she is librarian for the new faculty of law. Miss Lush is unpacking the \$40,000 collection of 5,000 volumes which will form the basis for the UWO law library.

The University of Western Ontario's third library - to serve the faculty of law - is in the process of being assembled.

\$40,000 Collection

The \$40,000 collection of 5,000 legal volumes that forms the nucleus for an expanding law library is being sorted, catalogued and shelved by a librarian as new to the UWO campus as the law faculty itself.

Miss Shanne Lush was handling law books in the library of the University of London England, less than two weeks ago.

Today she is surrounded by cartons and cases of new volumes in another London university, in a library housed in the recently completed Engineering Building where Western's law school will be temporarily accommodated.

Under Main Library

Like the UWO medical library, the legal collection will be administered by the university's main library. Also under the jurisdiction of the main li-

brary are reading rooms in the school of business administration, physical and chemical science, and biological and geological science.

The law library was organized by main library personnel who ordered volumes requested by the four-member faculty of law. The 5,000 volumes, including periodicals, is considered just a start.

Creation of the library was considered one of the first and most important functions preceding opening of the law faculty this fall.

Law Library Staff 1959-1964

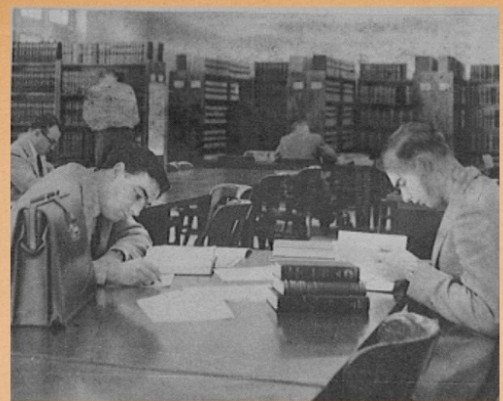
Librarians

Shanne Lush (1959-1961)
Margaret Banks (1961-1989)

Support Staff

Nancy Weisner (1960-1962)
Nandor Pillich (1961-1974)
Narinder Dhami (1961-1964)
Winnifred Campbell (1961-1969)
Yutta Neilson (1964-1965)

List compiled by retired law library assistant Linda Aitkins



- Erik Schack

One task carried out by the University of Western Ontario's new law school was acquisition of a basic library.

Library Corner: Law Library Locations

If you have searched the library catalogue recently, you might have noticed something new. The location descriptions have been reworded in order to better assist users find items in all Western Libraries locations. The main change is that the floors or levels within each library have been included in the description.

For example,

Title	Trade & tariff reports
Publisher	Butterworths, 1997-
Description	v. (loose-leaf) ; 24 cm.
CALL #	KE6085.8 .N383

The Location used to read:

LAW reports - NO LOAN

The difficulty with this description was that we have law reports for different jurisdictions and therefore on different floors. Without being aware of the jurisdictions (Canada, Australia, United States) users were often unclear about where to go.

Library users had also reported to the *Location Code Refresh Project Team* that the phrase "In-Library use Only" was more user-friendly than "No Loan" to describe items which cannot be removed from a library location

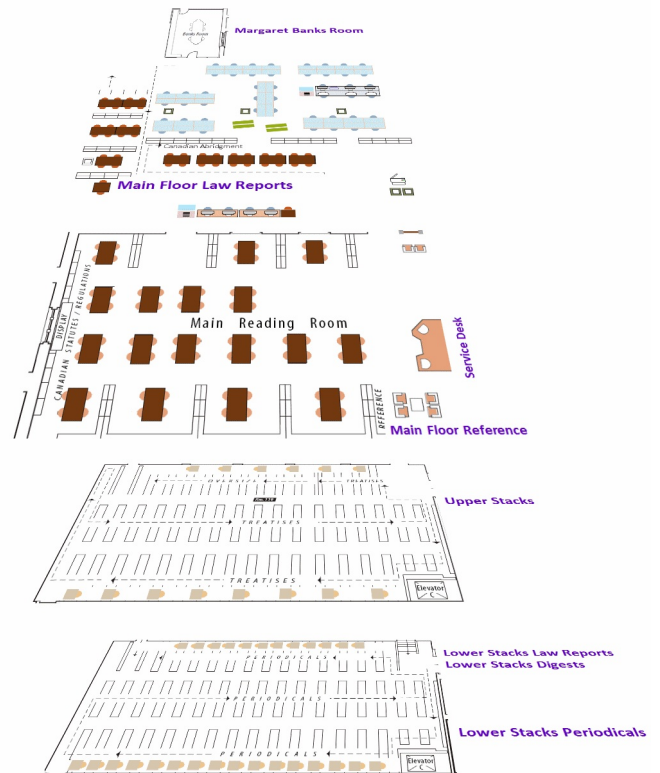
The new location for the Trade & Tariff Reports is:

Law Library Main Floor Law Reports - In-Library Use Only

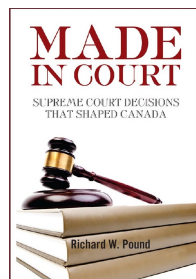
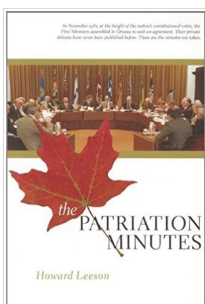
Other Location Descriptions

Under general Law Library:

- Main Floor Canadian Law Reports
- Main Floor Canadian Legislation
- Lower Stacks Law Reports *UK, US, Australia*
- Lower Stacks Legislation *UK, US, Australia*
- Storage *basement storage in the law building*
- Service Desk *2HR Reserve*
- Margaret Banks Room



Law Library Display



Celebrating
Canada 150

and Canadian Constitutional Law