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W O R L D C A T B Y : A D A M R U S S O

SPECIAL POINT OF INTEREST IN THIS ISSUE

- In 1999, Former President Bill Clinton declared June as Gay & Lesbian Pride Month. In honor of pride month this issue of Fiat Lux contains a selected bibliography of gay and lesbian materials.

So, I've heard about this WorldCat website...

Created in 1971, WorldCat was originally a database which held records pointing to physical and digital resources in multiple languages. Libraries could subscribe to the database, for use in aiding patrons who needed help finding the information they needed, even if the resource they were looking for was not at that particular library. Eventually, in 2003, partial WorldCat records became available to the public through websites partnered with WorldCat's parent company, The Online Computer Library Center. In August of 2006, WorldCat became completely accessible to the general public through the WorldCat homepage.

Now, WorldCat is the largest online network of library-based content and services and is used to find a host of valuable resources and information about almost any topic you could imagine. Found at www.worldcat.org, over 1.2 billion resources, including books, CDs, DVDs, internet sources, etc, can be searched, located, and partially explained on the free WorldCat website.

What is it good for and how do I use it?

WorldCat helps locating, understanding, arranging, or purchasing resources for almost any particular topic. For example, if you're searching for *Judaism and Israel*, and you need to find a library where resources with relevant information on those topics are located, you only need to go to the WorldCat homepage (mentioned above), enter the words *Judaism and Israel*, and click the search button. Immediately, a list of resources will pop up, with the top one being the most relevant, such as here, where Karen Armstrong's [The Battle for God](#) is named first. When you click on [The Battle for God](#), you will be brought to a page containing five tabs. One of those tabs is titled 'Libraries.' That tab, when clicked, will display a box which requires you to enter your zip code. Once that is done, a list of nearby libraries will be given, in order of their closeness to you. You may then click on any of the listed libraries to find whether or not they currently have [The Battle for God](#). Thus, with a few short clicks, one can pinpoint exactly where a relevant resource may be.

But how does one know if the resource is relevant? WorldCat can help you with this ques-

tion as well. For example, say you've found [The Battle for God](#) at a library only a few miles away, but you do not know what information it contains. You only need to click on the tabs titled 'Details' and 'Subjects' to find out. The Details tab will explain to you the genre of the resource, the style of the writing, and what type of document the resource is. On the other hand, the Subjects tab will explain the main themes or subject-matter of the resource. Similarly, the 'Editions' tab will help you find whether or the resource available in the library is the newest edition of its kind, and the 'Reviews' tab gives access to other WorldCat-users personal feelings about the resource.

All of this would be of great use to students, faculty, and other researchers who need to find information on a topic quickly, but do not have an idea of where to start, like for a seminar paper. WorldCat can help you by sorting through multiple resources at once, finding the most relevant resources, explaining exactly what those resources will tell you, and pointing out exactly where to find them.

Is there anything else WorldCat can do?

Absolutely! If the resource you are looking for is not solely a physical resource, but can also be found online, then WorldCat will tell you when you search. Thus, even if your web searches have been fruitless, WorldCat may be able to help you find a resource in its digitized form somewhere on the web.

WorldCat also gives a shortcut directly to Amazon and other well-known vendors to purchase your resource immediately, should you need or want to do so.

Finally, if you want to organize your search so that WorldCat finds only those resources with a specific title, author, etc, then you may do so by clicking on the "Advanced Search" hyperlink on the WorldCat homepage. This will take you to another page containing specified search options that allow you to search for exactly what you want, without also finding multiple resources which would be of no use to you. One also may, at this page, choose to limit what WorldCat finds to specific categories, such as language, publication date, etc.

When can I use WorldCat? It sounds great!

WorldCat is available at www.worldcat.org for students and other researchers around the clock. Take a few seconds and check it out today!

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B Y J O H N B E A T T Y

While working on some circulation policy updates this spring, we generated some circulation statistics that we thought might interest the Law School community. While the top single item that has been checked out the most is the organization room key, most of what circulates is still books. Here are the most circulated books for the Fall and Spring semesters the past year. The top ten are all course reserve books for one or both semesters.

Top 10 Single Volume Books

1. Bluebook, 206
2. Erwin Chemerinsky, Constitutional Law, 157
3. Jesse Dukeminier, Property, 131
4. Welsh S. White, Criminal Procedure: Constitutional constraints..., 90
5. John D. Calimari, Cases and Problems on Contracts, 80
6. Victor E. Schwartz, Prosser, Wade and Schwartz's Torts: Cases and Materials, 80
7. William A. Klein, Agency, Partnerships and Limited Liability Entities..., 75
8. Kathleen M. Sullivan, Constitutional Law, 75
9. Practising Law Institute, Multistate Bar Review, 69
10. William A. Klein, Cases and Materials on Business Associations..., 67

The next most circulated category of books is study aids, whether bar review, outline or other.

Top 10 Study Aid Books

1. Peter T. Wendel, Property, 61

2. BarBri, Multistate Workbook 2004 Vol. 1, 58
3. Joseph W. Glannon, Glannon Guide to Civil Procedure, 51
4. John D. Calamari, Contracts (Black Letter Law Series), 50
- 5 Robert S. Feinberg, Kaplan PMBR: Torts, 49
6. BarBri, Multistate Workbook 2004 Vol. 2, 46
7. Allan Ides, Constitutional Rights (Examples and Explanations), 45
8. Robert S. Feinberg, Kaplan PMBR: Property, 44
9. Joseph W. Glannon, Civil Procedure (Examples and Explanations), 40
10. D. Barlow Burke, Property (Examples and Explanations), 38

Many of our study aids are recorded lectures, and these make up the bulk of our audio-visual circulation. Note that the two titles not from PMBR or the Sum & Substance series were on course reserve.

Top 10 Audio-Visual Items

1. Steven Palmer, PMBR: Civil Procedure, 44
2. Robert S. Feinberg, PMBR: Torts, 39
3. Arthur R. Miller, Sum & Substance: Civil Procedure, 29
4. ENRON: The Smartest Guys in the Room, 26
5. Daniel Fessler, PMBR: Contracts, 20
6. Steven Palmer, PMBR: Civil Procedure, 20
7. Steven Finz, Sum & Substance: Torts, 17
8. The Corporation: A Documentary, 17
9. Douglas J. Whaley, Sum & Substance: Contracts, 16
10. Steven Palmer, PMBR: Criminal Procedure, 15

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**Wednesday, May 14th – Thursday, July 2nd
2008**

Monday – Friday
7:30am-10:00pm

Saturday – Sunday.....
10:00am– 6:00pm

Finals / Interterm Hours will be announced

There will be extended hours for the reading week and final exam period

Thirty minutes before library closing, lights will be flashed; closing procedures will start fifteen minutes before closing. Computers will be shut down and copy

SELECTED GAY AND LESBIAN RESOURCES BIBLIOGRAPHY BY ADAM RUSSO

Bernstein, Mary, and Renate Reimann. Queer Families. Queer Politics: Challenging Culture and the State. New York: Columbia University Press, 2001.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Burns, Kate. Gays and Lesbians. Michigan: Greenhaven Press, 2005.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Button, James, et al. Private Lives, Public Conflicts: Battle Over Gay Rights in American Communities. Washington, D.C.: CQ Press, 1997.

Available Here at the Law Library

Cantor, Donald. Same-Sex Marriage: The legal and Psychological Evolution in America. Connecticut: Wesleyan University Press, 2006.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Connors, Paul. Hate Crimes. Detroit: Greenhaven Press, 2007.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Dawidoff, Robert. Making History Matter. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2000.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

D'Emilio, John. Creating Change: Sexuality, Policy and Civil Rights. New York: St. Martin's Press, 2000.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Garnets, Linda, and Douglas Kimmel. Psychological Perspectives on Lesbian and Gay Male Experiences. New

York: Columbia University Press, 1993.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Graupner, Helmut, et al. Sexuality and Human Rights: A Global Overview. Binghamton, NY: Harrington Park Press, 2005.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Griffin, Horace. Their Own Receive Them Not: African American Lesbians and Gays in Black Churches. Cleveland, Ohio: Pilgrim Press, 2006.

Available Here at the Undergrad Library

Harnack, Andrew. Adoption: Opposing Views. San Diego: Greenhaven Press, 1995.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Jackson, Mary. Policing in a Diverse Society: Another American Dilemma. Durham, N.C.: Carolina Academic Press, 2006.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Mello, Michael. Legalizing Gay Marriage. Philadelphia: Temple University Press, 2004.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Siker, Jeffery. Homosexuality and Religion: An Encyclopedia. Westport, Conn.: Greenwood Press, 2007.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

Toth, Reid, et al. In the Margins: Special Populations and American Justice. New Jersey: Pearson Prentice Hall, 2008.

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

INTER LIBRARY LOAN AT ST. THOMAS LAW LIBRARY BY LEANNA FITZGERALD

Have you ever come to the Law Library seeking a book or an article only to find that it was not on the shelf and otherwise unattainable? Have you ever waited until the *last minute* to try and find an article only to discover that all of your best efforts to obtain your research for law review would leave you (and your editor!) disappointed? Then this instructional article on the Inter Library Loan services at St. Thomas Law Library is for you!

The first step in the Inter Library Loan process is realizing that the book or article that you seek is not in the Law Library's collection. TomCat will answer this preliminary question for you. However, beware of incorrect citations! Not every author uses the Bluebook format for citations and often dates and even titles may be incorrect. In order to ascertain that your citations are correct you can search for the author or title of the book on Worldcat. Worldcat will help you determine whether or not your citation is correct and also lists how many editions there are of your item. If you do not find your item on Worldcat then running a search in Google may help you to determine whether or not your citation is correct. Armed with a correct citation, you may now ap-

proach the Inter Library Loan staff at your Law Library. Leanna Fitzgerald is the first line of defense and may assist you with filling out an Inter Library Loan Request Form. You will find her office adjacent to the Circulation Desk. Katie Brown is the Faculty and Student Services Librarian and is available to answer any questions that require extensive research.

Further, the law school's Digital Library is an excellent resource to utilize for your research. Through the Digital library links you may obtain copies of articles and treaties that are immediately available electronically. The Digital Library is accessible at <http://www.stu.edu/LawLibrary/tabid/668/Default.aspx>.

Lastly, NEVER wait until the last minute to request an Inter Library Loan! Since the item you want has to be sent from another institution the process can take a few days up to several weeks, so be prudent and plan your research accordingly.



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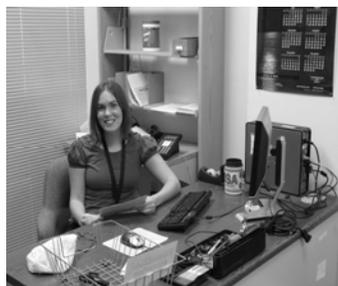
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today to the lawyers and leaders of tomorrow!**

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Statement*

To provide access to the legal information necessary to support the mission of St. Thomas University School of Law by acquiring assets providing comprehensive citation retrieval and the ability to deliver the full text of the documents cited; to support the teaching and research programs of the school of law through direct, continuing and informed relationships with faculty and through programs that educate students about the use and cost of all formats of legal information; to provide access to legal information and publications for St. Thomas University, as a whole.

LAW LIBRARY SPOTLIGHT

In 1981 Leanna Fitzgerald was born in Rockledge, Florida and lived in Melbourne, Florida until 2001 when she came to Broward County to continue her studies at Florida Atlantic University. Leanna graduated from Florida Atlantic University in May of 2003 with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science. After working for a year at a local tax firm in Fort Lauderdale, Leanna decided to go to law school and attended Shepard Broad Law Center at Nova Southeastern University. While attending law school Leanna participated in a Summer Study program at Brasenose College at Oxford studying European Union law. Impressed by the enormous collection in the libraries at Oxford, Leanna wished that she could



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work in a university and maintain involvement in academia instead of argue in court.

Upon returning to Florida Leanna met with several law librarians at Shepard Broad Law Center and inquired about their jobs. Leanna realized that pursuing a career as a law librarian would give her the chance to work closely with students and professors in an environment that she loved, doing what she loved most of all, research! After graduating from

Shepard Broad Law Center in 2007 Leanna began working for St. Thomas University Law Library in the position of Inter Library Loan and Circulation Specialist. Leanna has started online classes this summer with the University of South Florida to obtain her Masters of Library Science and looks forward to an exciting future as a law librarian.