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### Spring 2021 Newsletter: The Docket

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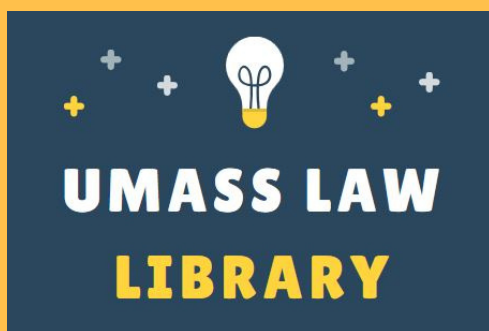


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THE NEWSLETTER OF  
THE UMASS LAW  
LIBRARY  
SPRING 2021 ISSUE



### Law Library Hours

Monday-Thurs  
9am-9:30pm

Friday  
9am - 5pm

Saturday  
9am-5pm

Sunday  
Noon - 6pm

**Note: For Week 1 of classes  
hours will be  
Mon-Sat 9am - 5pm  
and Noon - 6pm on Sun**

## Welcome!

Visit our website for access to  
all Law Library resources

including:

Westlaw

Lexis

CALI

MCLE

West Academic Study Aids

WK Study Aids

HeinOnline

Fastcase

and much more!

To get started, go  
to <https://www.umassd.edu/law/library/>  
or contact a librarian!

# Newsletter Contents

Dear Students,

Welcome Back! We hope that everyone had a restful break. Here is a list of the content you will find in our newsletter this semester:



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## Law Library Guide

<https://guides.lib.umassd.edu/lawlibrary>

## Virtual Tour of the Law Library

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAjtIdI\\_tPEt](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DAjtIdI_tPEt)



# Safety Reminders About Visiting the Law Library

All students who wish to use the library in-person must agree to weekly COVID-19 testing. Please contact Dean Cahill ([jcahill2@umassd.edu](mailto:jcahill2@umassd.edu)) to set up your onsite access.



Enter the building with your UMass Pass



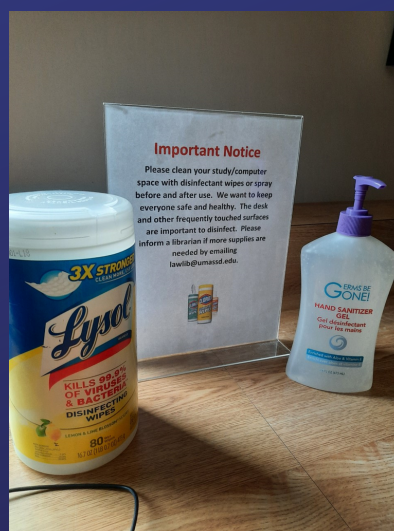
Sanitize and Wash Hands Frequently



Observe the Traffic Arrows



Stand 6 Feet From the Main Desk



Clean Your Work Space



Sit 6 feet Apart from Others



# Class Reserve Books



We are unable to lend the print reserve books at this time, but please send requests to have pages scanned to [lawlib@umassd.edu](mailto:lawlib@umassd.edu). In your email include the course and professor name in addition to the page numbers you need.

The librarians will post the first week's readings to TWEN to give you time to order and receive your textbooks without disruption to your coursework. We will continue to post material until February to accommodate late shipments and other snags that could come up in a pandemic.

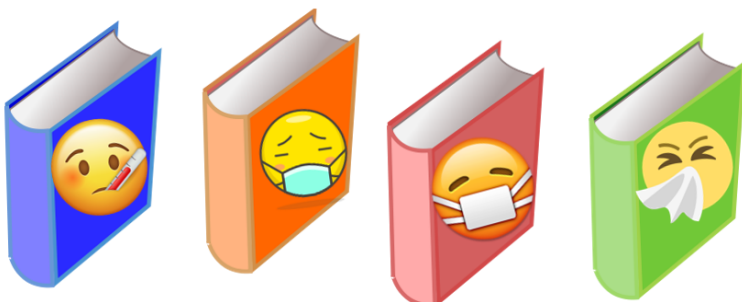
Our scanning services are not limited to reserve books! Students are encouraged to search our library catalog, Primo, online and place requests for scanned chapters that you might need to supplement a course or cite in a paper. Primo is accessible through the Law

Library website:

<https://www.umassd.edu/law/library/>

**Students with building access may check out print books from the main collection (not reserves). Curbside pickup is an option for all students! Books must stay in quarantine for 24 hours before loaning again.**

**Please see our YouTube page for a video demonstration of adding a TWEN course**  
<https://bit.ly/LawLibYouTube>



# VIRTUAL REFERENCE DESK

Librarians Jessica, Emma, and Misty will hold virtual reference hours each week for students to stop by and ask questions or just say hello to the library staff! Check your email for the schedule and Zoom link.



**NEW THIS SEMESTER:** Each week of virtual reference will have an advertised theme or featured resource. Pop into our Zoom sessions to hear a few quick facts about library resources such as our study aid databases, Westlaw, Lexis, LegalTrac, HeinOnline, and More!

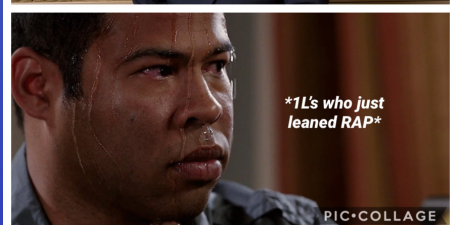
For the first week of virtual reference, the week of January 11th, our featured resource is CALI. We will give you a 1 - 2 minute overview or quick facts about CALI. Add this database into your bag of study tools early this semester!



# THE 7TH ANNUAL UMASS LAW LIBRARY MEME CONTEST



Me: I'm going to relax during break  
My outlines:



The law library invites you to craft a clever meme about law school life for our 7th annual meme contest! We will begin accepting submissions in March! An email from [lawlib@umassd.edu](mailto:lawlib@umassd.edu) will announce the start of the contest. Take a break from the stress of your day to share a little humor and creativity. Submit your original meme in March 2021 to [lawlib@umassd.edu](mailto:lawlib@umassd.edu).

The creator of the winning meme receives a \$20 Amazon gift card, second place will receive a \$15 gift card, and 3rd place will receive a \$10 gift card.

Submissions will be sent out in an online survey for student vote. The individual whose meme receives the highest number of votes will be the winner.

A few things to keep in mind...

1. One entry per person
2. Students, Staff, and Faculty may submit memes :)
3. Please secure permission if using the picture or likeness of a member of the law school community.
4. Memes should be funny, but also suitable for public display.
5. Have fun!

# Student Study Spotlight

Tips from current students on library resources.

**We asked 3L and Law Library Assistant, Laurie Senat, how she gets the most out of library resources during remote learning.**

Laurie: "Although this transition to online learning prevents many students from accessing the Law Library, students can still make great use of the Library's resources through its website. It has everything from researching tools to study guides.



I personally make use of study aid resources such as CALI and the Wolters Kluwer Study Aid Library. They provide me with a better understanding of class material and help me prepare for exams. If you are having trouble finding what you need on the website, ask a librarian. Our law librarians are the best resource the Library has to offer. Through email, chat, or phone, they will answer your questions and provide other helpful virtual services."



# LIBGUIDES

## Online Subject Guides Made by Librarians to Help Students Find Books and Other Resources on a Topic

Click on the "research guides" link on our website <https://www.umassd.edu/law/library/> to take a look at the guides we have created such as Scholarly Legal Research, Trusts and Estates, and an Introduction to the Law Library. We would love to hear suggestions for topics you want to see covered in this format. Here is an Antiracism Libguide we would like to feature:

**Antiracism LibGuide:** <https://guides.lib.umassd.edu/antiracism>

### Anti-Racism Resources


This guide lists print and electronic materials that discuss and promote anti-racist strategies and concepts.

[Welcome](#) [Print Resources](#) [Web and Electronic Resources](#) [Multimedia Resources](#)

#### About this Guide


This guide is a collaborative effort by three UMass Law librarians to provide links to print and electronic resources that are pertinent to anti-racism and diversity and inclusion. The information presented here is intended as a starting place for further research about promoting racial tolerance and deflecting racial oppression. Resources discussing the history of racism and oppression are included as well. As an introduction, this guide is not an exhaustive list of resources nor does it touch upon all of the issues in this important, multifaceted dialogue.

We hope that the material presented here will give you inspiration and direction in the area of racial equity and the fight against discrimination.



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# LIBRARY QUIZ SHOW



With your librarian hosts, Emma & Jessica

## Welcome Back Event!

Friday January 15th at 7pm  
(Zoom link via email)

## National Library Week Event!

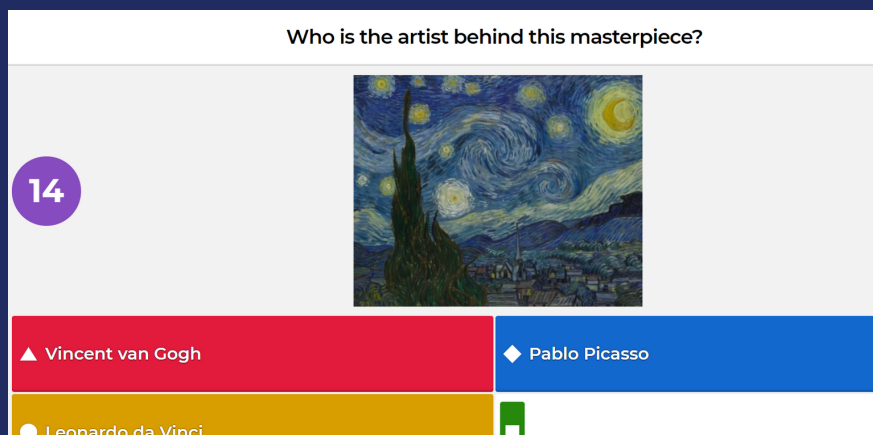
Friday April 9th at 7pm (Zoom  
link via email)

Join us for a fun trivia event! Please have a laptop and your cell phone ready to participate in Kahoot trivia. Questions vary from pop culture to law school trivia and legal research. Prizes awarded after every round! Among the prizes are tumblers, travel mugs, goodie bags, and gift cards! Prizes will be mailed or emailed if possible to winners during this remote time.



## Sample Trivia Categories

- Name that Secondary Source
- Movies about Lawyers
- John Grisham Books
- Hip Hop Artists
- Westlaw or Lexis
- All About UMass Law
- Restaurants of Dartmouth
- Famous Guitarists
- 1990s Trivia
- 2000s Radio Hits





# NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK!

April 4-10, 2021

National Library Week is an annual celebration of librarians and library services. It is a time to highlight the contributions that libraries make to their communities and to show support for their work. The theme for 2021, "Welcome to Your Library," promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building to acknowledge the ways that libraries rose to the challenge of meeting the needs of their users during the pandemic. Here are the ways the UMass Law Library will be celebrating:

- **A virtual panel discussion of the profession of law librarianship** - Have you considered law librarianship as a career path? This event may pique your interest. Details TBA
- **Giveaways on social media** - Keep an eye on our Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter pages for daily opportunities to win great prizes!
- **Library Quiz Show** - Librarians Emma and Jessica will host a trivia night to connect with students and have some fun during National Library Week
- **Featured Resources** - The librarians will highlight books in the collection, databases, and research tips via email, social media, and Zoom.



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