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Black History Month Salute: Regina Anderson

Regina Anderson was a professional librarian in New York City. She was born on May 21, 1901 in Chicago, Illinois. She attended Wilberforce University, University of Chicago, and Columbia University. She began working as a Librarian at the 135th Street Branch of the New York Public Library in Harlem. As a Librarian, Anderson sponsored and promoted many artists and projects in the Harlem Renaissance.

Anderson and her roommates Ethel Ray Nance, and Gwendolyn Bennet used their apartment as a meeting place of the artists and intellectuals of the Harlem Renaissance. Anderson is credited with assisting the Harlem Renaissance movement on March 21, 1924 when she gathered W.E.B. DuBois, Jean Toomer, Countee Cullen, Langston Hughes, James Weldon Johnson, and others for readings and speeches.

Regina Anderson was also a founder of the Krigwa Players (later the Negro Experimental Theatre or Harlem Experimental Theatre) with W.E.B. DuBois. Using her job as a Librarian at the Harlem branch she was able to place the theatre in the basement where she wrote several plays of her own under her pseudonym Ursula Trelling. In 1926, Regina Anderson married William T. Andrews a New York State Assembly Representative. She was a member of the National Council of Women, National Urban League, which she represented



at the United States Commission for UNESCO. She retired from the New York Public Library in 1967. Regina Anderson died in Ossining, New York. She was one of the African American Women recognized at the 1939 World's Fair in New York.

Important Upcoming Dates

- March 7th - 11th - Mid- Terms
- March 12th - 13th - Library Closed
- March 14th - 18th - Spring Break
- March 19th - 20th - Library Closed
- April 1st- Poetry Contest Begins
- April 2nd - Crash Course in Legal Research

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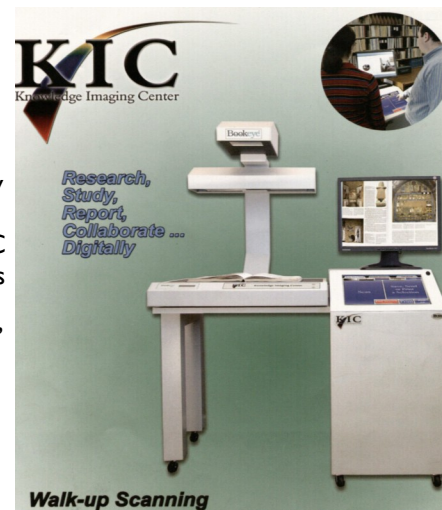
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Digitize on Demand, by Shante' Clark-Davis, Electronic Reference Librarian

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library has a new Knowledge Imaging Center (KIC). What is a KIC? A KIC is a digitize on demand system which allows library patrons to scan documents, pictures, and books face-up. Once items are scanned, patrons conveniently insert their USB flash drive to save scanned items.

Our KIC has several copying, modifying, and imaging

enhancing features available to manipulate and increase the visual quality of electronic copies. Patrons are welcome to independently browse the KIC Touch Screen Guide or ask any available library staff for guidance in using the KIC. The KIC is located adjacent to the Texas Room across from the copy machines. You will get a "KIC" out of your experience.



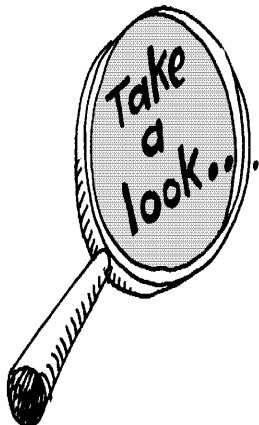
Reach out and Facebook us for any questions you may have for your Law Librarians.

Reach Out and Facebook, by Shante' Clark-Davis, Electronic Reference Librarian

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March Madness: Brown Bags Are Here!

The dates for the Annual Brown Bag Sessions have been finalized. Beginning on February 28th the Law Library will begin hosting its first of four sessions this semester. The Brown Bag Sessions will focus on ProDoc, Green Book and Blue Book, and a Legal Research Refresher. The presenters for this year's brown bags are Nanette Collins, Danny

Norris, Shante' Clark-Davis, Joseph Plumber, and Taciana Williams. Brown Bags will be different this year, instead of having one session for each topic the Law Library will be hosting a blitz of 50 minute sessions from 9 a.m. - 3p.m. in Computer Lab 126. Therefore, you can attend Brown Bags around your class schedule. The days and topics are as

follows:

February 28th - ProDoc Training

March 7th - Research Refresher

March 21st - Green Book and Blue Book

March 28th - ProDoc Training

Document Drafting Made Simple, By Nanette Collins, Reference Librarian

A large part of attorney's time is spent on paperwork such as drafting pleadings and letters. ProDoc is a document assembly program which was created to cut down the time lawyers spend on pleadings and paperwork.

ProDoc provides forms for Texas, Louisiana, New York, Massachusetts, Florida and California in the area of Family Law, Wills and Probate, Real Estate, Criminal Law, and Business Organizations to name a few. Pro Doc Contains the

forms attorneys need every day for handling matters in each of those areas of law. The forms are updated as legislation, case law and agency rules change. It enables users to save time, reduce errors and malpractice exposure, and better serve their clients.

ProDoc enables you to complete multiple documents simultaneously. Once you have selected the form(s), ProDoc will prompt you with several questions to finish filling in the form. Each question has a help

screen you can view if you are not sure what the question means. Once your document is complete, it saves your work under your client's name in a Microsoft Word File. You can make further changes, print the document or save until a later date. You can access ProDoc on all computers in the lab. If you need assistance, ask a Librarian or review the ProDoc Quick Reference Card located on the Media Rack near the Circulation Desk. Training will begin at the end of February.



Crash Course in Legal Reseach Coming In April

The Law Library will host its Fifth Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research (CCLR) on Saturday, April 2, 2011. The purpose of CCLR is to sharpen students' research skills in preparation for summer clerkships and jobs.

CCLR will review techniques taught during the law students' first year and pro-

vide detailed legal analysis of specific legal research strategies and given resources. The Course will present a legal problem and solve it using Texas law. So if you have a job this summer or plan or hope to get one, do not miss CCLR. Breakfast and lunch will be served. Librarians give away door prizes and host giveaways. Come out, have fun

and learn. And let us give you the tools of the trade. Sign-up for the course at the Circulation Desk in March.

Remember research is the key to success when practicing.

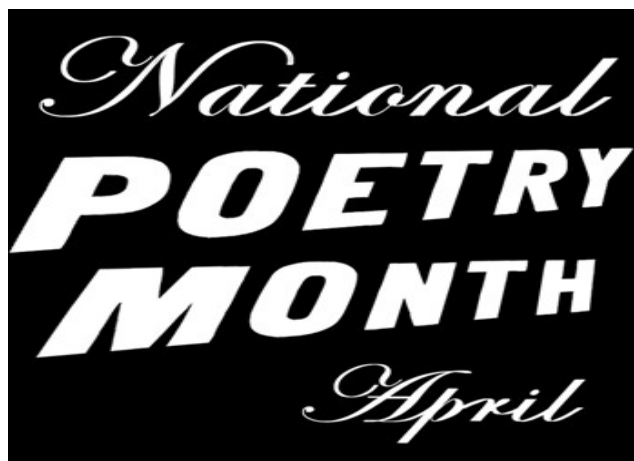
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Law Library Annual Poetry Contest

The Law Library will hold its annual poetry contest in April to celebrate National Poetry Month. All are encouraged to apply and participate in the poetry contest. Last year's winner, Yvonne Berry won a 7 days combination course to assist her with her bar studies. The poetry contest will begin on April 1st and run through April 18th. All submissions will be due by 5:00 p.m. on April 18th, 2011. Judging will take place at Poetry Night which

will be held on April 20, 2011 in the school the cafeteria located in the basement of the law school at 5:30 p.m. There will be plenty of prizes given away so do not miss your chance to receive one of the great prizes the contest has to offer.

So get your pen and paper ready because we are looking for the next great Thurgood Marshall School of Law poet.



Recent Developments in Government Documents by Sola Babatunde, Government Documents Librarian

Here is a quick run-down of some of the most significant recent developments about Federal Government information.
Addition of Title 51 to the United States Code

Title 51 has been added to the United States Code. The title is “National and Commercial Space Programs”. The purpose is to unify related provisions previously part of titles 15, 42 and 49. It was passed as Pub. L. 111-314. No major changes were introduced into the law. For relevant information on this new change, please point your browser to:

<http://thomas.loc.gov/cgi-bin/bdquery/z?d111:HR03237:TOM:/bss/d111query.html>

Federal Publications as e-books

Some of the titles (Code of Federal Regulations, Congressional Record, etc) published by the Government Printing Office are now available as e-book and some can be downloaded for free or at a reduced cost for use on most popular e-readers (iPhone, Android and Nook). This is a partnership with Google: <http://books.google.com/ebooks>.

FDsys as gateway to published government information

FDsys is slated to replace the aging GPO Access. And the countdown has begun for its dissolution. The chief advantage of Fdsys is that materials hosted on it are authenticated by digital signature. <http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys>

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