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SCHOOL OF LAW  
LIBRARY**



# Marshall News

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Marshall News is the newsletter of record for the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library. It serves the campus of Texas Southern University and the surrounding community. TMSL Library boasts a staff of 9 professional librarians and 7 support staff.

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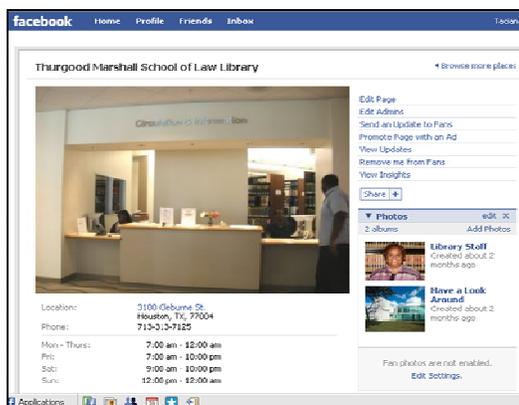
If you've visited the law library lately, you have no doubt seen the "Find us on Facebook" signs. You may still be wondering why the law library needs a Facebook page. Let's look at the numbers! The American Association of Law Librarians reports that Facebook has an estimated 64 million users—the majority of whom are college or graduate students. In fact, over 85% of undergraduates and 25% of graduate students use Facebook frequently. As service-oriented professionals, we want to be where our users are. And we want to make our services available there too.

Now how does it work? Any person with

a Facebook account can choose to become our fan. Becoming a fan is slightly different from becoming a friend. Fans can receive our updates, visit our page, and use our services. But students may still maintain their privacy by restricting their page to approved friends only. So

there's no need to be wary of law librarians snooping on students' pages.

You can find us by searching Facebook for the "Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library." TMSL Library strives to be at the forefront of technological advances in order to provide the best service to our patrons. We want to build a presence in the online community (virtual world). We invite you to build with us.



## Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research

The Law Library will host its Fourth Annual Clerkship Crash Course in Legal Research (CCLR) on Saturday, April 4, 2009. 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 provide detailed analysis of specific legal research strategies and resources. The Course will pre-



sent 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.

## New President, New Reads

Since our last publication, the United States inaugurated its 44th president, Barack H. Obama. Much has been written about our new president since he stepped on the political scene. He has also contributed to the dialogue by writing books about his background and political outlook as well.

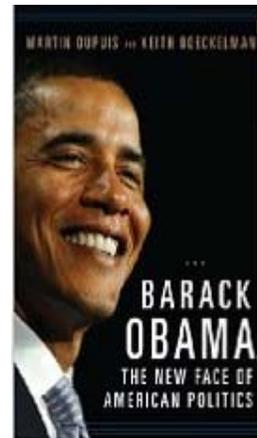
If you'd like to know more about President Obama, we have a few recommendations in honor of this special time in our country.

Martin Dupuis and Keith Boekelman tracked President Obama's early political career in, "Barack Obama, The New Face of American Politics." They follow the now president's run for the a seat in the U.S. Senate, his two years in that capacity and the beginnings of his run for the presidency.

The library also recommends the books penned by the president. His first book, "Dreams from my Father," is autobiographical and a good read for those who may be unfa-

miliar with the president's background. Of "Dreams," Michiko Kakutani, New York Times book editor, writes, it "stands as the most evocative, lyrical and candid autobiography written by a future president." His second book, "The Audacity of Hope," explores his opinion about the current political climate, its problems, and how he envisions solving them.

Find these books by searching Alex, the online catalog.



**"Barack Obama, The New Face of American Politics" is on reserve at the Circulation & Information Desk. (Image from Amazon.com)**

## Recommended Reading by Nannette Collins, Reference Librarian

Practicing attorneys and law students alike should all be familiar with the Practice Books written and published by the State Bar of Texas. This great resource consists of books, practice manuals, and legal forms. The State Bar's team of attorney-editors produces



these materials in collaboration with volunteer committees composed of experts in various practice areas to help Texas Lawyers provide informed and efficient service to their clients. Publications are updated regularly to reflect legislative changes.

Some of the Titles are:

- Texas Pattern Jury Charges

- Texas Probate System
- Texas Real Estate Forms Manual
- Texas Family Law Practice Manual

While no resource has 100% of what you will need for every case, these books contain most of the forms you will need for practice in Texas. These books are on Reserve behind the Circulation Desk.



**In addition to Reference Librarian, Collins teaches legal research in the fall as well as other library-sponsored seminars during the year. She also spearheads media and promotion and is responsible for the display cases throughout the library.**

**Need a legal research review? You're in luck!**

Dates	Topics	Time	Rm
March 3	Brown Bag Library E-Resources & Alex	Noon	107
March 10	Basic Research in Texas Cases & Forms	Noon	107
March 24	Brown Bag Texas Rules of Form	Noon	107
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**ProDoc is a great tool for practitioners and students alike.**

**“Love may be in the air during this time of year, but the law’s interaction with love and marriage is not always romantic.”**



**Pathfinders may also be accessed via the law library’s webpage.**

## Be a Pro at ProDoc

ProDoc is a document assembly program widely used by practitioners, professors and students alike. The program is best used to create forms, client letters, motions and other communications. It also provides general forms spanning litigation, family law, attorney-client matters, and criminal defense.

ProDoc is frequently updated to include the

most recent documents. Some of the major updates coming this year are from Texas state legislation. Over 1100 bills have been filed in this legislative session. Future updates will center around real estate with major updates on the way from the Texas Real Estate Commission and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A review of January’s up-

dates reveals important changes in adoption, family law, Lipman’s Wills & Trusts, litigation, and business associations.

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## Seen Around the Library

Love may be in the air, but the law library presents an interesting view of the law’s interaction with love and marriage. This month the library has



two new displays available. The

first is featured in the main display case at the entrance of the library.

The second feature honors Black History Month. It is located in the library’s elevator lobby and spotlights over thirty books. Some of the most significant contributors to black history authored most of the books displayed including: Nelson Mandela,



W.E.B. DuBois, and Cornel West. Many thanks to Nannette Collins, Reference Librarian, for her creativity in designing these exhibits.

## Bibliographic Instruction

The Law Library has a repository of bibliographies and pathfinders geared toward all your research needs. These bibliographies include references to journal articles as well as books. Our pathfinders provide in-depth information on how to research a particular area of law or resource. Librarians are available to

visit seminars, electives and core curriculum classes to share these resources with students. Our overall goal is to help students develop a cogent research strategy that targets the best print and electronic resources for a legal topic. Bibliographic instruction has proven to be especially helpful to students and professors

writing or editing scholarly works. To request a class, contact the Reference Librarian, Nannette Collins, at [ncollins@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:ncollins@tmslaw.tsu.edu) or 713-313-1106 or the Learning Resources Librarian, Taciana Williams, at [tawilliams@tmslaw.tsu.edu](mailto:tawilliams@tmslaw.tsu.edu) or 713-313-1009.



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*"History is not a procession of illustrious people. It's about what happens to a people. Millions of anonymous people is what history is about."  
-James Baldwin*



**January 23rd: Dr. Daniel Hale Williams founded Provident Hospital in Chicago, 1889. Paul Robeson, athlete, lawyer, singer, died in Philadelphia 1976.**

## Educational Television for Black History Month

Compiled by Elsie Kelley

### LIFE SUPPORT

2/20 11:30 AM HBO - EAST  
Inspired by a true story, LIFE SUPPORT uses a mix of actors and real people from the HIV/AIDS community to tell the story of an HIV-positive Brooklyn woman named Ana (Queen Latifah), who channels her energy and regret over past drug addiction into working for Life Support, an AIDS outreach group.

### BREAKING THE HUDDLE: THE INTEGRATION OF COLLEGE FOOTBALL

2/22 11:00 AM HBO – EAST  
Focusing on football programs in the Southeastern, <http://www.hbo.com/events/breakingthehuddle/>

### InnerViews with Ernie

**Manouse - Isaac Hayes**  
02/22/09, 12:00 am HD;  
02/22/09, 12:00 am KUHT

**SportsCentury: Disciples of Jackie Robinson** 2/21 6 a.m. ESPN Classic

**SportsCentury: Florence Griffith-Joyner** 2/21 6:30 a.m. ESPN Classic

**SportsCentury: Zina Garrison** 2/21 7 a.m. ESPN Classic

**SportsCentury: Oscar Robertson** 2/21 7:30 a.m. ESPN Classic

**Rhythm in the Rope** 2/21 7 a.m. ESPN Classic

**Classic Wiley** 2/21 9a.m. ESPN Classic

**Images in Black and White** 2/21 10 a.m. ESPN Classic

**Return to Mexico City** 2/21 11 a.m. ESPN Classic

### Say It Loud - The Story of

**Tim O'Neal** 2/21 12:00 p.m. ESPN Classic

**Third and a Mile** 2/21 2 p.m. ESPN Classic

**SportsCentury: Bill Russell** 2/21 3 p.m. ESPN Classic

**SportsCentury: Willie Mays** 2/21 4 p.m. ESPN Classic

### Glory

February 21, 4:30 PM on TCM

A green officer is assigned to lead an all-black unit in the Civil War. Cast: Matthew Broderick, Morgan Freeman, Denzel Washington. Dir: Edward Zwick.

**SportsCentury: Frank Robinson** 2/21 5 p.m. ESPN Classic

**SportsCentury: Hank Aaron** 2/21 6 p.m. ESPN Classic

**Return to Mexico City** 2/21 7 p.m. ESPN Classic

**Black Magic - Part I** 2/21 8 p.m. ESPN Classic

**America Beyond The Color Line with Henry Louis Gates Jr. - East Coast: Ebony Towers**

Air: Saturday, February 21, 8:00 pm on PBS 8.2

The existence of a small group of African Americans at the heart of the political establishment and at the pinnacle of corporate America is something that, just two decades ago, seemed unimaginable. How did they get there...?

**Black Magic - Part II** 2/21 10 p.m. ESPN Classic

### Sounder

2/23, 11:15 AM TCM  
Black sharecroppers during the Depression fight to get their children a decent education. Cast: Paul Winfield, Cicely Tyson, Kevin Hooks. Dir: Martin Ritt.

### African American Lives 2 - The Past Is Another Country

Air: Tuesday, February 24, 9:00 pm on PBS 8.2  
Episode four presents fascinating discoveries about participants' lineages, thanks to DNA analysis.

**Ali Rap** 2/25 8 p.m. ESPN Classic

**Ali's Dozen** 2/25 9 p.m. ESPN Classic

**Ali's 65** 2/25 10 p.m. ESPN Classic

### Faubourg Treme: The Untold Story of Black New Orleans

2/25 10:00 pm on PBS

### THE BLACK LIST: VOLUME TWO

2/26 8:00 PM HBO - EAST  
2/28 3:00 PM HBO – EAST  
Sixteen prominent Americans talk about being black in America today.

### Nothing But a Man

2/26 Sundance Channel

**American Masters - Zora Neale Hurston: Jump at the Sun**

2/26 7:00 pm PBS

**Love Train: The Sound of Philadelphia Part 1**

2/28, 10:30 pm on PBS

Check your local listings for more programming and re-airs.

## Reflecting on the Inauguration by Evelyn Beard, Head of Technical Svcs

January 20, 2009 was an historic day for America and the world. Barack H. Obama was sworn in as the 44<sup>th</sup> President of the United States of America. He is the first man of color to ever hold the office of President of the USA. The event was witnessed by over a million people in attendance, and by many

more that watched coverage on television and the Internet. During the oath, Chief Justice John Glover Roberts seemed to ramble a bit. He said: “..that I will execute the Office of the President to the United States faithfully.” The U.S. Constitution requires: “I do solemnly swear that I will faithfully

execute the office of President of the United States, and will to the best of my ability, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution of the United States.” Many Americans questioned whether the first swearing-in was legal. It was. Still, to be certain, the President Obama was re-sworn the next day.



***Evelyn Beard,  
the Head of Technology Services.***

***These are photographs of viewers in TMSL’s lobby and Moot Court classroom witnessing President Obama’s inauguration.***



***This year many students fulfilled their civic duty. They voted!***

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## Calendar of Events

Date	Event	Time	Location
March 3	Brown Bag Library E-Resources & Alex	Noon	107
March 10	Brown Bag Finding TX Cases & Forms	Noon	107
March 16-20	TSU Spring Break		
March 24	Brown Bag Texas Rules of Form	Noon	107
March 31	Brown Bag Texas Statutes	Noon	107
April 1	Poetry Contest Starts		Circulation Desk
April 1	Brown Bag Texas Legislative History	Noon	107
April 4	Crash Course	9 a.m.-2 p.m.	TBA
April 13-17	Library Week		
April 13	Poetry Contest Closes		
April 13-15	Library Student Survey	7a.m.- 9 p.m.	Law Library
April 21	Poetry Open Mike	6:30 p.m.	Cafeteria
April 28	TMSL Last Day of Classes		
May 4	TMSL Finals		