During one of the busiest periods in the academic calendar (Fall Semester), Harris County issued a stay home work safe order for all non-essential workplaces to help fight the spread of COVID-19. Operating in accordance with the Harris County order, Texas Southern University and more specifically Thurgood Marshall School of Law started the semester virtually and classes resumed in a hybrid setting for the remainder of the fall semester.

Due to the pandemic (COVID-19), the Law Library is only open to current faculty, students, and staff. We will remain CLOSED to the public at this time. We are open for in-person study during regular hours. Books in the general collection can be checked out for 30 days. Reserve books are not available at this time.

**Dates to Remember**

**Brown Bag Training**
- Wednesday, January 27 at 12 noon  Lexis Digital Library
- Wednesday, February 10 at 12 noon  Databases
- Wednesday, February 24 at 12 noon  Students Choice

**Crash Course in Legal Research**
- Saturday, March 27, 2021  10am-12noon
Library Access

The main entrance is the only point of access to the library. Face masks must be worn by all patrons. Building capacity has been reduced to approximately 40% in order to maintain social distancing standards. There is 1 seat available at each table, at every other study carrel and in each study room. The seating capacity in the computer labs is 8. The total seating capacity of the library at this time is 145 seats, 33 on the first floor and 112 in the basement.

Upon entry to the library there is a sign in sheet at the Circulation Desk that patrons must fill out in order to use the facility. Access to the library after hours is strictly prohibited.

Reference and Circulation

The Circulation Desk is staffed during all hours of library operation. Library staff members are available to answer questions and circulate library materials. Contact the Circulation Desk at: 713-313-7125.

The Reference Desk is staffed by a Librarian during reference hours to assist with all your research needs. Contact the Reference Desk at: 713-313-1108. Reference Librarians are available at the Reference Desk or on call to assist students with their research/information needs. Students are encouraged to meet with a reference librarian before starting a research project to obtain advice on how to begin their research and to learn what library services are available. Reference Librarians also can deliver lectures on introductory and advanced legal research topics and instruct patrons in the use of all types of electronic information. Reference librarians do not provide legal advice or interpret legal materials.

Phone Reference Desk: 713-313-1108
Email: Nanette.Collins@tmslaw.tsu.edu
Zoom meeting by appointment
Database Availability

Students, did you know that you can access databases remotely? To access the databases, you must be a current student, faculty or staff member and possess a TMSL library patron card/barcode number. Here is the procedure to access the databases remotely:

Click on the Remote Access link at the end of the database link information. You will be redirected to the Web Access Management Login page where you will be required to enter your login information, which consists of your name and barcode.

Enter your last name and barcode number that is located on the back of your student ID card or was emailed to you, then click submit. *If you do not know your patron barcode number then you can contact the Library to receive it.

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Library Staff

Karim Aldridge-Rand, Technical Services Librarian
Denise Cebrun, Cataloging Clerk
Richard Clark, Government Documents Librarian
Leslie Coleman, Sr. Administrative Assistant
Nanette Collins, Reference Librarian
Patrina Epperson, Circulation Librarian
Maia Ford, Loose-leaf Services Supervisor
Tara Long, Faculty Resources Librarian & Appointed Library Director
Mosetta Moy, Circulation Clerk
James Muldrew, Mail Clerk

Hours of Operation

OPERATING HOURS

MONDAY–THURSDAY
7AM –10PM

FRIDAY
7AM –8PM

SATURDAY
9AM–5PM

SUNDAY
12 NOON–8PM

REFERENCE HOURS

MONDAY– FRIDAY
8AM –5PM

SATURDAY
9AM-1pm