

February 2016

## Spring into the New Semester with the TMSL Law Library



Greetings and Happy New Year from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library Staff. The library has a list of events lined up for the upcoming months. All of these events were created to assist student with studying, legal research and reading.

Are you looking for new supplements to help with your

studying? No worries. The Law Library has just ordered 50 new supplements that cover a wide ranger of topic areas. Is there a book that you think the library should have ? Write your request down and submit it to the circulation desk. We look forward to hearing your contribution ideas for our collection development. Happy Reading!



## Legal Research Boot Camp



Date: Saturday, April 2, 2016

Time: 9AM - 1 PM

Location: TMSL - Rm 203

Registration begins at 8:30 AM

Breakfast and lunch will be served.

Please sign up at the Law Library Circulation Desk.

Contact person: Itunu Sofidiya 713-313-7125

## Brown Bag

Bloomberg Law  
Tuesday, April 5, 2016

Generating a Solid Search  
Tuesday, April 12, 2016

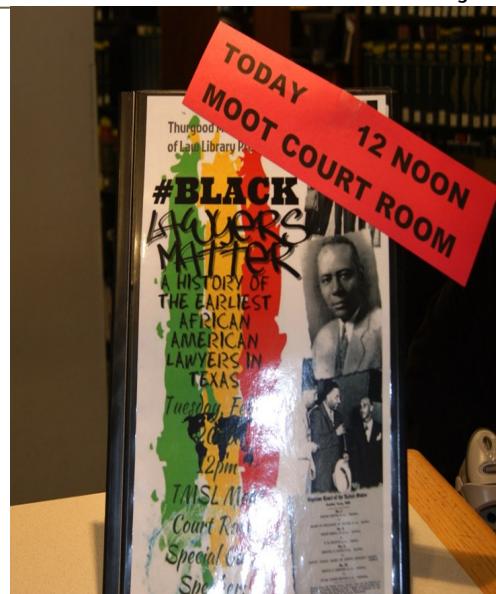
Forms, Forms, Forms  
Thursday, April 19, 2016

## #BlackLawyersMatter Program

As a follow up to the Black Lives Matter forum in October, the law library and other participating organizations hosted a presentation for Black History Month, based on the recent law review article published by Attorney John Browning and Texas Fifth Court of Appeals Chief

Justice Carolyn Wright, entitled “We Stood on Their Shoulders: The First African-American Attorneys in Texas.” Attorney John Browning visited Thurgood Marshall School of Law on February 9th and gave an informative presentation on the history of black attorneys in Texas.

Guest were treated to light horderves and were able to participate in a question and answer segment at the end of the presentation.



## Ron Wheeler Visits TMSL

February 10, 2016 AALL Vice President/President-Elect and Director, Boston University Law Library Ron Wheeler visited the TMSL Law Library before making a speech at the Houston Area Law Librarian’s meeting.

Professor Wheeler has worked for law school libraries in every region of the country in various management capacities. He teaches several legal re-

search courses as well as a writing seminar on sexual orientation law that he calls Queer Legal Scholarship. Professor Wheeler authors a quarterly feature in the Law Library Journal called Diversity Dialogues, which addresses the importance of all types of diversity in the legal professions.







## James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest & Open Mic Night

Attention all poets, the 12th Annual James Weldon Johnson Poetry Contest will begin March 1, 2016. Entries are due no later than April 4, 2016. The theme for this years contest is

#Civilrightsmorethanjustahashtag  
 Winners will be announced on April 11th and are expected to recite their original poems at the TMSL Law Library's Open Mic Night, Wednesday, April 13, 2016 from 5:30 pm—7:30 pm. In the TMSL Student Commons. All are welcome to attend and perform or to just come and watch the show. Registration is free and refreshments will be served.

### SMU

#### Chinese Study Abroad Program Welcomes

On Thursday, February 12, 2016 Bob Hu, Director of St. Mary's University's Law Library in San Antonio visited TMSL and gave an informational session on the St. Mary's University Law School Chinese Institute's Summer Study

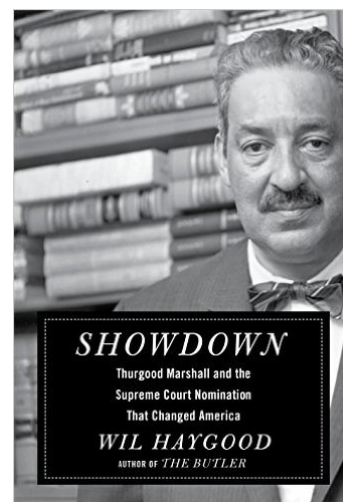
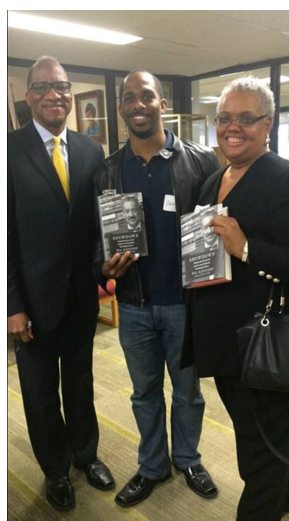
Abroad Program. Students were able to ask Professor Hu any questions they had about the program as well as getting a brief history on law in China past, present and future relations with the United States.



#### Saturday Night at Terry Library

Terry Library at Texas Southern University hosted a book signing for Will Haygood's book "Showdown: Thurgood Marshall and the Supreme Court Nomination That Changed America". TMSL Library Director DeCarlous Spearman and Associate Director Danny Norris attended

the event and were able to purchase copies of Haygood's book and get them signed by Haygood.





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## Food Policy

Beverages are permitted in a pre-approved, non-spill containers. Patrons with drinks in unapproved containers will be asked to remove such items. Food will be permitted in the form of individual snack size containers of dry foods like chips, cookies, candy, granola bars, and other relatively non-messy, individually packed snack foods. Please discard all food containers in the trash cans near the study rooms, basement elevator and at the main library exit. All library staff members are authorized to enforce this policy. Food is considered acceptable as long as it meets the following conditions: If you can buy it in a vending machine and it's not a liquid, frozen or wet. It is not meant to be eaten with a fork or spoon. Food from vending machines like the one pictured are generally acceptable in the library. Drinks and food are NOT allowed in the computer lab and KIC Scanner area.



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Let's work together to ensure our library is a place where you can study and research effectively.