Exams are here! When you find yourself in need of an escape, just stop by the Law Library’s Study Break Table on Level 3 inside the entrance from the Brick Lobby. It is stocked daily with useful items like pens, earplugs, cups and swag from vendors like Lexis and Bloomberg Law, and snacks (while supplies last). Coloring sheets with your choice of crayons or pencils can also provide a peaceful diversion.

And be sure to check out the recently updated Recreation Collection located in the Reserve Room on Level 3. There you’ll find a selection puzzles, board and card games, frisbees and balls, movies and TV shows on DVD, and a special collection of fiction, history, and biographies.

Best of luck with finals and congrats on a successful fall semester!

Beyond Books

Did you know that the Law Library offers an array of useful items for your convenience? See the list below and stop by the Circulation Desk to borrow what you need, when you need it!

- Laptop chargers (PC and Apple)
- PC laptop computers
- Headphones with cords
- Earplugs (free to keep!)
- Book stands
- Umbrellas
- HappyLights (see right →)
- Timers
- Bluetooth keyboard and mice
- Presentation clickers/laser pointers
- DVD-RW player/drives
- Cleaning kit with handheld vacuum
- Video camera and camera tripod
- HDMI cords and video adapters
- Desk cycles (in the carrel areas on Level 2)
- Rolling podiums mini standing desks
- Rocketbook smart notebooks
- Maps and atlases

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FROM THE POWELL ARCHIVES: A Look Behind the Scenes

Have you ever wondered what goes on behind the closed doors of an archive? If so, then you’re not alone. Archives are often shrouded in mystery and archivists have struggled to shake off the stereotype of dark, dusty shelves full of old books and papers that regular folks aren’t allowed to touch without gloves. (In fact, gloves are discouraged when handling books and manuscripts as they decrease manual dexterity and increase the likelihood of causing damage!)

The Powell Archives is demystifying the work of the Archives with behind-the-scenes tours, now giving students an opportunity to see the inner workings of the Archives and to learn about the important work that archivists do.

During tours in November, Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Jenny Mitchell presented a selection of W&L Law’s historical documents, photographs, and rare books, and shared how these materials are preserved and protected. Students also learned about the technical work of the Archives including the processing, description, and digitization of materials in the collection. After viewing materials on display, visitors were taken into the normally locked stacks to see where our archival items are housed and learn about some of the lesser-known curiosities and collections.

Students were encouraged to ask questions and take pictures of the materials, and the tours proved to be another successful outreach event for the Powell Archives. If you missed the opportunity this semester, look out for more tours and events to be announced in the future.

Contact archivist Jenny Mitchell at jmitchell@wlu.edu for more information.

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