Notes From the Director

By Anne Acton

Digital Sources: Old and New Books:
Google Book Search has digital images of over 40,000 complete texts of books in the public domain and portions of many additional books that are still copyrighted. Prior to Google, Project Gutenberg and University of Michigan scanned thousands of books. Gutenberg has about 20,000 books and the University of Michigan Digital Library collection has over 24,000 books.

While the previously mentioned projects are open and available for all to search and view, other projects are commercial and available only by paid subscription. University of Michigan and Oxford University partnered with several commercial publishers in 1999 to make sets of old English and American titles available in digital format (Early English Books Online covering 1473 to 1700; Evans American Imprints published between 1639 and 1800; and Eighteenth Century Collections Online of English titles printed between 1701 and 1800). University of Pennsylvania has a good listing of sources for online books.


Commercial sources include Heinonline’s Legal Classics Library and LLMC digital and our library has subscriptions to both.

Journals:
The Directory of Open Access Journals identifies free scholarly journals. Portia, our online catalog, will identify via a search for e-journal, which titles we have in print, online for free, or online in a commercial database to which we subscribe. There is an Open Access movement which is trying to make more scholarly journals available. Law schools usually make their own journals available for free on their websites and Washington and Lee Law School Library has a con-

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Dictionaries: Online and Otherwise

By Brian Flaherty

Quick: what’s the largest dictionary of the English Language? If you said the Oxford English Dictionary you’re certainly not alone. Whether you’re right or not is a matter of interpretation. Certainly the OED is the longest dictionary – the 1989 2nd edition runs to 20 volumes - and certainly the venerable OED looms largest in the English speaking world. If the question of size, however, is to be understood in terms of number of entries, that title just may belong to the slightly less venerable and long-out-of-print Merriam-Webster’s Second International Dictionary (the Third international is the big one you find on most library dictionary stands and in the “Reference” section of bookstores.). The Second International contains in excess of 650,000 entries (nobody has ever counted them), compared to the OED’s paltry 616,500 entries.

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Money Laundering to the Max—Book Review

by Helen Litwack


Gotz Aly, Professor of Holocaust Research at the Fritz Bauer Institute at the University of Frankfurt, has brought to the forefront a less-emphasized but, according to the author, critical factor in the popularity of the Nazi government: the socialist part of the ‘national socialist’ regime. Large scale redistribution of Jewish property to non-

Jewish Germans was socially ‘cleansed’ by various administrative/economic measures which put the stolen funds into first into government agencies and then doled them out later as beneficial social programs (universal health care, tax breaks, etc.) Thus, this book supplements the more ordinary ‘common

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End of the Semester Reminders

With the end of the school year around the corner, we’d like to remind everyone that if you have library books checked out everything must be returned by May 18. If you are finishing up a project and need an extension, see Anita Chase or Amy Rice at the circulation desk and we’ll renew your books for you. For future reference, you can renew your books remotely from the library home page by linking to Portia and clicking on Renew Books in the upper right corner. You then enter your name and barcode number from the back of your student ID to access your library record, check off the items you want to renew and submit it. You can renew library books once.

NESL’s reading and exam period began on Thursday April 26th and due to space constraints within the library, there is no carrel reservation allowed during this time. Carrels are made available to let you keep library materials together for your research projects and with the end of the semester, the reservation expires and any items remaining will be removed.

When exams are over, you will want to relax and maybe explore the city more. The library has memberships to three Boston museums: The Museum of Fine Arts, The Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum and The Museum of Science. The Museum of Fine Arts and the Museum of Science are daily passes and you visit the museum on the date that is on the pass. The Gardner Museum pass is not dated but requires checking out with a $10 deposit and when the pass is returned you take your deposit back. For more information, see the library’s home page under Using the Library and link to Museum Pass Program or stop by the circulation desk and we’ll answer any questions you might have.

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stantly updated database which keeps track of legal journals. A recent trend with law reviews is the new addition of an online component between issues. To date, seven schools have added such an online companion mirroring the popularity of blogs and wikis in mainstream communications. Washington & Lee aims to keep track of these as well.

We think of new information and documents coming to us in digital form, but there is a wealth of historical material available as well. The Library of Congress’ Century of Lawmaking for a New Nation includes documents from the beginnings of the federal congress in the 1700s. On a more local level, the Massachusetts State Library has started to image primary sources of law such as Acts and Resolves and is planning to image state agency publications beginning with the Office of the Inspector General. While some people are worrying about historical materials, others are concentrating on archiving new materials before they disappear. The average website lasts between 44 and 100 days according to the Digital Preservation department at the Library of Congress. The Wayback Machine at Internet Archive.org has 85 million web pages archived from 1996 up to this month. This is a way of capturing pieces of digital history from the variations of a law school’s website (you can see what the NESL website looked like in 1997) to a political candidate’s defunct campaign website. The Internet Archive includes texts, audio, moving images, and software.

You, yourself could take a digital form! You can create an avatar for yourself and exist in the 3D virtual world of Second Life. There is already a Law School Library presence in Second Life, the Nova Southeastern University Law Library & Technology Center, along with many other types of libraries. Info Island or Archipelago has about 5,000 visitors a day and over 400 librarians are volunteering their time to provide services including reference 24 hours a day. Judge Richard Posner of the U.S. 7th Circuit Court of Appeals, appeared on a Second Life Book Club event this fall talking about his latest book, Not a Suicide Pact: the Constitution in a Time of National Emergency. Second Life has already been the subject of litigation in Pennsylvania and is both the topic of and venue for a property law course offered by Prof. Gard at University of Seattle Law School. So it is worth knowing about even if you don’t live there.

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Staff News

by Kristin McCarthy

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Jim Gage, Government Documents Specialist, gave a presentation in March 2007 to the East Kingston Historical Committee on “America’s Stonehenge: The History of a Sacred Place” describing the history of a 3,000 year old archeological site of stone structures in North Salem, NH.

NESP Faculty Library Committee visits Boston Athenaeum April 10, 2007
Law and... Law and Literature

By Anne Acton

Prof. Richard Child as Anthony Trollope gives a presentation to the faculty entitled: “Toogood or Just Right?: Heroic Lawyering in Anthony Trollope’s The Last Chronicle of Barset.” He read 47 Trollope novels, many of which talk about lawyers and the justice system in the 19th century. Unlike Charles Dickens, Prof. Child explained that Trollope had a more optimistic view of the law.

Dictionaries (cont’d.)

There are two things I want to get across about the OED in this article. The first is no doubt the more important to you, oh estimable library patron. The second is for those of you who are so desperately in need of distraction from exam preparation that you’ll read just about anything so long as it wasn’t written by a judge or practicing attorney (I am neither); also, it will explain how a book with fewer entries than Webster’s 2nd can be so darned much longer.

The first point is: the OED is now available online to the NESL community, from within the building, and remotely using our proxy server. Go to the NESL Library Database List and click on Oxford English Dictionary. It is a remarkable product, the interface to which is self-explanatory. There are neat features such as an RSS feed for a “word of the day,” and a feature that will look up a random word for you.

The second thing about the OED, a thing often lost, subsumed by the awe most of us (well, most of us librarians) feel before a 20-volume dictionary, is that it’s a dictionary “on historical principles.” What this means is that the dictionary was conceived of as a repository for all of the words in the English language, and references to each word’s earliest recorded usage. The definitions of the words are all actually quite brief – and quite honestly, there are better, clearer definitions in the later Merriam-Webster dictionaries or even <<gasp>> those by American-Heritage. The etymologies are good, but again overshadowed by some of the later M-W dictionaries. The absolute brilliance of the OED, however, is the lengths the original and current editors went to searching out the earliest available, and then more significant, uses of these words. Following the pronunciation, etymology, and definition of each word is a collection of quotations, from the earliest recorded usage, to one that illustrates the modern meaning.

Now I will grant you, the earliest recorded usage for some of these words can tend to… er… obfuscate, rather than...

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Law and Pop Culture

Lex Populi, the jurisprudence of popular culture, a new addition to the library’s collection by William P. MacNeil, looks at various modern films, books and TV shows for sources of jurisprudence. Buffy the Vampire Slayer, Minority Report, Harry Potter, Fight Club, and Lord of the Rings are just some of the sources discussed. The author feels that since these works reach a huge audience through the media they become more of a source for discussion of justice, rights, and ethics than standard legal texts.

Law and Art

Legal Portraits online is an impressive historical collection of law as art. The Harvard Law School Library owns over 4,000 portrait images of lawyers and other legal figures and makes them available for searching through VIA, the university’s catalog of visual materials at: www.law.harvard.edu/library/collections/special/online-collections/portraits

Jeremiah Sullivan Black
Dictionaries (cont’d.)

clarify the meaning. The meaning of the word “Paludic,” for example – an obscure word to be sure – becomes no clearer by the reading of its first usage, from 1855, in a book called *Types of Mankind* (quoted here in full): Placing this unfortunate king amid the *paludic* miasmata (he was killed by a hippopotamus) consequent upon that grand catastrophe. Nevertheless, having a clear and cited example of the first usage of a word gives us an invaluable window into these words’ original meaning. For those of us who find joy in doing such things, we can trace a word’s development from a specific point in time, through the miasmata of history and to its present usage. For an incipient lawyer, the value of doing such a thing must be clear: think of it as analogous to discovering original intent. Even better: words are never explicitly overruled – they are not amended by a three-quarters majority of the reading public. You cannot be told by proponents of a “Living Dictionary” that the meanings you have chosen for your words are no longer acceptable. For ever and ever, the word “Paludic” may be rightly associated with the untimely demise of an unfortunate king at the hands (feet) of a hippo, no matter what changes society has endured in the interim.

The massive OED has always been a favorite destination of linguaphiles (a word which, oddly enough, does not appear in the dictionary). Despite my enduring fondness for print and paper, I find that the dictionary loses very little in being converted to an online database. Again it can be accessed by clicking on “Database list” from the library’s home page, and then the link for the *Oxford English Dictionary 2nd edition*.

Free Access to New York Times Online

By Kristin McCarthy

Students and faculty interested in articles published in the New York Times might be interested in subscribing to TimesSelect (premium online content back to 1981 which was recently made free to academic users). While some of the news, features and multimedia on NYTimes.com are free and available to users, the work of op-ed columnists and some news stories are available only to TimesSelect subscribers. Previously, TimesSelect was only available at cost, but now it is available for free to students and faculty at institutions of higher education.


The New York Times will send you an email verification link. If you have not already subscribed to NYTimes.com, you will have to click on the button that says Upgrade to create a password.

Summer Access to Westlaw and Lexis

By Kristin McCarthy

For 2L’s and 3L’s

Student Westlaw and Lexis passwords will expire on June 1, unless you register for summer access. You can get summer access for a variety of reasons including:

- Taking courses over the summer
- Working as a research assistant for a professor
- Participating in the law review/journals Summer Writing Competition (see instructions for enrolling in the TWEN course in the latest issue of Due Process)
- Working for law review or NEJCCC or the Journal of International and Comparative Law over the summer
- Working for a non-profit

However, you cannot get extended summer access if you are working for a law firm and/or billing hours.

To get summer access, simply log on to either http://lawschool.westlaw.com or http://www.lexisnexis.com/lawschool, and on the right hand side of each services “Welcome” screen, you will see a link that says “Need Access this Summer?” Click that link and check off the reason.

For 2007 Graduates

Graduates who still need academic access to Westlaw may request a special “summer graduate password” for access during June and July. This password is good for 10 hours and will expire upon use of those 10 hours or on July 31”, whichever occurs first. To request a summer graduate password email Westlaw Rewards at westlawwards@gage.com and you will be sent your password via email reply (so be sure your spam filter will accept emails from WestlawRewards). Graduates who need academic access to Lexis may extend their law school password until August 1, by affirmatively filing an extension request on the Lexis Law School website.

Access to Westlaw Career databases is good until May 31, 2008. Access to the Lexis career databases is available via passwords provided by the NESL Career Services Office for up to a year following graduation.
Book Review (cont.)

(Continued from page 2) One does not have to agree with Professor Gotz's ordering of factors regarding the popularity the Third Reich to benefit from this book. Those researching or practicing in the areas of money laundering and international corruption will find a wealth of detail about the specific financial instruments and economic policies/governmental decisions (and how administrative measures were geared to each invaded country's existing bank regulations) that made this criminal operation so successful for such a long time. The value of a Harvard Business School case study with the readability of a crime novel. If only it were fiction.

New Additions to HeinOnline

By Kristin McCarthy

Since we have added HeinOnline to our catalog, many faculty and students have used HeinOnline as a source for law reviews and journals (including historical ones) in .pdf format. Links from the NESL catalog into HeinOnline allow easy access to scanned images of journal articles.

Some patrons may also have used HeinOnline's Federal Register Library (back to 1936, the inception of the Federal Register) or their Treaties and Agreements Library, containing official and unofficial treaty sources.

Now, HeinOnline has even more content. Hein has added English Reports (Full Reprint) from 1220-1865. The reprint includes over 100,000 early English cases.

In addition, Hein has added a Foreign and International Law Resources Database. This includes international yearbooks and serials such as the African Yearbook of International Law, the International Tribunal for the Law of the Sea Yearbook, the United Nations International Court of Justice Yearbook and proceedings of the American Society of International Law as well as many, many others. The Foreign and International Law Resources Database also contains U.S. Law Digests, decisions of the Hague Permanent Court of International Justice and Reports of International Arbitral Awards.

That's not all! Hein has just added state session laws for all 50 states from approximately 2000 forward to its database.

All these resources are available in .pdf format. To access all this great content and more, choose HeinOnline from the library Database List. If you are working from home, type in your name and NESL barcode to login.
Congratulations Class of 2007

Special Thanks and Congratulations to those who have worked here in the Library over the past few years.
Good Luck and Best wishes for your future endeavors

Jon Adler
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NESL’s 2006 Recycling Totals
11,363 pounds of paper Recycled!

SUMMER AND FALL EMPLOYMENT

What are you doing with your summer vacation? Consider working for the library. We have work-study jobs available in all areas of the library. Applications are available at the circulation desk, or online at http://www.nesl.edu/library/studentapp.pdf. Fill one out TODAY and turn it in to the circulation desk, or to Brian Flaherty, in the back reference office.

And for those who already have their summer internships locked up, consider applying for evening or weekend hours. We are also accepting applications for the fall semester at this time.
Library Hours Over Summer Break

Fri., May 25
Sat., May 26—Mon., May 28
Tues., May 29—Tues., July 3

Wed., July 4
Thurs., July 5—Wed., July 25
Thurs., July 26—Sun., Aug. 12
Mon., Aug. 13—Sun., Aug. 19
Mon., Aug. 20
Mon., Aug. 27

Closed (Commencement)
Closed (Memorial Day Weekend)
8:00am—11:00pm (Mon.—Fri.)
9:00am—10:00pm (Sat.)
10:00am—11:00pm (Sun.)
Closed (Independence Day)
8:00am—11:00pm (Mon.—Sun.)
8:00am—6:00pm (Mon.—Fri.)
10:00am—6:00pm (Sat.—Sun.)
8:00am—9:00pm (Mon.—Fri.)
10:00am—9:00pm (Sat.—Sun.)
Resume regular hours (1L orientation)
Returning Students Begin Classes

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