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Subscriber Renewal Coming Up in December

King County Law Library is proud to be the primary source of legal materials for many attorneys in King County. Our annual Subscriber Program generates vital revenue for this purpose and also enables us to provide similar information services to members of the general public.

The fee for participating in our annual Subscriber Program has been the same since 2000. Unfortunately, the costs for maintaining our paper and electronic materials have not. During its August 2007 meeting, the Law Library Board of Trustees voted to increase the fee to \$65.00 beginning on February 1, 2008. We understand the costs of doing business in the legal community at large have also risen but we sincerely hope your firm will continue to support us as we strive to meet the legal information needs of everyone in King County.

2008 Subscriber Program renewal materials will be mailed to all active accounts during the first week of December. If you haven't received yours by December 10, please contact us. If you need to make other payment arrangements with us to accommodate the fee increase, please contact Marcus Hochstetler at (206) 296-0940. If you wish to make your renewal payment during your next visit to KCLL, we now accept VISA/MasterCard payments in person.

Color Copier Now Available!

You can now make color copies at the Seattle branch of the Law Library! The new color machine supports regular and duplex (two-sided) copying in paper sizes up to 11x17. **Color copies are only \$.15 each!** Did you know that you can use a credit card to buy a \$5 or \$10 copy card that will work on all our copiers at both locations? Come check it out!

Tech Tip: Safely Unplugging Flash Drives

Flash drives (sometimes also called zip or thumb drives) have replaced floppy disks as the medium of choice for quickly storing information. Fortunately, Microsoft Windows includes a handy program that helps you safely disconnect them so that this information isn't damaged when you unplug the device. Unless you've deliberately fiddled with Windows' default settings, the **Safely Remove Hardware** icon appears in the lower right-hand corner of your screen whenever you plug a Flash drive into one of your computer's USB ports. When you're ready to unplug it, simply click once on this icon and wait for Windows to display the **Safe To Remove Hardware** message. When it does, it means the connection to the Flash drive has been shut down and you can now safely unplug it without fear of losing valuable data. On most Flash drives, the device's activity light will also go off when the Safe To Remove Hardware message pops up. Since most computers these days have multiple USB ports, you may have more than one Flash drive plugged in at any given time. If this is the case when you click on the **Safely Remove Hardware** icon, Windows will display a list of the devices and ask you to select the one you want to disconnect.

Holiday Schedule

The Library is closed on the same [court holidays](#) as observed by the King County Superior Court. The [Seattle](#) Library is also closed on Saturdays of three-day weekends. The [RJC](#) Library does not have Saturday hours. Weekday closures affect both Library locations, unless otherwise noted. Please note the following schedule changes for the 2007-2008 holiday season:

November 2007:

Saturday, November 10th - Closed
Monday, November 12th - Closed (Veteran's Day)
Monday, November 19th - Close at 5pm
Tuesday, November 20th - Close at 5pm
Wednesday, November 21st - Close at 5pm
Thursday, November 22nd - Closed (Thanksgiving Day)
Friday, November 23rd - Closed
Saturday, November 24th - Closed

December 2007

Thursday, December 20th - RJC Library close at 12pm
Saturday, December 22nd - Closed
Monday, December 24th - Close at 5pm
Tuesday, December 25th - Closed (Christmas Day)
Wednesday, December 26th - Close at 5pm
Thursday, December 27th - Close at 5pm
Friday, December 28th - Close at 5pm
Saturday, December 29th - Closed
Monday, December 31st - Close at 5pm

January 2008:

Tuesday, January 1st - Closed (New Year's Day)
Saturday, January 19th - Closed
Monday, January 21st - Closed (Martin Luther King, Jr. Day)

Public Computers Move

In response to changes in how patrons use our public access computers and to improve the flexibility of our training classroom, we have moved all of the Seattle Library's public computers to the carrels located just south of the Information Desk. This makes it easier for our reference staff to help computer users and easier for patrons to find the computers. All public computers in Seattle are now using a new security setup that includes Microsoft's SteadyState shared computer software. The use of SteadyState enables patrons to log themselves on and to access personal files on floppy disks and USB drives. The new setup also includes a session timer that automatically logs the user off after a specified time. In the next month, the public computers in our Kent branch will also be upgraded to this new security setup. In the near future, KCLL will be purchasing laptops for use in our training classroom.

Podcast News

[KCLL's SideBar](#), the Library's pod cast service, has new episodes online. **Episode 13: Locating Lawyers**, includes resources for locating a lawyer, consulting an attorney and web site directories that rate attorneys. Stina covers overrated and underrated beers and Craig, in the "Reel Verdict," talks about overrated Oscar winners. And **Episode 14: Resolving Your Dispute Without Going to Court**, features a great interview with Patti Dudley of the King County Dispute Resolution Center about alternative dispute resolution and how mediation can save you time and money when trying to resolve a legal issue with another individual.

Training Classes

The King County Law Library will be taking a hiatus for training during the month of December. We have a few seats left for our last class until January, the popular **“Skip tracing: Public Sleuthing for Finding Personal and Business Information.”** This class will be offered on **Tuesday, November 13th, from Noon until 1:30 PM.** Call (206) 296-0940 to reserve your spot!

We hold all classes in the Seattle KCLL branch at 516 3rd Ave, Suite W-621. All classes are free-of-charge and start at Noon. If you want us to bring any class to your location, please contact us and we will see if we can accommodate you. Check out our current [training calendar](#).

New Books & Videos in the Library

Civil Procedure:

Judicial Disqualification: Recusal and Disqualification of Judges, 2nd Ed.
Emerging Trends in Dispute Resolution
Civil Jury Instruction Handbook

Corporations:

The Corporate Records Handbook, 4th Ed.

Education:

Educating Children Without Housing: A Primer on Legal Requirements and Implementation
Strategies for Educators, Advocates and Policymakers

Intellectual Property:

Resolving Technology and Media Disputes Before Trial

Practice of Law:

The Rules of Professional Conduct: A Year Later

Public Property:

Land Use Planning and Development Regulation Law, 2nd Ed.

Real Property:

Real Estate Finance Law, 5th Ed.
Complex Issues in Commercial Real Estate Transactions

Plus, don't forget to check out our [Legal Eagle](#) collection, and our new [Screen cast](#) tutorial on how to find your favorite legal movie in our collection.

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