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Subscriber Program Proration Begins

From September through December each year, the Law Library reduces the fee for joining our Subscriber Program from \$65.00 to \$25.00 per attorney. Law firm or solo attorney accounts created during the Proration period are valid until February 1, 2009. If you haven't already joined for 2008, now is a good time to get 5 months worth of privileges at a reduced rate!

Library Closures in September

The law library at the Maleng Regional Justice Center (MRJC) will be closed all day on **Monday, September 15** for building-wide staff training. The Seattle library will be open regular hours with normal services.

The Seattle and MRJC libraries will both be **closed all day on Friday, September 19** for staff in-service. During this time, the staff will be attending training and performing other duties that require our operations to be closed to the public. A book drop will be available outside the Seattle library doors. Books normally due on Friday, September 19 will be due on Monday, September 22. Chat, email, and telephone reference will not be available. Other county departments will not be affected.

Tech Tip: Opening that Word Doc

Someone just emailed you a Word or PowerPoint or Excel spreadsheet. You find you cannot open it. It may be because you are using Office 2003, not the latest Office 2007. The Office 2007 suite is the newest version of Microsoft's business software but for a variety of reasons many of us are still working with earlier versions. Unfortunately, Word, Excel and PowerPoint all use new file formats that cannot be read with Office XP, Office 2000 or Office 2003. Until you or your organization decides to upgrade, you can continue to use the version of Office you already have and still work with Office 2007 files.

All you need to do is download and install a compatibility pack called **Microsoft Office Compatibility Pack for Word, Excel, and PowerPoint 2007 File Formats**. This is available for free from Microsoft on the Downloads section of the Microsoft Office web site -- <http://www.microsoft.com/office>. You will need administrative rights on the computer(s) where you want to install this and make sure that you've downloaded and installed all critical updates before you install this pack.

Training Classes

KCLL is offering **Legal Research for the Non-Attorney: Part 1** on Monday, September 15th, and **Legal Research for the Non-Attorney: Part 2**, on Monday, September 22nd, both sessions are held from 12-1:30pm. There are only a few spaces left for these classes.

On Friday, October 10th, we will be offering a new class, as requested by our patrons. The class is called, **Searching WA Court Records on JIS-Link**, from 12-1:30pm. This training class will focus on using JIS-Link via the Internet and will include some tips for getting the most out of it.

Call us at 206-296-0940 to reserve your spot!

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

Our Blog – KCLL Klues: Washington State Legal Research

The King County Law Library has replaced its news feed with a web blog, a journal of tips and tricks for researching legal issues and news that may interest our library users. The blog is updated every week as an alternative to the E-News and other Library sources. You will need to visit our web site to subscribe to the blog, as the feed information has changed. You can still read the feed by simply visiting our web site. Come and check it out at <http://www.kcll.org/wordpress/>.

Podcast News

[KCLL's SideBar](#), the library's podcast service, has a new episode online:

Episode 22: An Earful on Elections: Redux. In this episode we talk about the change in Washington law which requires the top two primary. In our second podcast in October of 2006, we described the change that required a pick a party primary, after the blanket primary system had been declared unconstitutional. Kim Ositis, of our staff describes what has happened to require the new primary law. Craig, in his "Reel Verdict" commentary reviews the top 25 greatest legal movies, as listed by the ABA, plus his own picks.

New Books in the Library

Bankruptcy:

Employee Benefits and Executive Compensation in Corporate Bankruptcy

Business:

Wow! I'm in Business: A Crash Course in Business Basics, 2nd Ed.

Civil Procedure:

The Attorney-Client Privilege in Civil Litigation: Protecting and Defending Confidentiality, 4th Ed.

Foundations of Digital Evidence

Managing Complex Federal Litigation: A Practical Guide to New Developments, Procedures, and Strategies

Making Your Case: The Art of Persuading Judges

Electronic Evidence: Law and Practice, 2nd Ed.

You Will Be a Credible Witness at Your Deposition: Witness Preparation for Deposition (DVD)

You Will Be a Credible Witness at Trial: Witness Preparation for Trial (DVD)

Contract Law:

Working with Independent Contractors, 6th Ed.

Making the Most of Expert Witnesses (CLE)

A Manual of Style for Contract Drafting, 2nd Ed.

Criminal Procedure:

Pattern Criminal Jury Instructions (6th Circuit), 2005 Revised

Domestic Relations:

Making or Breaking Your Client's Case: Financial Aspects of Family Law Cases (CLE)

Election Law:

The Election Law Primer for Corporations, 5th Ed.

Environmental Law:

Wildlife Law: a Global Perspective

Intellectual Property:

The IP Licensing Lawyer's Job: A Survival Guide

Distance Learning and Copyright: A Guide to Legal Issues

Libraries:

The First Century: One Hundred Years of AALL History, 1906-2005

Practice of Law:

The Lawyer's Guide to Microsoft Outlook 2007

Preparing Legal Documents Nonlawyers can Read and Understand

Probate:

Probate Boot Camp (CLE)

Real Property:

Real Estate Boot Camp: Learn the Basics of Real Estate Law (CLE)

Tax Law:

The 1040 Handbook: A Guide to Income and Asset Discovery, 5th Ed.

Tort Law:

CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (Superfund), 2nd Ed.

Litigating the Aviation Case: from Pre-Trial to Closing Argument, 3rd Ed.; Products Liability Law, 2nd Ed.

Plus, don't forget to check out our [Legal Eagle](#) collection of DVDs.

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