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Focus On: Library Services to Jail Inmates

Inmates incarcerated in Dane County jail facilities have two main types of library services available to them: recreational/educational and legal.

The [Jail Library Group](#) is an outreach of the UW-Madison's School of Library and Information Studies that offers recreational, education, and community resource reading materials to the residents of Dane County jail facilities. From their website, you can find out what book genres inmates like to read and request, including their favorite authors and subjects. In 2004, 1,493 requests were filled. To learn more about the JLG, you can [email them](#) for information.

- “The fundamental constitutional right of access to the courts requires prison authorities to assist inmates in the preparation and filing of meaningful legal papers by providing prisoners with adequate law libraries or adequate assistance from persons trained in the law.” From *Bounds v. Smith*, 430 U.S. 817 (1977)

DCLRC provides services to inmates requesting legal information that is related to their case or conditions of confinement. We loan books from a specialized [collection](#) and provide photocopies of legal resources, such as statutes, cases, and other primary and secondary materials. In 2004, 1,924 requests were filled, 727 books were circulated, and 31,568 photocopies were made. DCLRC's services to the inmates, including updating their book collection and the cost of photocopies, is partially funded by the [Dane County Sheriff's Office](#).

June Used Book Sale

June Brides—Take Note: In June, all **romance novels** are 50 cents off in our ongoing used book sale held in the library. New titles arrive each week. Be sure to stop in regularly to view our selection! Cleaning out your home library? Donate your books to DCLRC! We'll accept all books for our monthly book sale: Hardcover, novels, nonfiction, and paperbacks. Drop off your donations in room 315 any time we're open.

We are also a drop off point for recreational reading (magazines and softcover books) materials for the Dane County jail inmates.



News & Upcoming Events

New Resource on Memorial Day and Flag Day

A new "[Tap the Power](#)," an annotated bibliography including hyperlinks on topics of current interest created by the Wisconsin Legislative Reference Bureau, examines Memorial Day and Flag Day. Compiled by Marian Rogers, May 2005.

“Law and...” Series: June Topic

The topic for June is “*Anatomy of a Criminal Case*” and features information about how a criminal case proceeds through the courts. The handout will feature new resources on criminal procedures. The “Law and...” series are library displays that highlight the role of law/lawyers in various subjects. Pictures of the displays and handouts listing relevant web links or a bibliography are [online](#).



Have you *Blawg'd* us lately?

Don't forget to check the [DCLRC Blawg](#) for all the local legal news, interviews, and research tips that are posted in between monthly newsletters! A new regular feature is *Stump the Law Librarian*. Answers to actual legal reference questions are posted with links to resources. Visit us regularly or sign up for our notifier services when you're on the blawg site.

Staff News

Gretchen Treu has been hired as DCLRC Library Associate (LTE). Gretchen's first day was May 16. Welcome Gretchen! She replaces Becca Abelson.



June Legal Research Quiz

Answers will be published in next month's newsletter.

1. What is the name of the act that is popularly named “No Child Left Behind”?
2. According to the provisions of the Wisconsin Arbitration Act, the Act shall not apply to contracts made prior to what date?
3. What is the citation to a United States District Court opinion involving an unusual way to avoid delays for birthdays and anniversaries that may occur during trial? *Bonus*: What was the court's solution to the problem?
4. What U.S. president said, “Yours of the 24th, asking ‘the best mode of obtaining a thorough knowledge of the law’ is received. The mode is very simple, though laborious, and tedious. It is only to get the books, and read, and study them carefully....Work, work, work, is the main thing.” ?



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