



# DCLRC Docket

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## Enhanced Clerk of Courts Website Debuts!



The Dane County Clerk of Courts website has added several new features that are useful to court participants. Several pages of **Frequently Asked Questions** have been created to supply needed information about court procedures. In addition, many local Dane County-specific **court forms** have been formatted and put on the website for users to download. Feedback about these enhancements is welcome! Watch for additional features this fall. You can access the Clerk of Courts

Website at: <http://www.countyofdane.com/clkrcort/clkhome.htm>

### Did You Know?

*October is National Book Month. Did you know that Eleanor Roosevelt was a National Book Award nonfiction finalist in 1950 for This I Remember? Check it out at:*

<http://www.nationalbook.org/nbmnbatrivia.html>

*Make a librarian proud...read a book today!*



## Upcoming Events & News

**Free Legal Information Sessions** are held monthly on various topics related to legal research or court procedures. Presented by DCLRC staff in Room 315 of the Courthouse, no legal advice is given at these sessions. The public is welcome to attend. Contact us for more information, 266-6316 or [dclrc.ref@wicourts.gov](mailto:dclrc.ref@wicourts.gov).



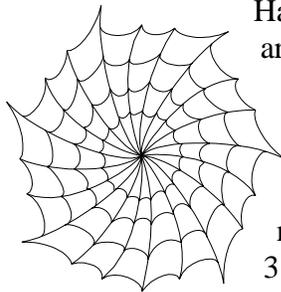
**October 14, 12:15-1 p.m.:** Dane County Court Offices Tour

- Covers the location and function of court offices located on floors GR through 3 in the Dane County Courthouse...Meets in Room 315, but is a walking tour.

### Upcoming Sessions:

November: Who ya' gonna call? Finding legal services/resources in Dane County

## October Used Book Sale



Halloween is soon upon us, so all **Horror and Mystery 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.

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## Staff News

Paula Seeger, DCLRC Librarian (left, in picture below), and Connie Von Der Heide, Reference Librarian at the WI State Law Library, presented a poster session entitled "See What's @ Your Law Library" at the South Central Library System's Annual System Celebration held in Roxbury, WI, September 9. In addition to presenting publications, pictures of the new courthouse and staff were prominently displayed. The poster board will be displayed at DCLRC through October.



## DCLRC Discussion

*A column in which DCLRC staff describe and explain specific goals or missions of ensuring public access to legal information at DCLRC. This month's column is written by Paula Seeger, librarian.*

A library by any other name...A little over a year ago, the Dane County Law Library became known as the Dane County Legal Resource Center—a move that reflected our transition from traditional library services to a broader mission of providing services that are relevant and useful for all court participants. Since then, we've had to conquer the image people have that we're no longer a law library—whatever that image looks like. If that image is that we're only for lawyers and judges, then, no, we're not *that* law library. On the other hand, we've not become an advocacy center either. We do not provide services such as the *Tenant Resource Center*...we are still not lawyers and will not give legal advice. So, what is the Dane County Legal Resource Center? We are a Center providing staff-assisted help for locating basic legal information, court forms and procedures, or referrals to local legal assistance programs. Not only will we locate information, but also explain how you can find it yourself, through online resources or a locally-produced guide. We won't tell you whether the information is relevant for your situation, but we may uncover certain resources you may have overlooked in your own research. We're a Center for Legal Resources in the Courthouse—still a library, but now something more encompassing for *all* court participants. That's the image I hope we create for our visitors and regular users.