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Focus on Adoption

November is **National Adoption Awareness Month**. With that in mind, here are a few FAQs about adoption-related topics.



- Where can I find Wisconsin laws about adoption? Adoption of minors is addressed in the Wisconsin Statutes sections [48.40-48.975](#). Adoption of adults is addressed in Wisconsin Statutes chapter [882](#).

- I want to adopt a child from outside the US. Where do I find info on that? You'll want to take a look at [this page](#) from the US Citizen and Immigration Services. Also examine Wisconsin Statutes sections [48.838-48.839](#).

- What offices handle adoptions in Dane County Circuit Court?

ADOPTION

The Probate Court office is responsible for handling adoptions, although components of the process may also be handled by the Juvenile Court. You can find more information in the [Juvenile Court Resource Booklet](#).

- Where can I find forms for adoption and termination of parental rights? [Adoption](#) and [Termination](#) forms are available on the WI Court System website.

- Where can I find an explanation of Wisconsin laws on Termination of Parental Rights?

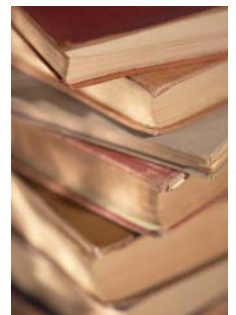
The Wisconsin Legislative Council has a 2002 [10-page handout](#) explaining TPR.

- What more can I learn about National Adoption Awareness Month? [Adoption.com](#) has information and activities on this website: <http://national-adoption-month.adoption.com/>

November Used Book Sale

All Biographies 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 also serve as a drop off location for softcover books and magazines that are donated to Dane County jail inmates.



News & Upcoming Events

DCLRC Holiday Hours

DCLRC will be closed November 24 and 25 for Thanksgiving.



“Law and...” Series: November Topic

The topic for November is “*Adoption Awareness Month*” and features information about adoption, termination of parental rights, and juvenile court. Pictures of the displays and handouts listing relevant web links or a bibliography are [online](#).

Banned Books Week 2005

Photos from our Banned Books Week event held on Sept. 28 are now on our website at: <http://wsll.state.wi.us/branch/dclrc/about/bannedbooks2005.html>

New Drug Court Collection at DCLRC!

Designed for litigants, attorneys, advocates, and court staff, a new drug court collection contains both legal and medical books, articles, and other resources highlighted in a [resource guide](#). The books are either donated by members of the community or on loan from the WI State Law Library.

Update on the New Courthouse

All systems go! We are scheduled to move into the new library in the new Dane County Courthouse on Friday January 13. Watch for more info in the December newsletter. Pardon our mess as we prepare for the move.



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! Visit us regularly or sign up for our notifier services when you're on the blawg site.

November Legal Research Quiz

Answers will be published in next month's newsletter.

1. What President made the first National Adoption Week proclamation?
2. Are adoption hearings open to the public in Wisconsin?
3. What WI Statute section governs the appeal of a termination of parental rights case?
4. Which WI State Agency keeps a list of licensed adoption agencies in WI?



Answers to October's Quiz:

1. Pub. L. 106-386 or 22 USC 7101
2. The Family Court Commissioner Office (and Clerk of Courts)
3. 87 WI Act 346
4. Pub. L. 106-386 dev. B. 114 Stat. 1491

End Notes

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