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## LAW DAY 2006: LIBERTY UNDER LAW

**What Is Law Day?** A national day set aside to celebrate the rule of law. Law Day underscores how law and the legal process have contributed to the freedoms that all Americans share.

**How Did Law Day Begin?**

- 1957: American Bar Association (ABA) President Charles S. Rhyne, a Washington, D.C. attorney, envisions a special day for celebrating our legal system.
- 1958: President Dwight D. Eisenhower establishes Law Day to strengthen our great heritage of liberty, justice, and equality under law.
- 1961: May 1 is designated by joint resolution of Congress as the official date for celebrating Law Day.

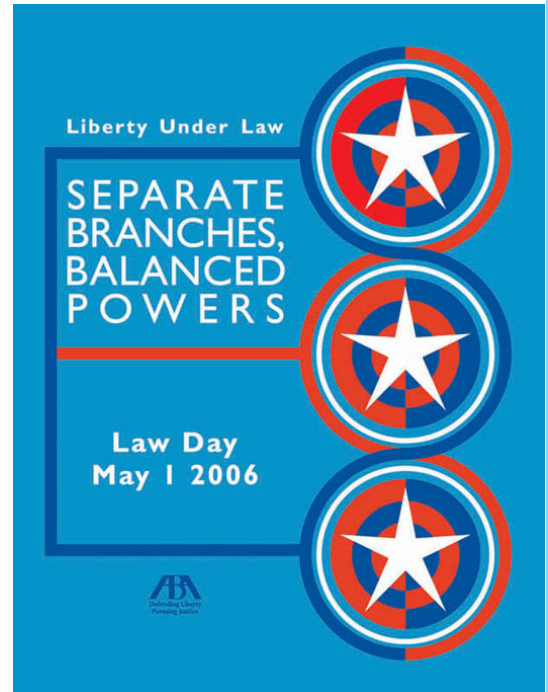
**How Is It Celebrated?** Law Day programs are designed to help people understand how law keeps us free and how our legal system strives to achieve justice. Law Day is celebrated in schools across the country and in programs designed to reach the adult public.

**What Is This Year's Theme?** Liberty Under Law: Separate Branches, Balanced Powers

**Why Is This Theme Important?** It is important that all Americans understand what the Founders intended and accomplished in creating a government of separate powers. This theme enables Law Day planners to show how the branches represent separate powers but together form a dynamic system that works for the common good.

**What is happening in Dane County?** The Dane County Bar Association will be staffing a Legal Information Booth at the Dane County Legal Resource Center (Room L1007 Dane County Courthouse) from 10-3 on Monday May 1.

The above text is from the American Bar Association's website. For more information about Law Day, visit: <http://www.abanet.org/publiced/lawday/home.html>



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## Used Book Sale

Looking for a little light reading? Make sure you visit our used book sale! Feel free to bring in your donations of lightly used paperbacks, hardcover, fiction or nonfiction. The proceeds will be used to purchase equipment in the new library.

## \*DCLRC Grand Opening\*

On Monday April 3, DCLRC held a Grand Opening reception and ribbon cutting ceremony, with remarks from Chief Judge Michael Nowakowski, who read a Governor's proclamation and congratulatory message for National Library Week, and Clerk of Circuit Court Judy Coleman. Paula Seeger, DCLRC Librarian, and State Law Librarian Jane Colwin also participated in the ceremony.



Other Public Law Libraries in Madison:

WI State Law Library  
(608) 266-1600  
[wsl.ref@wicourts.gov](mailto:wsl.ref@wicourts.gov)  
Located at: 120 MLK Jr Blvd  
<http://wsl.state.wi.us>

UW-Law School Library  
(608) 262-3394  
Located at: 975 Bascom Mall  
on the UW Campus  
<http://library.law.wisc.edu/>



The **total was 277** and the winners received prizes donated by Westlaw, Lexis, and Loislaw. Court Commissioner **Mary Beth Keppel** was the big winner of an iPod Shuffle with a guess of 280.

Also check out this [recent article](#) featuring our new location, published April 17 in the *Wisconsin State Journal*.

More photos from the April 3<sup>rd</sup> DCLRC Grand Opening can be found on the DCLRC Website under News:

<http://wsl.state.wi.us/branch/dclrc/about/grandopen.html>

The theme of National Library Week 2006 was **Change Your World @ Your Local Law Library**. During the week, DCLRC featured workshops, courthouse tours, as well as many games and prizes. One of the most popular games was "Guess How Many Bookworms are in the Librarian's Head" where contestants had to guess how many gummy worms were in a glass head.

