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DCLRC 2005: Overview of Upcoming Events

2005 promises to be an exciting year for DCLRC. We are delighted to announce the following new events and programs:

Court Q & A

Always wondered what it was like to work in the legal system or in the courthouse? Maybe you have a question about a specific court program or service? Now's your chance to ask! On the first Tuesday of each month, 12-1 p.m. in Courtroom 2B of the Dane County Courthouse, representatives from the court and legal systems of Dane County will be available to answer your questions. This program runs January through October only and is not intended for questions asking for legal advice.



Legal Research on the Internet Tutorials

One-hour, individual sessions that offer assistance locating and using legal research tools that are available on the Internet. Available by appointment and designed for those with little or no experience using legal resources. Call 266-6316 for more information.

“Law and...” Series



Library displays that highlight the role of law/lawyers in various subjects. Each display will also contain a handout listing relevant web links or a bibliography of relevant printed material on the topic. Topics will be announced in the *DCLRC Docket* each month.

In addition to these new events, we still offer Courthouse Tours by appointment, Legal Research Classes at local public libraries and community agencies, and special events during observances such as Law Day.

December Used Book Sale

Sitting by a roaring fire this winter? Pick up something to read! All **Paperbacks** 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.



Upcoming Events & News

Holiday Anniversary Party

Did you know that DCLRC has been operated and managed by the WI State Law Library for SIX years now? To celebrate, you are invited to a Holiday Open House on **Friday December 17**. Never been to DCLRC? Now's the perfect chance to visit! We'll have holiday cookies and snacks (including some of the healthy variety!) so stop by between 8:30-4:30 to help us celebrate our anniversary!



Holiday Closings

DCLRC will be closed Friday Dec. 24 and 31 for the holidays. We will be open Dec. 27-30, and re-open on Jan. 3, 2005. Happy New Year!

Court Q & A: January

On Tuesday January 4, 12-1, Courtroom 2B, we will begin our Court Q & A sessions (see above). The public is invited to attend this monthly session of court and legal information as departments respond to your questions.

DCLRC on the Web!



Watch for substantial changes to the DCLRC web pages online! Point your browser to <http://wsll.state.wi.us/dcll.html> from time to time to check on our progress. New pages planned include our publications and forms, as well as information about DCLRC's collection and services.

DCLRC 2004: A Look Back

2004 was a very good year for DCLRC and we have much to be thankful for. First and foremost is that it was less of a struggle to obtain funding for next year! Funding for 2005 will mean the doors can stay open for our move into the new courthouse. Only through the support of our users and friends has this been possible, so ***THANK YOU!*** Secondly, we have had very good luck with hiring talented library staff. We had three different library associates this year. Each was unique and approached the demands of the job differently, but all were extremely capable and able to handle the pressures and responsibilities of a public service job. Thanks to them, inmate requests got filled in a timely fashion, judges were able to keep their collections up to date, and DCLRC users were assisted in a polite and friendly manner. Finally, 2004 brought new legal assistance services for the public, with the help of DCLRC. The Small Claims Assistance Program was launched in June as a program staffed by volunteer attorneys, paralegals, and law students, who help small claims litigants with forms and procedures. The Divorce Court Assistance Project began in October as a service staffed by law students who help divorce court participants with forms, procedures, and other assistance. DCLRC offers some assistance to both programs, either through coordinating volunteers or offering storage space. Watch for more programs and services in 2005. Thank you for your support in 2004. We hope you will continue to be informed and served by DCLRC resources, programs, and staff in 2005. Happy New Year!

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