

THE 14th NATIONAL LEGAL RESEARCH TEACH-IN: 1993-2006

Like a true friend, the RIPS Teach-In Kit is always there for you. To help keep legal research instruction new and vibrant, the **2006 Teach-In Kit** campaign is once again available for you in time for National Library Week. Be sure to read on so you don't miss out on getting your copy!

The 14th National Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past decade of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In 2006 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 2-8, 2006). As in previous years, the Teach-In committee has worked with West to prepare unique instructional materials. Thanks to generous donations from this company, the KIT WILL again BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that West continues to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception thirteen years ago.

We regret to announce that vendor support for Teach-In promotional materials, such as note pads, was withdrawn this year. But please keep an eye out for these items to return in future years. We won't give up hope that another sponsor can be found.

TRAINING RESOURCE KITS

Our spiral bound Training Resource Kits topped the BESTSELLER list last year! - West distributed approximately 750 kits to law librarians all over the country! This year's Teach-In Resource Kit tackles emerging topics for legal research instruction and includes full color slide presentations with speaker's notes to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. It also includes lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. To receive a kit contact Anita Carr at Thomson West by email: anita.carr@thomson.com. Orders will be taken now through April 2, 2006. Be sure to provide your name, institution, and mailing address, along with your telephone number and, if available, your West account number. One kit per institution is available at no charge.

The Training Resource Kits will begin shipping the middle of March, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of event involving legal research this year. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it is easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, descriptions of Teach-In kits from previous years can be found on the RIPS-SIS web page at <http://www.aallnet.org/sis/ripssis>. Past years' kits can be obtained through AALL Headquarters. Contact: AALL, 312-939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 2006 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail A. Partin, Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717-240-5294, gap6@psu.edu; or Jennifer S. Murray, Librarian, Greenberg Traurig, LLP, 602-445-8155, murrayj@gtlaw.com.