

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK IDEAS

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CONTESTS

1. Which case is a fake?

An opinion from a case that never existed made it into both the official reports and the regional reporters. The case was submitted through the clerk's office and made it into the reporters before anyone figured it out. The case is *Kilkenney Catt v. State*, 285 Ark. 334, 691 S.W.2d 120 (1985). There are several real cases with unusual names or fact patterns that would make them seem suspicious. We created a display that included the fake case along with some of these other cases and invited people to guess which one wasn't real. We awarded prizes based on a random drawing from all of the correct answers. The cases we used along with *Kilkenney Catt* were: *People v. Gleghorn*, 193 Cal. App. 3d 196, 238 Cal. Rptr. 82 (1987), *Oil and Gas Futures, Inc. of Texas v. Andrus*, 610 F.2d 287 (5th Cir. 1980), *McDonald v. John P. Scripps Newspaper*, 210 Cal. App. 3d 100, 257 Cal. Rptr. 473 (1989), *Henderson v. State*, 445 So. 2d 1364 (Miss. 1984), and my personal favorite *United States ex. rel. Mayo v. Satan and His Staff*, 54 F.R.D. 282 (W.D. Pa. 1971).

2. Law and Libraries in the movies.

This is a quiz we originally received from West containing quotes and pictures from movies that referenced either libraries or the law. Prizes were awarded to the respondents who got the most correct answers. A copy of the quiz we used is attached. If you want to make your own quiz a great resource, maintained by Martin Raish of BYU, is <http://emp.byui.edu/raishm/films/introduction.html>.

3. Movie quiz based on *United States v. Syfy Enterprises*, 903 F.2d 659 (9th Cir. 1990).

The opinion in this case contains the titles of over 200 movie titles within its text. We passed out copies to anyone who was interested and let them see how many they could find. The answer key can be found in *The Syfy Rosetta Stone*, 1992 BYU L. Rev. 457 (Spring 1992).

4. Library Week Trivia

This was set up as a two-part contest. The first day dealt with quotes about libraries and the second day was libraries in the movies. Library quotes were found at <http://www.ifla.org/l/humour/subj.htm> and movies were taken from <http://emp.byui.edu/raishm/films/introduction.html>.

5. Firm word search

We created a word search puzzle using client names and library terms. The puzzle also contained two hidden messages. One was a reminder to check out their materials and the other wished them a happy library week. For help creating your puzzle go to <http://puzzlemaker.school.discovery.com/chooseapuzzle.html>.

6. Firm / Library Acronyms

This year we plan to create a list of acronyms and let people see how many of them they can figure out. The list will include medical terms, government agencies, library terms, acronyms specific to some of our practice areas and in-house firm acronyms. Most will be serious but some will be just for fun, for example NLW for National Library Week. After the contest, the serious terms will be turned into a reference sheet to add to our library resources manual, which is given to all new employees.

National Library Week

“MOVIE TRIVIA QUIZ”

Please return your answers to Donna Trimble, Lori Zirkle, Karen Hurley, Pat Lauwers or Terry Fife. Good Luck!!

1. From what movie, starring Sean Connery does this quote come? “Someone puts magic herbs there during the night to convince importunate visitors that the library is guarded by diabolical presences.”

2. In what movie does Marian the librarian make available such scandalous materials as the works of Balzac and Chaucer, and sings while she stamps book slips?

3. What famous movie contains the following courtroom scene?



4. In what movie does Diane Keaton use a small local library to research the market for her baby food?

5. In what 1961 movie does Audrey Hepburn visit the New York Public Library?

6. In what movie do a group of students serve detention time in a library and one kid switches around a bunch of catalog cards?

7. What famous movie contains the following courtroom scene?



8. In what movie does Harrison Ford flick paper wads at his daughter in the New York Public Library?

9. In what 1965 classic movie do Uri and Lara meet by chance in the library and begin their love affair?

10. In what 1989 baseball movie does librarian Rene Russo disturb library patrons by shouting, "I've got a much better body than her!"?

11. In what 1977 movie is a library used to find information about sunken treasure?

12. What famous movie contains the following courtroom scene?



13. In what recent movie does Joe Pesci star as a bum who lives in the boiler room of the library at Harvard University?

14. What famous movie contains the following courtroom scene?



15. What Weird Al Yankovic movie contained an ad for “Conan the Librarian”?

16. What famous movie contains the following courtroom scene?



ANSWER KEY

1. Name of the Rose
2. Music Man
3. Anatomy of a Murder
4. Baby Boom
5. Breakfast at Tiffany's
6. Breakfast Club
7. Inherit the Wind
8. Regarding Henry
9. Dr. Zhivago
10. Major League
11. The Deep
12. Witness for the Prosecution
13. With Honors
14. Judgement at Nuremberg
15. UHF
16. Twelve Angry Men

DISPLAYS

1. Candy, Candy and more Candy

All week we have a basket of candy and signs wishing everyone a Happy Library Week. Sometimes duplicate contest forms and a box for submitting entries are included, and sometimes the candy is part of a larger display. But it is the candy that brings them back.

2. Cases and Law Reviews in Verse

We created a display of cases and law review articles that are written in verse. Here are some cases to get you started. *Nelson v. State*, 465 N.E.2d 1391 (Ind. 1984), *Mackensworth v. American Trading Transportation Co.*, 367 F. Supp. 373 (E.D. Pa. 1973), *Brown v. State*, 134 Ga. App. 771, 216 S.E.2d 356 (1975), *In re Love*, 61 B.R. 558 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. 1986), *United States v. Ven-Fuel, Inc.*, 602 F.2d 747 (1979) and last but not least *Fisher v. Lowe*, 122 Mich. App. 418, 333 N.W.2d 67 (1983). For a law review article which closely resemble Poe's famous Raven see Lasson, Kenneth L., "To Kill a Mockingbird: Stare Decisis and M'Naghten in Maryland," 26 *Maryland Law Review* 144 (1966).

3. Donna's Favorites

For each day of Library Week, we featured a different type of reference book. Monday was directories, Tuesday was medical books, Wednesday was automotive books, Thursday was law books and Friday was Partner's Picks. For Partner's Picks the partners were asked in advance to submit their favorite book with the warning that if they didn't make a selection we would choose for them. We have repeated this one other time substituting favorite websites for partner's picks.

CLASSES

I have offered several training classes during Library week. It presents a great opportunity to do training on new resources and to help people sharpen their skills. Some of the classes that have been offered are Citation Format, Using CiteLink to create a Table of Authorities, Introduction to LawDesk, Internet Tricks and Tips, and Finding Materials on Expert Witnesses.

HUMOR IN LAW RESOURCES AVAILABLE AT HCLL

Books:

Record 1 of 9

LOCATIONS Popular Library

CALL # K184 .B52 1996.

TITLE Blackie the talking cat : and other favorite judicial opinions /compiled by West Publishing Company.

IMPRINT St. Paul, MN : West Publishing Company, c1996.

Record 2 of 9

LOCATIONS Reference

CALL # K183 .C67 1991.

TITLE Corpus juris humorous : a compilation of humorous, extraordinary, outrageous, unusual, colorful, infamous, clever, and witty reported judicial opinions and related materials dating from 1256 A.D. to the present / compiled and edited by John B. McClay & Wendy L. Matthews.

IMPRINT [California] : J.B. McClay : W.L. Matthews, c1991.

Record 3 of 9

LOCATIONS Treatises

CALL # K183 .R67 1989.

AUTHOR Roth, Andrew, 1958-

TITLE Devil's advocates : the unnatural history of lawyers / by Andrew Roth & Jonathan Roth ; edited by Barbara Repa ; illustrated by Gordon Grabe.

EDITION 1st ed.

IMPRINT Berkeley, Calif. : Nolo Press, 1989.

Record 4 of 9

LOCATIONS Treatises

CALL # K184 .G74 1984.

AUTHOR Green, Milton D.

TITLE It's legal to laugh / Milton D. Green.

EDITION 1st ed.

IMPRINT New York, N.Y. : Vantage Press, c1984.

Record 5 of 9

LOCATIONS Treatises

CALL # K183 .J83 1989.

TITLE The Judicial humorist : a collection of judicial opinions and other frivolities / edited by William L. Prosser.

IMPRINT Littleton, Colo. : F.B. Rothman, 1989.

DESCRIPT xvii, 284 p. ; 22 cm.

NOTE Reprint. Originally published: Boston : Little, Brown, 1952.

Record 6 of 9

LOCATIONS Popular Library
CALL # K183 .F57 1996.
AUTHOR Fisher, David, 1946-
TITLE Legally correct fairy tales / David Fisher.
IMPRINT New York, NY : Warner Books, c1996.

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LOCATIONS Treatises
CALL # K183 .P64 1988.
TITLE Poetic justice : the funniest, meanest things ever said about lawyers / edited by Jonathan & Andrew Roth ; [illustrations, Linda Allison]
EDITION 1st ed.
IMPRINT Berkeley, Calif. : Nolo Press, 1988.

Record 8 of 9

LOCATIONS Treatises
CALL # K184 .S45 1988.
TITLE Skid marks : common jokes about lawyers / edited by Michael Rafferty.
IMPRINT Bolinas, Calif. : Shelter Publications, c1988.

Record 9 of 9

LOCATIONS Treatises
CALL # K184 .T75 1989.
TITLE Trials & tribulations : appealing legal humor : a collection / edited by Daniel R. White.
IMPRINT Highland Park, N.J. : Catbird Press ; [New York] : Independent Publishers Group [distributor], c1989.

Law Reviews:

Woxlund, Tom, "My Favorite Headnotes," 6 *Legal Reference Services Quarterly* 119 (Spring/Summer 1986)

Nova Law Review, Volume 17, Number 2 (Winter 1993) (Symposium: *Nova [Humor In The] Law Review*)

Brigham Young University Law Review, Volume 1992, Number 2 (Spring 1992) (Symposium on Humor and the Law)

Ideas for National Library Week

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Contests and Games:

- Movies and the law quiz
- Lawyer TV show trivia
- Legal fiction quiz
- Supreme Court Justice quiz
- "How Can We Serve You Better" survey
- Know your Librarian(s) quiz, asking for information about colleges, hobbies, etc.
- Library crossword puzzle

Educational Opportunities:

- Westlaw demonstrations / contests
- Scavenger hunt using library resources or intranet
- Demonstration of library tools for support staff
- Intranet training

Displays:

- History of the firm / organization / law library
- Distribute free items from vendors
- Put up National Library Week posters
- Order ALA / Demco / Highsmith promotional items
- Invite amateur photographers in the firm to capture the spirit of libraries and how they touch our lives.
- Prepare a bulletin board with photos and profiles about staff, "The People Who Make Us What We Are"
- Create a display of key federal and state legislation and initiatives on libraries and freedom of information

Volunteer Opportunitites:

- Book / media swap – bring in gently used materials from home to donate to a children's shelter or agency, or ask people to bring in new books or videos or make a cash donation
- Organize a reading program for seniors or kids at a downtown day care
- Offer to speak at a local school and use its computer lab
- Contact your Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, or Bar Association and offer to provide a speaker in connection with National Library Week

Links:

The American Library Association, sponsor of National Library Week, has lots of publicity ideas, quotable quotes, and ready-to-use art work and graphics

<http://www.ala.org/ala/pio/campaign/nlw/nationallibraryweek.htm>

Library Media & PR has a host of ideas for promoting the library at any time of year

<http://www.ssdesign.com/librarypr/index.html>

Lynne's Web includes word games and pages of library quotes, reading quotes, and book quotes

<http://www3.ns.sympatico.ca/allegrow/index.htm>

Great site for puzzle makers and clip art

<http://school.discovery.com>

Library cartoons

<http://pw1.netcom.com/~dplourde/cartoons/index.html>

Other:

Amnesty day for missing / overdue materials to be returned

"Lunch and a Movie," show *The Shawshank Redemption* or other appropriately themed movie, people can stay and watch or come and go as they eat their lunches