

The 1998 National Legal Research Teach-In—

Count on It!

Are you feeling beleaguered and bewildered in our fast-paced, ever-changing law library environment? Or maybe you are one of the "lucky ones" who has everything figured out! Either way, you will be pleased to know that there is one thing in our crazy, mixed-up world that remains constant—the National Legal Research Teach-In! It is returning in 1998 for its sixth consecutive year! The 1998 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 five years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In '98 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 19–25, 1998). As in previous years, the Teach-In Committee has worked with the West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, the MATERIALS WILL again BE AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE. It is a true measure of their commitment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite this activity, as they have since its inception six years ago.



Research Training Kits

Topped the "BESTSELLER" list last year!—Demand far exceeded supply, and a new record was set! West Group distributed over 650 kits, at least 150 more than previous year, to law librarians all over the world. The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. The kits include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myriad of instructional

materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. Again this year there is one kit that covers a wide range of subject areas, bringing traditional legal research sources together with the newest electronic sources. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group.

Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 800/854-1597 or e-mail mkgssupport@westgroup.com. Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.

Promotional Materials

A BIG HIT from last year is back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 450 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another new record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In Committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS can help you promote your 1998 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. E-mail or fax requests to Judy Floyd Evans, LEXIS-NEXIS (judy.floyd@lexis-nexis.com or 937/865-1585). Be sure to indicate your name, address, and the minimum quantity you need. If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible. Orders for training kits or promotional materials should be placed by March 20, 1998, 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 during National Library Week 1998. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it's easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, the Teach-In kits from previous years are available at AALL Headquarters. Contact Steve Serpas, AALL, 312/939-4764.

Questions or comments about the 1998 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail Partin (Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717/240-5294, gap6@psu.edu) or Karen Brunner (Library Manager, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, 973/538-0800, kbrunner@riker.com).