

National Library Week Takes an

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International Twist



Attendees munch on ethnic fare.

The Temple Law School Library's celebration of National Library Week, April 1–7, was capped by an afternoon get-together on Friday, April 6. Students, administration, faculty and staff attended the celebration, which also showcased Temple's international program in Greece, Italy, Israel, China and Japan. Light refreshments and sample dishes from different countries were served as participants and guests came in their native costumes. For a glimpse of imperial Rome, retired data processor George Metz from Newtown Square, Pa., came dressed as a Roman soldier in full armor regalia.

In his opening remarks, John Necci, director of the law library, welcomed the crowd and recapped the many activities

during the weeklong celebration. He explained that the common denominator between National Library Week and Temple Law's international programs was the word *travel*. He further explained that when one travels, one should get the services of tour guides. "Tour guides," he added, "are Well educated and they know their subjects well; therefore they can save you time, and they spark your imagination by painting vivid pictures of the past. So if one is traveling in the world of information on the other hand, you may want to obtain the services of a tour guide to the world of information — a librarian. ... Librarians are well educated. They can save you time, and they spark your imagination."

The event was highlighted by a display of a timeline of libraries in history from the first library in Assyria to the formation of the Library of Congress; a timeline of Temple Law Library from its beginnings to the great fire in 1972 to its 500,000th volume acquisition in 1999; and the library's international display of Temple Law's international programs, which consisted of art works, personal effects and books from the different countries. Practice-related tours

for employment were conducted and a panel of alumni and law students answered practice-related research questions.



Participants arrived in their native costumes to celebrate National Library Week. From left: Zubaira Z. Chowdhury, a foreign student from Bangladesh; Retta Jackson, head of operational services; Peg Kenny, dean's secretary; John Necci, law library director; George Metz, a retired data processor; Shirley Jones, law school receptionist; Paul Carino, head of acquisitions; and Praveen Medikondam, a foreign student from India.

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