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The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

Empirical Research Support Initiative

With empirical research increasingly becoming a part of legal scholarship, the law library is developing a program in support of faculty using a variety of empirical analysis in their research. The library's efforts focus in four major areas: (1) providing resources in support of empirical research by developing a web page and increasing the library's collection of monographs focusing on general data collection; (2) developing basic training for faculty to help with the use of statistical packages, methods in delivering effective empirical research results, and a general understanding of the use of empirical data in legal scholarship; (3) providing several statistical software packages for faculty use, support in using those resources, and information about other available resources; and (4) facilitating collaboration with other empiricists on campus.

Visit the Empirical Research Web Page at: <http://www.law.duke.edu/lib/facultyservices/empirical/>

Renovation, Renovation

In May 2007, the library began an exciting and extensive renovation project that is now in the final stages. We are very excited about the new space featuring comfortable seating by all of the new large windows; more spaces for collaboration, media projects and larger study rooms; a combined service desk for circulation, reference and computing help; and a completely new HVAC system. In order to make room for more student study and collaboration spaces, shelving capacity was reduced about 20%. Along with changes in the use of electronic resources this situation required a comprehensive review of our collection development policy, reorganization of materials, and use of off-site storage - definitely a cleansing experience. Print materials will begin moving back into the library in late July and the library will be open for business just in time for fall classes on August 15.

The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

Staff training and development to keep up with changing needs and technologies; ensure interesting and challenging responsibilities across the staff; and to encourage growth and development at all levels of work.

Managing and integrating **electronic resources** for both discovery and access in ways that fit the research patterns of our community, and the available library systems.

Other Developments

Watch for news about the **dedication for the law library** and new Law School Commons, scheduled for November 6-7.