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Director's Corner

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I hope everyone got a chance to go outside during the eclipse. The law library staff went out about 2:00, and we were able to see clearly a very distinct crescent shape cut out of the sun. Soon, however, the clouds rolled in and our view became obstructed. While we didn't get a good look at the eclipse, a very definite temperature drop occurred. Oh well, I guess we'll save our glasses for 2024.

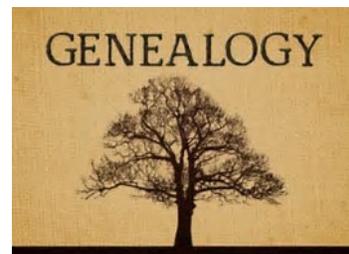
It's hard to believe fall is right around the corner. The law library will be closed two days in September. **Monday, September 4**, we will close in honor of Labor Day. Friday, **September 29**, we will close to hold our annual staff in-service day.

Mark your calendars for **Wednesday, November 15**. In celebration of the law library's 130th anniversary, Pulitzer Prize-winning author Dr. Edward J. Larson will give a lecture on his time living and working at Mount Vernon - the end project is his 2016 book, **George Washington, Nationalist**. Following his lecture, there will be a reception in the law library where Dr. Larson will sign copies of his books. More information will be provided next month.

Finding Heirs & Owners Using Genealogy Records

September's Brown Bag Lunch Program

Dr. Miriam Kahn will share her knowledge of genealogy and local history records to help you in your search for missing heirs and descendants of landowners and leaseholders.



The class will be offered on **Wednesday, September 6, 2017, at 12:15**. Reservations are mandatory; register by calling or visiting the law library. Participants should bring their own brown bag lunch. Participants may receive one general CLE credit.

Patron-Requested New Books

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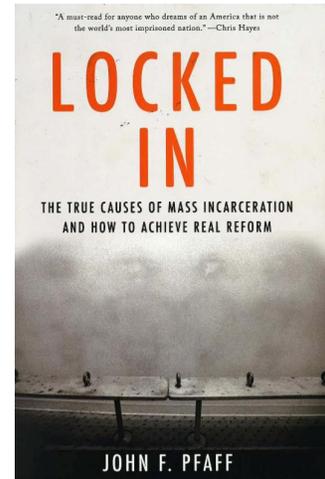
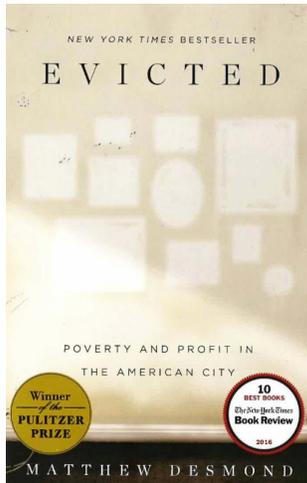
Over the summer, we've had a couple patrons request books. When we have requests, the director researches whether the book would be beneficial to the law library and then decides whether to purchase the book or not. Two books that were requested that we now have in the library are **Locked In: The True Causes of Mass Incarceration and How to Achieve Real Reform** and **Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City**.

In **Locked In: The True Causes of Mass Incarceration and How to Achieve Real Reform** John F. Pfaff writes about the effects of imprisonment. This book covers issues from the war on drugs and violent offenses to the costs of rising prison growth. Pfaff spent 15 years studying data on incarceration and examines changes that have happened within the government system that attribute

to our criminal justice system's problems. Did you know that the United States is now home to one quarter of the world's prisoners?

From Harvard sociologist and MacArthur "Genius" Matthew Desmond comes *Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City*. In this book, Desmond follows eight families from the poorest neighborhoods in Milwaukee trying to keep from being evicted. Not only does *Evicted* provide us with a new understanding of what it means to be poor in America today but also with new ideas for solving one of the most pressing issues people are facing every day. Here in the library we sell the three-day notices and Eviction Complaint forms, and they are probably our highest-selling forms, especially at the beginning of each month.

Both of these books are available for checkout; please come in and take one home. Also don't forget: if you ever come across a book that you are interested in, feel free to request it.



Patron Feature

Hannah Botkin-Doty, Esq.

In our new feature, we will highlight local attorneys who use the Franklin County Law Library. If you would like to be featured in future newsletters, either email the law library or like our [Facebook](#) page. We'll be selecting patrons from that page.

Hannah Botkin-Doty was selected as our first featured patron. Hannah was one of the first patrons to visit our renovated law library in October, 2014, and continues to use the law library on a regular basis.

After graduating from Capital Law School, Hannah and Abbie Obenour started their own firm - [The Law Firm of Doty and Obenour LLC](#). Their specialties include domestic, estate planning and administration, adoption, surrogacy, and LGBT rights.

Hannah uses the Franklin County Law Library because of "[t]he resources and support from the librarians." She also notes that since she works in a small firm, having the law library's databases available for her is helpful. The law library is also a convenient "quiet place to land between cases" for attorneys whose offices may not be downtown. Hannah feels the law library is an "invaluable resource" to everyone - one she refers to as her "mobile office."

No good library interview would be complete without the obligatory question on what our patron is reading. Hannah says she reads as a way to relieve stress. She is currently reading the *Dark Tower Series* by Stephen King.

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