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Updates: New Library Tech, eBooks, & CLEs

The Franklin County Law Library is happy to provide patrons with a new technology service: scanning to email. Thanks to grant funds from the Statewide Consortium of County Law Libraries, the library was able to purchase a patron scanner.



Our tech genius, Steve Stultz, has set up a scanning terminal in the library's copy room where users can send scanned documents in just a few quick steps. While the scanning process is mostly intuitive, our staff has prepared and posted simple step-by-step instructions to assist those using the technology for the first time.

The library has also added four charging stations to the open carrels in our computer area. Each station contains a USB-C cable, two AC outlets, and ports for both USB-A and USB-C inputs. Patrons using their own devices can easily sit at the stations and complete their work as their devices charge.

In addition to the new technology, the library has two new [eBooks](#) on AI and the law: *Artificial Intelligence: Legal Issues, Policy, and Practical Strategies* and *Arkfeld on Artificial Intelligence and the Practice of Law* (Arkfeld is also available in print format in the library). And to kick off 2026, our first CLE of next year will cover a technology topic. Keep checking back [here](#) for details.

And, speaking of 2026 CLEs, please consider this request from Public Services Librarian Munevver Ozbeytemur:

During the month of October, I will start researching and scheduling next year's Baldree Brown Bag CLE lunches. If you have any thoughts, suggestions, or subject ideas for a program, please feel free to email me at mozbeytemur@franklincountyohio.gov. Thank you!

Finally, since this is our last newsletter of 2025, be sure to look at the schedule of closures below as we celebrate upcoming holidays.

Jennifer Jones, Director



Holiday Closures

- **October 13:** Closed for Indigenous Peoples Day
- **November 11:** Closed for Veterans Day
- **November 27-28:** Closed for Thanksgiving
- **December 24-26:** Closed for Christmas
- **January 1, 2026:** Closed for New Year's Day

Board Meeting

- **November 19** at noon in the library

Baldree Brown Bag Lunch Programs

- The only remaining program for this year (Ohio Gambling Law on October 22) is full. However, you may call the library at 614-525-4971 one to two days prior to see if any spots have been made available due to cancellations.



Recent Reference Requests

Susanna Marlowe, Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

Do Ohio courts require that lawyers use the *Bluebook: A Uniform System of Citation*?

A Local Attorney

Dear Attorney,

No, the Ohio Supreme Court issues its own *Writing Manual*, available at <https://www.supremecourt.ohio.gov/docs/ROD/manual3e.pdf>. The Supreme Court does not require, but strongly recommends, that other courts and lawyers follow the manual. For cases that are on the Ohio Supreme Court's website, here is a sample citation format: *Byer v. Wright*, 2005-Ohio-1797 (11th Dist.).

The Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

My client has asked me to be the successor trustee of a trust I notarized. Is this legal?

An Estate Planning Lawyer

Dear Lawyer,

The Ohio Revised Code section on filling vacancies in trusteeships, [Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 5807.04](#), does not specifically prohibit naming the person who notarized the trust as a successor trustee. However, [Oh. Rev. Code Sec. 147.141\(A\)\(4\)](#) prohibits a notary from performing “a notarial act if the notary has a conflict of interest with regard to the transaction in question.” According to [Estate of Armatas v. Cleveland Clinic, 2020-Ohio-3338 \(5th Dist.\)](#), this section is a codification of the common law rule that a notary cannot notarize a document in which he or she has a financial interest.

The Reference Librarian



Tech Corner **Sunsetting of Windows 10**

Steve Stultz, FCLL IT Coordinator

This month we say goodbye to Windows 10-- not that it will stop working, but it is going out of support. This means that if you are still using Windows 10, slowly your computer will become less secure. And since hackers know this, they will actively seek out Windows 10 computers for some mischief. If your computer can run Windows 11, it's a free upgrade.

Windows 11 Requirements:

Microsoft has some strict requirements for Windows 11, some or many of which older computers won't meet. Here are Microsoft's published minimum requirements for running Windows 11, the successor to Windows 10:

- A 64-bit processor with a 1 GHz or faster clock speed
- A minimum of 4 GB of RAM
- Storage space of 64 GB or greater
- UEFI firmware
- TPM version 2.0 or higher
- Graphics adapter with DirectX 12 or later and a WDDM 2.0 driver
- Display resolution of 720p or better
- Internet access

This is all technical, but bottom line, if your computer doesn't meet all these requirements, the upgrade from Windows 10 to Windows 11 won't show up in your Windows update list (START > SYSTEM > WINDOWS UPDATE).

Now What?

If your computer doesn't support Windows 11, here are your options. BUT WAIT! Before you proceed, make sure your data and documents are backed up safely!

- **Stick with Windows 10.** Disadvantage: Windows security will be compromised.
 - If you decide to keep Windows 10, make sure your router is updated or frequently replaced (once every two years or so) to keep it secure. Your router is the *only* barrier to hackers directly jumping on your network and doing damage.
- **Buy a new computer.** Disadvantage: Cost.
- **Use an app like Rufus or FlyOOBE to bypass the Windows requirements and install Windows 11 anyway.** Disadvantage: Not supported by Microsoft!
- **Switch to another operating system.** Linux, especially the Debian-based distributions, are good choices. These Windows alternatives are free, fast, and very secure. Disadvantage: Learning curve and some Windows software apps won't work.
 - Ubuntu, Linux Mint, and Zorin OS Core are just a few good Debian-based Linux options for computers that can't run Windows 11.

More Reading

Using Rufus to create a Windows 11 install USB drive to bypass Windows 11's requirements:

<https://www.makeuseof.com/rufus-bypass-tpm-secure-boot-requirements-windows-11/>

Three Debian-based Linux operating systems that are good alternatives to Windows 10 on older hardware:

[Ubuntu Linux](#)

[Linux Mint](#)

[Zorin OS Core](#)

What We're Reading

Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites



Minnie - *Actress of a Certain Age* by Jeff Hiller, *Peter Pulaski Must Pay* by Jen Lancaster, *The Mysterious Case of the Missing Crime Writer* by Ragnar Jonasson, *The Goode Girls of Maple Lane* by Jacqueline Firkins, and *No Rest for the Wicked* by Rachel Louise Adams

Susanna - *Everything is Tuberculosis: The History and Persistence of Our Deadliest Infection* by John Green, *King of Ashes* by S.A. Cosby, and *The Buffalo Hunter Hunter* by Stephen Graham Jones



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