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## Director's Corner

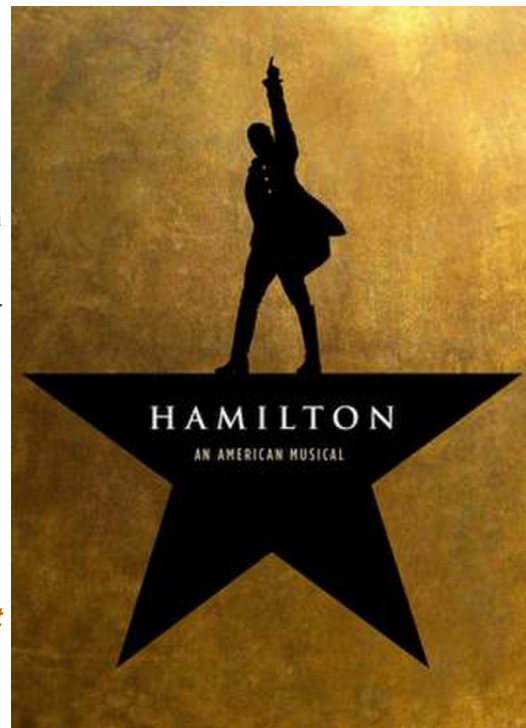
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I finally saw *Hamilton*. This has been an ongoing struggle for me. I was given a ticket to see the show in Chicago only to find out when I got to the theater that my ticket was actually for New York. Then I got a ticket to see the show in Cleveland only to find out the night of the performance was the same day that my cruise to Cuba left Tampa. So I had to get another ticket. But the show did not disappoint.

Alexander Hamilton was a controversial figure for sure. In the musical, Hamilton rails against John Adams, telling Eliza that John Adams doesn't really have a job. In the HBO miniseries *John Adams*, Paul Giamatti's Adams questions Hamilton's sanity to his face. In the musical, Aaron Burr denies Hamilton's request to defend the new U. S. Constitution but then rants about Hamilton's writing 51 of the 85 *Federalist Papers*.

Mark Twain famously said, "History doesn't repeat itself but it often rhymes." And as if on cue, enter the confirmation hearing of Judge Brett Kavanaugh. He was asked by Senator Mike Lee of Utah to list his favorite *Federalist Papers*. This question seems akin to asking librarians to name their favorite book (see my Director's Corner from June 1, 2018). His immediate answer was Federalist 78 on the independent judiciary and Federalist 69 where Hamilton explains all the ways the presidency is not a monarchy. But he also included Federalist 10 on separations of power, and Federalist 37 and 39 which deal with the "genius" of having both national and state governments. And after joking he has "like eight kids," he also mentioned Federalist 47 on tyranny and 51 where Madison said, "If men were angels, no government would be necessary."

I checked the law library's collection for Hamilton materials and am sad to report we are lacking. We have *A Special Edition of the Federalist* (K46 .L43 F33 1983) in our reading area. It contains only a selection of the *Federalist Papers*. [You can read them all here](#). We also have *The Law Practice of Alexander Hamilton* (KF 363 .H3 G 6) in our historical collection. This is a five-volume set; unfortunately we only have volumes 2-4. Our 130th anniversary speaker, Edward J. Larson, has written a book on the election of 1800 between Jefferson and Adams. The book, *A Magnificent Catastrophe* (E 333 .L37), features Hamilton's influence on the election, including his ultimate endorsement of Jefferson over Arron Burr for the presidency. Finally we have a copy of



*The Trial of Aaron Burr* (K540 .N68 B87 1992) in our reading area. In the early part of the 19th century, President Jefferson ordered Burr's arrest for trying to create an independent country in the middle of North America. He stood trial for treason in Richmond, Virginia, but was acquitted for lack of evidence. I wonder if Hamilton would have agreed with President Jefferson's power to order the arrest?

If you haven't seen *Hamilton*, it will be in Columbus January 29 through February 17, 2019. Check the [Columbus Association for the Performing Arts'](#) website for ticket information. Lin-Manuel Miranda will be reprising his role as Alexander Hamilton for three weeks in San Juan, Puerto Rico, January 8 through January 27, 2019, for the more ardent fans.

## Research Historical Congressional and Legislative Materials

October's Brown Bag Lunch Program



Historical, political, economic, and genealogical gems are hidden in the U.S. Congressional Serial Set. Learn how to find sets and reports and discover historical and congressional records that are freely available for your use.

Join us on **October 10, 2018, at 12:15 pm**. Space is limited and registration is required by calling or stopping by the circulation desk.

Participants may receive 1 general CLE credit.

## New Legal Research Database

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Franklin County Law Library patrons now have access to *Legal Information Reference Center*, a legal research database designed for the general public. Published by EBSCO, this database includes resources on subjects such as family law, real estate, financial planning, and estate planning. Users will find materials that are easy to read, with subjects explained clearly in everyday language.



Among *Legal Information Reference Center's* resources are thousands of forms and nearly 600 full-text publications, including the Nolo legal reference books. These books have been popular for decades as a starting point for research for self-represented litigants.

Franklin County Law Library patrons who want to access *Legal Information Reference Center* may do so in person at the law library or through the law library's [web site](#). From the home page, click on "Self-Help Legal Resources" and enter the username and password provided.

## New Books

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West Academic recently released a wide range of new titles. We once again added a few of the titles to our library:

- *International Taxation in a Nutshell*
- *Elkin's Corporate Taxation*
- *Goldberg and McCormack's The First Trial (Where Do I Sit? What Do I Say?) in a Nutshell, 3d*
- *Rustad's Global Internet Law in a Nutshell, 3d*
- *Darrow-Kleinhaus's The Bar Exam in a Nutshell, 3d*
- *Hodge's Public Health Law in a Nutshell, 3d*
- *Shanor and Hogue's Military Law in a Nutshell, 4th*
- *Bonfield's American Law and the American Legal System in a Nutshell*
- *Leslie's Labor Law in a Nutshell, 5th*
- *Colker's Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity, and the Law in a Nutshell*
- *Champion and Rose's Gaming Law in a Nutshell, 2d*
- *Berg's The State and Religion in a Nutshell, 3d*
- *Aleinikoff, Martin, Motomura, Fullerton, and Stumpf's Immigration and Nationality Laws of the United States: Selected Statutes, Regulations and Forms*

Most of these are part of the Nutshell series, which is a comprehensive introduction to each subject. ***Elkin's Corporate Taxation*** is a behind-the-scenes look at corporate taxation, including diagrams and examples. ***A Leinikoff, Martin, Motomura, Fullerton, and Stumpf's Immigration and Nationality Laws of the United States: Selected Statutes, Regulations and Forms*** contains legislation affecting immigration and citizenship.

Take a quick break and visit us to check out these great new resources!

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