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Director's Corner

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Did you know that September 8 is National Star Trek Day? Fifty-seven years ago on that date, the original series (TOS) premiered on CBS. I am a huge Trekkie. I remember watching TOS with my father and then he took me to all the movies starring the original cast.



During the pandemic shutdown, I set out to watch every *Star Trek* series and movie in release order. I finished just this year. I am now watching the current shows on Paramount+ (*Picard, Discovery, Strange New Worlds, Prodigy,* and *Lower Decks*). In fact, CBS will show the first two episodes of *Strange New Worlds* on their network on September 8 for anyone who doesn't subscribe to Paramount+. This show centers on Captain Christopher Pike - the captain of the Enterprise before Kirk.

Five different actors have played James T. Kirk: William Shatner played the original Kirk, Shandra Smith played Kirk in a body-swapping episode of TOS, Chris Pine played Kirk in the most recent movies, Jimmy Bennet played a young Kirk in the move *Star Trek*, and Paul Wesley is currently playing Kirk in *Strange New Worlds*.

This past November I drove to Iowa to see the Eagles in concert. Along the way, I paid my respects at the birthplace of Captain James T. Kirk in Riverside, Iowa.



Recent Reference Requests

Susanna Marlowe, Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

I have shared parenting with my daughter's father. We are divorced. He is currently the residential

parent for school placement purposes. However, I am moving into a suburb that has better schools and we would both like for my daughter to attend school in my new home district. Is there a way to make that happen?

A Mom

Dear Mom,

Yes, you can file a motion to modify your custody agreement so that you are now the school placement parent. The form is available at the Franklin County Law Library website, at this <u>link</u>. Filing an <u>agreed entry</u> with the Franklin County Domestic Relations Court may make the process go faster.

The Reference Librarian

Dear Reference Librarian,

I live in a condominium. My HOA has filed a lien on my property, saying that I failed to pay part of my charges for common expenses. I am sure that I am caught up on my payments. Is there anything I can do?

Property Owner

Dear Property Owner,

Oh. Rev. Code Section <u>5311.18(C)</u> provides that a condo owner who thinks that the HOA has improperly filed a lien pursuant to division (A) of this section may start an action for the discharge of the lien in the court of common pleas of the county in which all or a part of the condominium property is situated. This means that you need to sue your HOA. I recommend that you hire an attorney to help you with this process.

The Reference Librarian

Tech Talk - Buy Antivirus Software, Yes or No?

Steve Stultz, FCLL IT Coordinator

Much ado is made about third-party antivirus software for computers and mobile devices, but things have changed over the past few years. The truth about whether you need to add antivirus software, and how much you should rely on it, is not what you might think.



For most home and SOHO (Small Office or Home Office) users, the antivirus software built into Windows is plenty of protection against most malware. Having been called various names previously, including Windows Defender, Microsoft now refers to it as just Windows Security. It's heavily embedded into Windows and cannot be removed. If you happen to have another antivirus app installed, however, it backs off and disables itself in favor of whatever other antivirus app you have installed.

All this being said, many IT security experts now say that relying on antivirus software is way down on the list of things to do to remain safe and secure. I'm not going to put things in any particular order, but here is my short list of other things you should do, whether you have third-party antivirus software added to your computer or not:

- Don't use an admin-level account for your everyday login. Use a "standard" account instead, and only use your admin login for admin tasks like installing new software. Why? Any malware that tries to infect your computer will inherit whatever permissions your logged-in account has. If you're logged in as an admin account, it has admin permissions. Not good!
- Use a good firewall router between you and the Internet.
- Use a strong Wi-Fi password and WPA or higher encryption in your router.
- Keep your software all updated, ESPECIALLY your web browser(s).
- Keep your cloud account secure by using two-factor authentication.

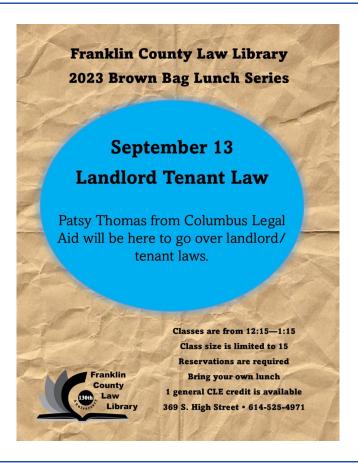
- Use a <u>password vault</u>, <u>aka password manager</u>, to store your passwords securely.
- Think before you click!
- Back up your data and documents.

One software app I do recommend for using alongside Windows Security is <u>Malwarebytes Antimalware</u>. This is a good compliment to Windows Security in that it will catch some lower-level malware that Windows Security doesn't consider much of a threat, but which could still muck up your Windows with slowness and annoying pop-ups. But do you still want to pay for a third-party antivirus app in Windows? Here are two I recommend:

- Bitdefender
- Eset NOD32

More Reading

https://www.nbcnews.com/tech/security/still-paying-antivirus-software-experts-say-probably-dont-need-rcna6335



What We're Reading

Law Library Staff Share Their Favorites

Angela - *The Indigo Girl* by Natasha Boyd, *Carrie Soto is Back* by Taylor Reid Jenkins, and *Wifey* by Judy Blume

Minnie - *I'm Glad My Mom Died* by Jennette McCurdy, *I Must Betray You* by Rita Sepetys, and *Piranesi* by Susanna Clarke



Susanna - Big Swiss by Jan Beagin, Someone We Know by Shari Lapena, and My Darkest Prayer by S.A. Cosby

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