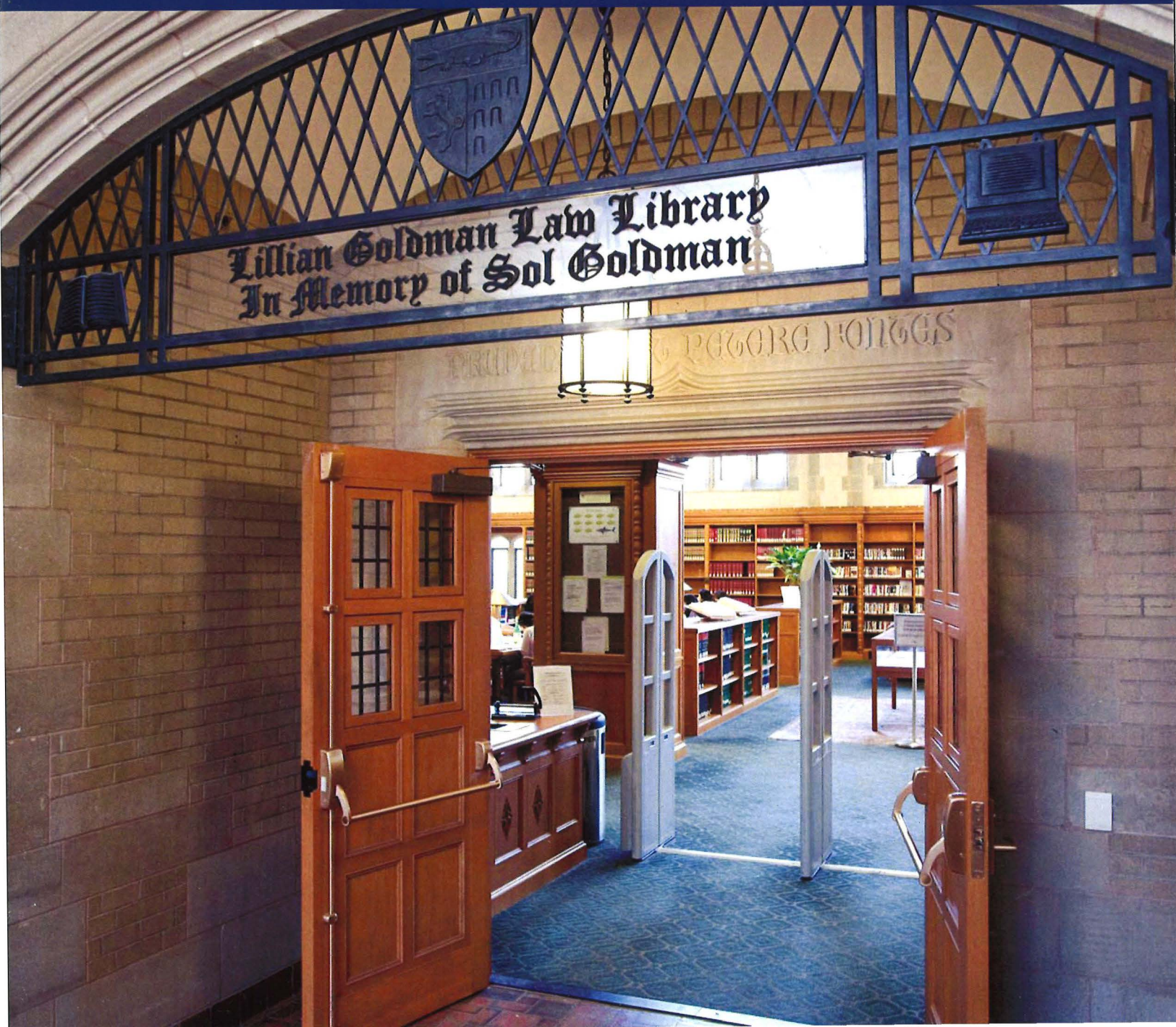




Yale Law School  
**LILLIAN GOLDMAN LAW LIBRARY**  
in memory of Sol Goldman

BIENNIAL REPORT 2007–2009



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## MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

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It's my pleasure to present the biennial report of the Lillian Goldman Law Library covering the two year period 2007-2009. As with our earlier annual reports covering the previous two years, this document is intended to present an overview of the library's major activities and provide a point of comparison for the future. This combined two-year report is meant to bring the series current and will be followed by regular annual reports beginning in 2010.

As we approach the end of the first decade of the 21st Century and are well into the digital age, those of us involved in the daily life of the Yale Law Library have no doubt about its relevance in fulfilling the central mission of the Law School. Our library has played a central role at the Yale Law School from the time of its founding, and this continues to be the case now, where our lovely renovated space provides a place for students to conduct independent study and research, access the ever more complex web of legal information resources in a wide array of digital and print formats and benefit from expert guidance of law librarian specialists on how to most effectively devise a research plan and mine our resources.

Library use by Yale law students continues to increase: a survey of students last year indicates students spend more time in the library than the classroom, and by all measures, the use of the Yale Law Library continues to increase every year. The library provides what architects often refer to as a third place, separate and distinct in nature from the home or classroom: it's a social place similar to a café or a lounge, but one that speaks the language of independent study and research. Enter the Yale Law Library on any evening, and you are likely to find the Reading Room full with students, surrounded by mounds of books and computer print-outs, working away on a notebook computer.

While challenged by current budget realities, we are committed to maintaining the historically strong research collections of the library, including its impressive rare book and foreign and international collections. At the same time, we pride ourselves in providing

our faculty and students with access to the richest array of online legal information possible, supported by cutting edge technologies and the help of expert librarians.

In order to better showcase our extensive collection of rare books, we opened a new rare book exhibit area outside the Paskus-Danziger Rare Book Room, in the summer of 2008. The two large exhibit cases in this area are used for series of themed exhibits, such as the inaugural exhibit in 2008: *The Flowering of Civil Law: Early Italian City Statutes in the Yale Law Library*, in honor of former dean Guido Calabresi's 50th class reunion. These exhibits have been popular with library users, but they can also be viewed online via the library's Rare Book blog, linked from the library's website at <http://blogs.law.yale.edu/blogs/rarebooks/>.

In the current era, it's no longer necessary to enter the library physical space to access many of its information resources. An ever growing portion of our collection is now available in digital formats, which can be accessed by members of the Yale community from a computer on their desktops. But this shift has made research more complex, as print resources are dropped in favor of an ever expanding array of online sources, each with a different user interface. This more complex information world is counterintuitive to those accustomed to limiting their research to one box searching, such as Google, and it has led our librarians to seize opportunities for offering effective legal research instruction and building information discovery tools and guides supporting the best use of our rich resources.

In sum, the digital era is an exciting period for the Yale Law Library, and we are especially enthusiastic about the new challenges and opportunities the ever evolving information landscape allows us for improving our collections and services. We hope some of this excitement is conveyed in this report.

S. Blair Kauffman  
Law Librarian and Professor of Law

The serials department began planning the Library's transition from print journals to online resources, in response to increased user preference for the convenience of electronic research and also the need to trim expenses. The serials team cancelled 210 print titles in the 2008 fiscal year and 471 print titles in 2009. Spanning two fiscal years, the serials unit checked in numerous items, including 10,095 bound volumes, 26,362 volume equivalents in microfilm and microfiche formats. A total of 11,292 volumes were prepared for commercial binding.

In 2008, the cataloging team completed cataloging canon law materials acquired from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York in 2006 by Yale Law Library, where it is on permanent loan from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The cataloging team cataloged 7096 other print titles and purchased records for 12,667 electronic titles available in a variety of collections and aggregator services. These records were downloaded into MORRIS and include hyperlinks to the electronic resource. In 2009, the cataloging team began work on the German law collection acquired from the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. The project was suspended after cataloging 207 titles due to budget constraints resulting from the shrinking value of the University's endowment. The plan is to finish cataloging the collection when the financial situation improves. During the fiscal years 2007-2009, the cataloging team cataloged 14,215 other print titles and in FY09 purchased 2454 shelf ready titles. The Morris catalog now contains records for 32,000 electronic titles available in a variety of collections and aggregator services including Lexis and Westlaw. These records were downloaded into MORRIS and include hyperlinks to the electronic resource.

In 2008, the acquisitions team continued the effective use of technology to streamline the purchase of 7476 new book titles in print, and 271 DVD titles with 491 discs. In FY09, the library acquired 11,046 book titles in print and also acquired 146 DVD titles with 316 discs. The collection grew by a little over 21,000 print volumes.

We were once again invited by our library system vendor, Innovative Interfaces, to beta test the newest release of the software running behind MORRIS. Some of the enhancements include the option to maintain reading history

and save a list of titles for future reading. Yale affiliates with network IDs are now able to rate books or add their book reviews to MORRIS. Development of a new faceted interface called Encore continued as version 2.0 launched publicly. Encore now features a new search tool called Research Pro. With this tool, patrons may send their keyword search to several selected databases simultaneously without rekeying their Encore search.

University mandated cutbacks in personnel at the end of the 2009 fiscal year were felt heavily in technical services and have warranted a reassessment of priorities and a staffing reorganization. Three clerical positions, two in cataloging and two in serials as well as one part time professional position, were identified for elimination.

Technical services librarians remained professionally engaged serving on a number of Law Library and University Library committees, attending continuing education programs and were active nationally in professional organizations.

Mary Jane Kelsey prepared a presentation for Innovative Users Group in Washington D.C. in Spring 2008 (delivered by Anne Myers). She also delivered two presentations at the 2008 AALL conference in Portland, Oregon: "Encore, Enterprise, Primo and WorldCat Local: Explore the Evolving Discovery Tools for Your Catalog" and "Energize Your Catalog! Get Electronic Titles Out of Their Silos and into Your OPAC."

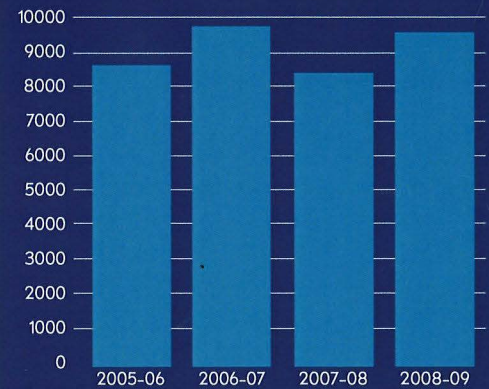
Jo-Anne Giammattei served on the University Libraries Collection Development Council.

Anne Myers completed a term on the AALL Executive Board and served as a member of the AALL Continuing Professional Education Committee.

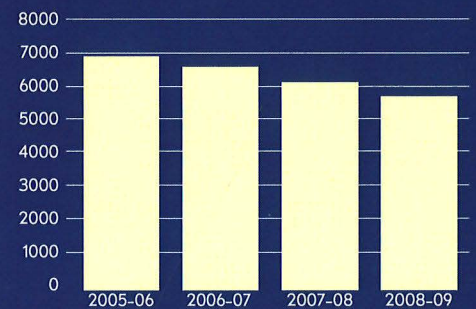
Susan Karpuk was a reader for the Descriptive Cataloging for Rare Materials (Serials) DCRM(S) commenting on the draft before its publication in 2008. Susan has also been a member of AALL Technical Services Interest Section's Descriptive Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group since 2007.

Michelle Sullivan served on AALL's Technical Services Special Interest Section on Cataloging and Classification as well as the Descriptive Cataloging Policy Advisory Working Group.

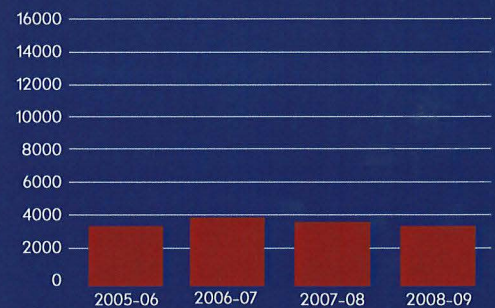
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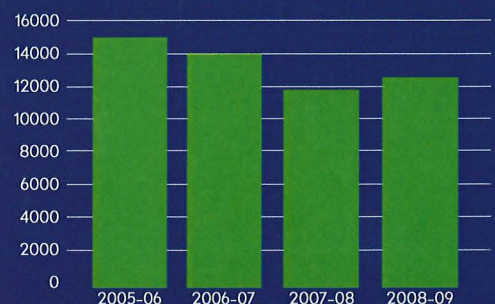
BINDING



ACQUISITIONS ACTIVITY - PAID INVOICES



ACQUISITIONS ACTIVITY - LINE ITEMS



The Pakus-Danziger Rare book room continues to serve as an integral part of the intellectual life in the Yale Law School and beyond. A new, state-of-the-art rare book exhibition gallery was launched in the Rare Book Collection, under the energetic and imaginative management of Rare Books Librarian Mike Widener. The two 8-foot-wide exhibit cases enable the library to showcase its rare books in a safe and secure environment.

The inaugural exhibit, "The Flowering of Civil Law: Early Italian City Statutes in the Yale Law Library," highlighted the library's outstanding collection of early Italian statutes. The exhibit opened during the October 2008 Alumni Weekend and was dedicated to the Hon. Guido Calabresi (Law '58), Dean Emeritus. "Landmarks in Law Reporting" followed in March 2009, coinciding with Professor John Langbein's "History of the Common Law" course. Items on display included a medieval Year Book manuscript, first editions of the case reports of Coke and Plowden, and the first published American case reports.

Both exhibits can be enjoyed from computers around the world thanks to the Yale Law Library Rare Books Blog, which launched in April 2008. Postings on the blog included acquisitions, gifts, events, interesting discoveries, links to legal history resources, bibliographies, and images and descriptive text from the exhibits.

The Rare Book Collection supported teaching in several classes in the Law School and elsewhere on campus. The Paskus-Danziger Rare Book Reading Room served as the classroom for Professor Anders Winroth's graduate history seminar in "Medieval Law" in Fall 2007. Professor James Whitman invited Rare Book Librarian Mike Widener to present several early canon law works in his "Western Legal Traditions" class, Spring 2008. Widener also taught sessions on biographical and archival research in Professor Morris Cohen's seminar on "Research Methods in American Legal History," in Spring 2008 and Spring 2009. Entering first-year law students and graduate students received a brief introduction to the Rare Book Collection in their Fall 2008 library orientation tours.

The Rare Book Librarian prepared special displays and presentations for several group tours: about twenty staff from Manuscripts & Archives, Sterling Memorial Library (Aug. 2007); new interns at the Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library (August 2008); about twenty Latin American law students in the Linkages program (February 2009); and twenty eight students from the Scuola S. Anna, Pisa (March 2009). In addition, Widener gave a presentation entitled "Race on the Stand: African American History in the Law Library's American Trials Collection" in the Sterling Memorial Library Lecture Hall on February 20, 2008, as part of Black History Month activities.

Mike Widener published Part 1 of "Remembering Roy Mersky" in *Legal Miscellanea*, the newsletter of the Jacob Burns Law Library, George Washington University School of Law. He was named to the Board of Advisers for the *Green Bag Almanac & Reader*, an annual compilation of outstanding legal writing. He was appointed to the Special Collections Committee of the Yale University Libraries.

The Rare Book Collection hosted two unpaid internships. Sabrina Sondhi, the new Special Collections Librarian at Columbia Law School Library, completed a three-week internship in February 2009. Benjamin Yousey-Hindes, a Ph.D. candidate in medieval history from Stanford University, co-curated the "Early Italian City Statutes" exhibit.

There were several significant gifts to the Rare Book Collection. Professor Morris Cohen donated his unique and outstanding collection of over 200 law-related children's books spanning the 18th to 21st centuries. The library is actively collecting additional titles for the Juvenile Jurisprudence Collection. Charles J. Tanenbaum (Law '37) donated a significant letter from Chief Justice John Marshall. Written in April 1835, not long before he died. Marshall describes a meeting with George Washington that led to his career in public service. Beverly Manne of Houston, Texas, donated Thomas Mortimer's *Every Man His Own Broker* (London, 1765) in honor of her brother-in-law Henry Manne (LL.M. '53, S.J.D. '66), one of the founders of the Law & Economics movement. Mordecai Rosenfeld (Law '54) gave a fine copy of the 1830 London edition of Blackstone's *Commentaries*. Before his death in May 2009 at the age of 102, the late Harold I. Boucher of San Francisco funded the acquisition of *Essex's Innocency and Honour Vindicated* (London, 1690) and John Brydall's *Jura Coronae: His Majesties Royal Rights and Prerogatives Asserted* (London, 1680).

There were two major acquisitions from the library of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York. A collection of early German law (826 volumes) was acquired in September 2007, made possible with the generous support of the Oscar M. Reubhausen Fund. A collection of foreign law (163 titles) arrived in October 2008.

The Rare Book Collection continued to actively acquire titles for its William Blackstone Collection (already the most comprehensive in the world), its collection of early Italian statutes (possibly the largest outside of Italy), and its collections of American trials and law books with illustrations. Other acquisitions strengthened its holdings in Anglo-American common law.

## MANUSCRIPTS AND ARCHIVES

During the 2007-2009 fiscal years, the library's Archivist Barbara Heck completed revisions to the finding aid for the White Brothers/Clark, Hall & Peck Collection. The collection contains over 1200 linear feet of materials, primarily consisting of title examination documents, surveys, and real estate closing documents. White Brothers and Clark, Hall & Peck were two of the largest New Haven law firms from the mid 1850s to the 1990s and their records document over a century of development of real property in New Haven and New Haven County. In addition to continuing reference by surveyors and attorneys for title research, the collection is also regularly used by two Yale architecture classes to study the evolution of different New Haven neighborhoods during the twentieth century.

Manuscripts and Archives also acquired 350 bound volumes of legal materials from New York attorney and Yale alumnus Peter Megargee Brown. The volumes primarily document his professional practice at Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft and his subsequent writings and speeches relating to legal ethics.

Nancy Lyon, Archivist at the Sterling Library and Barbara Heck traveled to Philadelphia to appraise and acquire the personal papers of Judge Edward R. Becker. Becker, a 1954 YLS graduate, was best known for his long and dedicated service on the bench, first as a United States District Court Judge for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania (1970-1982), then as a judge on the United States Courts of Appeals for the Third Circuit until his death in 2006. His papers document his lifelong involvement in the civic affairs of his hometown of Philadelphia as well as his most well-known opinions about the reliability of scientific evidence, class action suits, and complex litigation.

Our archivist also completed a preliminary inventory of the 135 boxes of materials donated by the family of Lawrence Z. Freedman. Freedman's primary appointment in the Psychiatry Department at Yale Medical School was complemented by his work in the legal field with Harold Lasswell. Freedman and Lasswell collaborated extensively in studying the intersections of law and psychiatry in the 1950s. Much of the collection pertains to Lasswell's subsequent work at the University of Chicago where he became an expert in the personality development of political assassins and serial killers.

Another notable acquisition consisted of 30 boxes of materials by donation from the family of Stanton Wheeler. Wheeler taught at Yale Law School from 1968 until his death in 2007, primarily in the fields of sociology and the law. In addition to his classes at Yale Law School, Wheeler's papers document his work as a sociologist with the Russell Sage Foundation, and his membership and chairmanship of the Yale Faculty Committee on Athletics.

Due to ongoing budgetary constraints, the library regrettably has to suspend its manuscript and archives program. We hope to reinstate this invaluable service in the near future when the budget situation improves.

Access Services, ably supervised by Information Access Manager Martha Clark, continues to be a center of activity. Even in this era of electronic access to materials, access services staff spend significant time at the circulation desk assisting patrons with charging, renewing and recalling books and answering a variety of questions. Materials are circulated from the library's collection, and also from other Yale campus libraries through the intra-campus delivery service Eli Express; Interlibrary Loan; and ShareLaw, which is a consortium of law libraries used for quick turnaround lending and borrowing. Due to budgetary constraints and low borrowing statistics, the library ceased to participate in the interlibrary loan portion of ShareLaw as of May 2009. In FY 08, the library loaned 285 items and borrowed 67 while in FY 2009 the library loaned 243 items and borrowed 87. Although we have discontinued the interlibrary loan portion of ShareLaw, the library has elected to continue with ShareLaw's expanded union catalog.

Eli Express, our intra-campus delivery service, has increased by almost 1,000 transactions during the most recent fiscal year. These figures represent the number of books from other Yale campus libraries delivered to the Law Library and checked out to patrons from the Law Library Circulation Desk.

Also, effective March 2009, the Law Library is now able to lend and deliver Law Library books to other libraries on the Yale campus. The service is gaining in momentum and we anticipate that it will pick up significantly at the start of school year in September 2009. Interlibrary Loan lending and borrowing have both increased in the last two years.

Our statistics for circulation of Law Library books has decreased only slightly during the past two years despite the increase of electronic information. Our DVD collection and our New Books Collection remain very popular parts of the Law Library collection. About 10% of all circulations during the 2008-2009 fiscal year were for DVD's.

Access Services actively collaborated with other departments in working toward the

goal of having a readily accessible collection that responds to the needs of our users. Approximately 15,000 items per year have been processed for storage at the environmentally controlled and secure Library Shelving Facility. Currently about 266,000 bound volumes, 1067 archival materials and over 6,000 microfilm documents are housed in the facility. This figure represents titles that have been cancelled due to our serials cancellation initiative as well as titles that are no longer in heavy use. As a result, space in the stacks has been freed up for incoming and high use materials which are immediately accessible to our users. A comprehensive and thorough inventory of two levels of stacks was completed in spring 2009. This process ensures the accuracy of information in the online catalog and the availability of library materials to our users.

Our Collections and Access Coordinator, Cesar Zapata is playing an important role in managing the library's online repository for working papers and other content generated by Yale Law School faculty and students. As chair of our Task Force on the Digital Repository, he has also, worked on developing the design of the repository and preparing for its launch in Fall 2009.

Our librarians in access services have been professionally engaged both locally and nationally. Martha Clark serves on the University Library's Document Delivery Coordinating Committee and the Managerial Performance Appraisal Committee. In addition she is a member of the Arabic and Middle Eastern Electronic Library (Project AMEEL) which is a web-based portal for the study of the Middle East. Her involvement relates to Interlibrary Loan implications for this growing digital collection.

Cesar Zapata served as chair of the Latino Caucus of the American Association of Law Libraries and was a member of AALL's Diversity Committee. He was also chair of the Library Disability Services Committee and a member of the Law Library's Website Launch Committee and Preservation Committee.

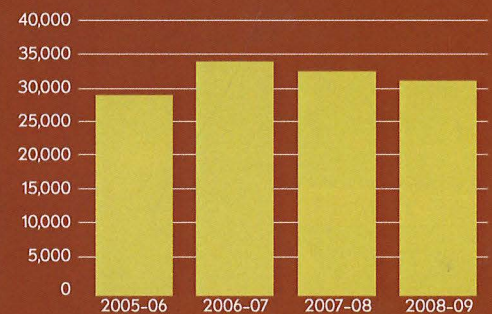
*“Yale Law School’s tremendous movie collection has made Blockbuster a thing of the past (well, at least a trivial thing until graduation). It’s one of the many under-discussed treasures of Yale Law School. Located smack in the middle of the Federal Practice Digest Series and Almanacs, it offers a wide variety of film and television shows available for free to all Yale Law Students.”*

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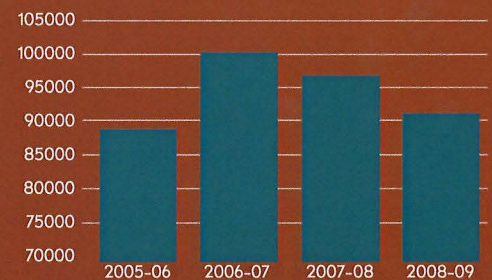
The following are comparative circulation figures for this year as compared to the last two years:

- 2005-06 ACADEMIC YEAR**
  - > 29,499 checkouts
  - > 89,070 total transactions
- 2006-07 ACADEMIC YEAR**
  - > 33,770 checkouts
  - > 100,137 total transactions
- 2007-08 ACADEMIC YEAR**
  - > 32,327 checkouts
  - > 96,793 total transactions
- 2008-09 ACADEMIC YEAR**
  - > 31,397 checkouts
  - > 91,449 total transactions

CIRCULATION CHECKOUTS



TOTAL TRANSACTIONS



INTERLIBRARY LOANS



The Reference and Instructional Services Department has made great advances in providing services in new and innovative ways. Members of the department also remained extremely active professionally and also took on new responsibilities within the university libraries and at the law library.

The department's educational efforts have expanded and in addition to an increase in individual instructional sessions, we have also added a fall semester section of Advanced Legal Research as well as specialized courses offered throughout the school year. These courses have covered a variety of topics, ranging from use of bibliographic database programs to recent developments with ebooks.

The first semester legal research sessions have continued to raise the awareness of the students about the issues and methods of legal research. Students are introduced to the issues of legal research, to important sources, and to research strategies. The first semester sessions are an excellent lead in to the larger slate of classes offered in the spring. There were twelve sections of first year students taught in the first semester. Each section had roughly 17 students. Exclusive of Lexis and Westlaw training, each section met for about 4 classroom hours.

Trends in reference have included a rise in the complexity of questions and a rise in requests for individual research counseling sessions. There also has still remained a need to maintain a presence at the reference desk as a significant point of contact with our patron base. Over the past two years, we have experimented with various coverage configurations and have found that during the school year, it is important to have a reference librarian at the reference desk for most of the day.

We have also made it easier for patrons to reach us. Most reference librarians have individual web pages that contain their schedule as well as contact information including: location, phone number, email address, IM handle, and an IM widget. The reference department also has an IM handle, with a widget embedded on the reference web page, that is monitored by the librarian on duty. IM has become an important means of communicating with our patrons. IM is currently the third most favored means to reach us (walk-up is first, and email is second). Telephone reference has declined dramatically: most phone queries are from the general public and not from members of the Yale community.

The Reference Department has also worked with social media to serve our patrons. We have developed a Facebook page that provides access to our most important services and serves as a point of contact. While we have not been especially aggressive with Twitter, we are among the most "followed" library. Also, members of

the Department have been active bloggers, both at the blogs maintained at the law library and at other professional blogs.

Throughout the year, the Department offered many library tours for a variety of groups, including: new and visiting faculty, visiting scholars, other Yale librarians, Chinese scholars, regular tours for Law School employees, and tours for other special groups. The Department also offers library orientations to new members of the faculty, visitors, fellows, research assistants, and incoming students.

The department's liaison program with the faculty has witnessed a steady increase in the number of requests fielded with almost 4,000 requests in the past two years. The number of faculty members who have used reference services has also increased and we were able to identify almost 75% of the faculty who used reference services.

The past two years have seen a drop in microform subscriptions, helping us resolve space issues. However, there has not been a reduction in microform use. The material that is available solely in microform is still important and there is still a fairly large support need with microforms. Due to university mandated budget cuts, we faced a situation where this vital function, microforms, was not being supported. We have worked collaboratively with other departments to fill this need and beginning Fall 2009 school year, the Technical Services Department will assist with microform filing.

The judicial nominations database in order to grow and remain relevant, had to be completely redeveloped and our Emerging Technologies Librarian, Jason Eiseman has completed this project. We now have a new database that is more complete, searchable, and expandable. Also, the department has taken on responsibility for the maintenance and the future direction of Avalon: the most popular web-site at Yale.

The department has had some changes in personnel during the past two years. Mark Engsborg, Head of Reference, left to become the Director of the Law Library at Emory Law School. The department has been further strengthened by the addition of Ryan Harrington as a Reference Librarian in 2008 and Jason Eiseman as the Librarian for Emerging Technologies at the beginning of 2009.

Members of the department remain active in professional endeavors. In 2008, John Nann spoke at the Joint Study Institute (a conference sponsored by several domestic and foreign law library organizations and with attendees from the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand), the Conference on Computer Aided Legal Instruction, and at the American Association of Law Libraries Annual Meeting, and has served as the Education

## FACULTY SERVICES: RELIABILITY AND EFFICIENCY

Yale Law School faculty have always relied on the creativity, speed, and efficiency of our faculty services department and over 8,500 items were retrieved in the past two years. This resourcefulness has become even more crucial in an era of constrained budgets. At the end of 2008, our Faculty Services Assistant, Theresa Cullen, retired and was replaced by Dick Hasbany. Dick has quickly and easily transitioned into this position continuing the tradition of excellence in the delivery of materials to our faculty. However, due to the budget reduction our attempt to fill a second vacant faculty services position was halted. Fortunately, other library departments have stepped in and enabled us to continue to provide our faculty with the superb service that they expect. Kathy Eow, from Collections and Access, assists our Faculty Services Assistant, Dick Hasbany on a daily basis and has proved to be an invaluable member of the faculty services team.

Committee Chair of the Law Librarians of New England since 2008. Margaret Chisholm served on the library's communications committee. Teresa Miguel is Vice Chair/Chair elect, AALL Latino Caucus. Teresa was most recently, Panel Coordinator, Moderator, Speaker: Thinking about Treaties: Interpretation, in Force at AALL 2009 in Washington, D.C.

Evelyn Ma presented an overview of noteworthy China-related electronic resources at the Asian Law Interest Group, Foreign and Comparative Law Special Interest Section, AALL, Portland Oregon in July 2008. She also served on Publications and Translation Committee, 1st China-United States Conference on Legal Information and Law Libraries, Beijing, China, May 2009.

Jason Eiseman spoke at the 2009 CALI Conference in Colorado and was elected to the Executive Board of the Computer Services Special Interest Section of the American Association of Law Libraries. Jason also co-coordinated the 2009 Un-Conference at AALL 2009 in Washington.

Camilla Tubbs was appointed to a three year term on the Government Printing Office's Depository Library Council, she is also Chair of the AALL Government Relations Committee.

The past two years have been challenging with budgetary constraints and reduced staffing. The adaptable staff in reference and instructional services have tapped into their collective skills and abilities to face these challenges and create new opportunities. The demand for the products, services, and skills offered by the Reference and Instructional Services Department continues to grow, and we are now more than ever central to the mission of the law library and the law school as a whole.



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