

# Alexander Blewett III School of Law

## William J. Jameson Law Library

### Library Use Policies

The Jameson Law Library's facilities, collection and services are available to students, faculty and staff of the Alexander Blewett III School of Law at the University of Montana, and members of the bar, as well as the general public who require access to legal materials. The Law Library's primary mission is to serve the students, faculty and staff of the Alexander Blewett III School of Law.

Jameson Law Library strives to provide

- a library environment that is safe and free of disruptive activity,
- access to print and electronic library materials,
- newspapers, journals, documents, and books that are complete and unmarked.

### Legal Advice

The library staff will assist with use of the library and its collections, but they cannot conduct legal research on behalf of a user. Library staff can help locate information, identify relevant resources, and develop search strategies. Library staff cannot provide advice on a legal problem, help fill out legal forms or draft legal documents, interpret legal materials, or explain how the law applies to a particular situation.

### Hours

Law Library hours are posted in the library and on the library's website. After hours only Alexander Blewett III School of Law students, faculty, and staff may use the library. After-hours library users may not prop open library doors or allow admittance to anyone who cannot swipe in with a valid Griz Card that allows after-hours law library access.

### Behavior

Behavior that interferes with the appropriate use of the library is not permitted. This includes excessive noise, altercations, theft, vandalism, inappropriate sexual behavior, harassment and violence. Specifically, unpermitted behavior includes, but is not restricted to

- Removal or attempted removal of library materials, furniture or property without checking them out or without authorization.
- Mutilation of library materials, furniture or equipment by marking, underlining, scratching, removing pages or portions of pages, removing binding, removing electronic-theft detection devices, or in any other way injuring or defacing the library building, library materials, furniture, or equipment.
- Concealing library materials in the library for the exclusive use of an individual or group or for the express purpose of preventing use by others.
- Harassing library staff or users.
- Failing to cooperate with library staff.
- Being in an unauthorized area of the library.
- Remaining in the library when requested to leave at closing, or when requested to leave during emergency situations or drills.
- Having bodily hygiene so offensive as to constitute a nuisance to others.

## **Cell Phone Use**

In order to preserve a quiet study environment, library users must either turn-off cell phones and pagers or set them to vibrate or a non-audible signal. All cell phone conversations must be held outside of the library where you will not disturb others.

## **Computer Use**

There are four public-use computers in the Jameson Law Library reading room. These computers may only be used for legal research and use is restricted to 30 minutes if other users are waiting. Printing costs 20 cents per page, cash only. The library computer lab is reserved for law students at all times.

## **Food & Drink**

Food and drink are permitted in the Jameson Law Library but users must clean up all areas they use and throw-away all garbage. Drinks must be in covered, spill-proof containers. Users may be asked to reimburse the library for damage caused by spills.

## **Alcohol & Tobacco**

The use of alcohol and tobacco are prohibited in the Jameson Law Library as provided under The University of Montana Tobacco Free UM policy and Alcohol Policies.

## **Personal Belongings**

Neither the Jameson Law Library nor the Alexander Blewett III School of Law is responsible for loss, theft, or damage to personal belongings. Library staff cannot watch personal belongings. Do not leave personal belongings unattended in the library. Please bring any found items to the Circulation Desk.

## **Photographs and Filming**

To protect the privacy of library users, no photography or filming is allowed in the library. Limited exceptions may be granted by the Dean of the Alexander Blewett III School of Law or the Dean's designee. Filming or photographing of official law school events is permissible so long as no library users are captured on film without their permission.

## **Library Use by Minors**

All children under the age of 15 must be accompanied by an adult while in the Jameson Law Library, except for users under the age of 15 who have a valid student Griz Card. All users of the Jameson Law Library are subject to this Library Use Policy. Access to, or use of, the internet by minor children who are not students of the University of Montana is solely the responsibility of the child's parent or legal guardian. Library staff will facilitate access to government documents and legal information to all patrons regardless of age.

## **Use Privilege Revocation**

The Jameson Law Library reserves the right to enforce this Library Use Policy and will call campus police as necessary. Violators may face criminal prosecution and/or disciplinary action under The University of Montana Student Conduct Code or Law School Honor Code.

Failure to comply with this Library Use Policy may result in permanent revocation of Law Library use privileges.