

Marshall News

Fall 2026 Law Library Hours

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The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library staff is excited to welcome new and returning law students! We provide a space to study, resources to aid your research, and professional staff to answer your questions. For the Fall 2026 semester, the law library will be open:

Monday – Thursday: 7:30 AM – 10:00 PM

Friday: 7:30 AM – 8:00 PM

Saturday: 9:00 AM – 6:00 PM

Sunday: 12:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Receive help from the reference librarians during the following hours:

- **Monday-Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.**
- **Saturday: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.**
- **Sunday: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m.**

The reference librarians are also available remotely:

- **Email:** lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu
- **Telephone:** (713) 313-1108
- **By Appointment:** Virtual Appointments (Zoom) or In-Person Appointments.
- **Online Chat**

The Director's Welcome

The law library staff extends a special welcome to the class of 2029 and all new faculty members. We also want to welcome back our returning students and faculty. We are looking forward to an exciting academic year.

Are you ready for the enriched vocabulary you are about to encounter? Within the next four months, you will be bombarded with new words. Bluebook! Casebook! Formbooks! Nutshell! Shepardize! Torts! Vernon's!

Like all new law students, you will be inundated with information. Remember to breathe. It will all come with time! The librarians and the entire library staff are here to help you define some of these unfamiliar terms, answer your questions, and provide legal research help throughout your law school career.

Please stop by the reference and circulation desks to say hello to the law library staff. While you are there, pick up some of the library's helpful publications, including the Library Student Guide.

This newsletter will provide some answers and insights to enrich your law school experience. Updates are posted to the law library's webpage and social media. Make sure you are connected. **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS VALUABLE INFORMATION.**

Again, welcome to the Thurgood Marshall School of Law!



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Study Spaces

Study Rooms

Need a dedicated place to study? The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library would like to invite our students to take advantage of our study spaces: study rooms, carrels, and cubicles. See our study room policies below. The study cubicles do not require a reservation/ time limit.

****Please be advised that basement is CLOSED for Testing during exam periods.***



Law Library Study Room Policies

RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED

- All study rooms require a reservation!
- Use the QR code on the study room door or the link on the Law Library's webpage to reserve a study room.
- Students may reserve a room for a maximum of 4 hours per day.
- Reply to the confirmation email.
- Reservations will be cancelled if the booking is not confirmed within 15 minutes of start time.

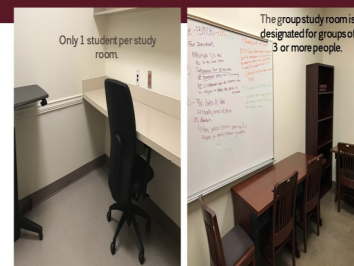


All study rooms will be a **"Quiet Zone"** with whispered conversations being allowed.

FOOD & DRINK

- NO hot, smelly, wet or "messy" food in the library study rooms. This includes all fast foods. **Snacks and covered drinks only.**
- Please consume meals outside of the library.

STUDY ROOMS



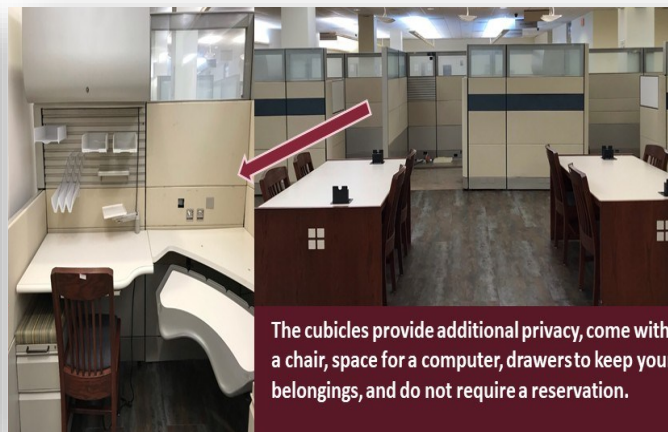
Individual Study Rooms

Large Group Study Room

Carrels



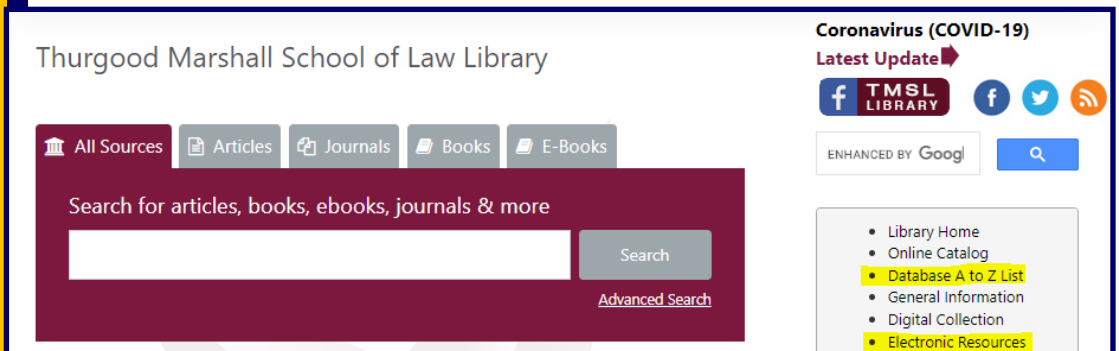
Cubicles



The cubicles provide additional privacy, come with a chair, space for a computer, drawers to keep your belongings, and do not require a reservation.

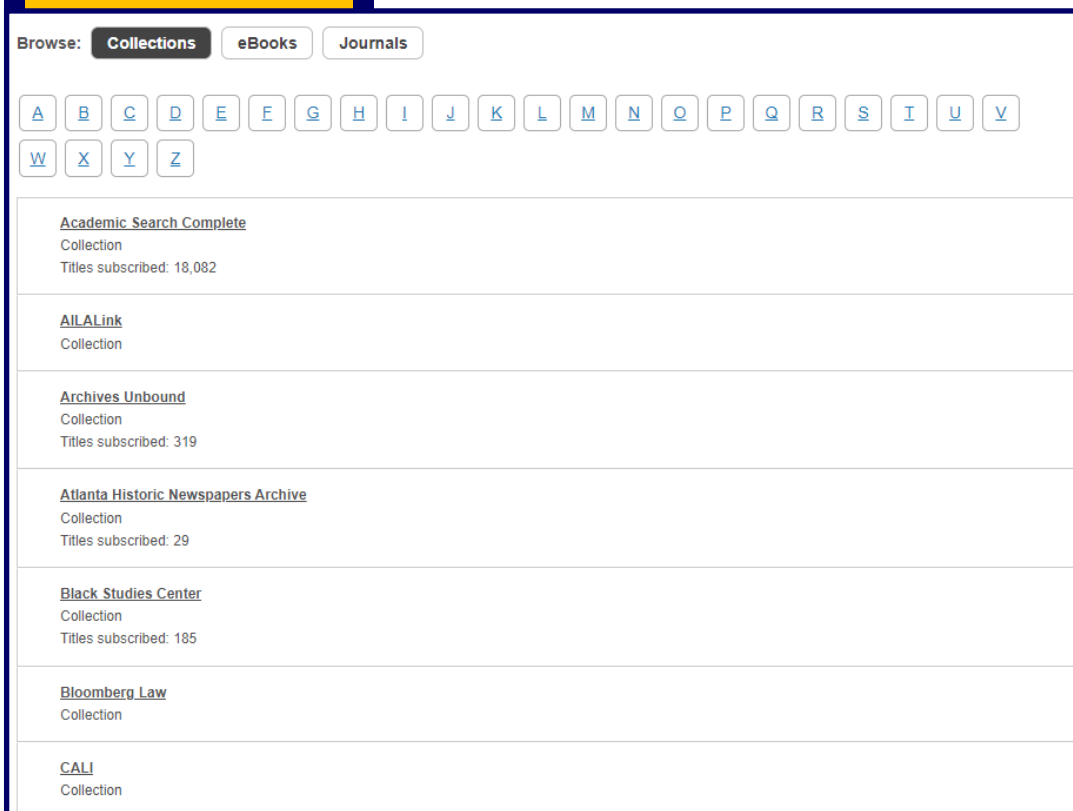
How to Access Electronic Resources

The law library offers a robust collection of electronic databases and resources to meet all your academic needs. Students, using their TSU email account login credentials, can access our electronic resources in two locations: the Database A-Z List and the Electronic Resources webpages. You can access both webpages from the [library's homepage](#):



DATABASE A-Z LIST

The [Database A-Z List](#) is a complete list of our electronic resources. Just select the database and when prompted login using your Texas Southern University login credentials.

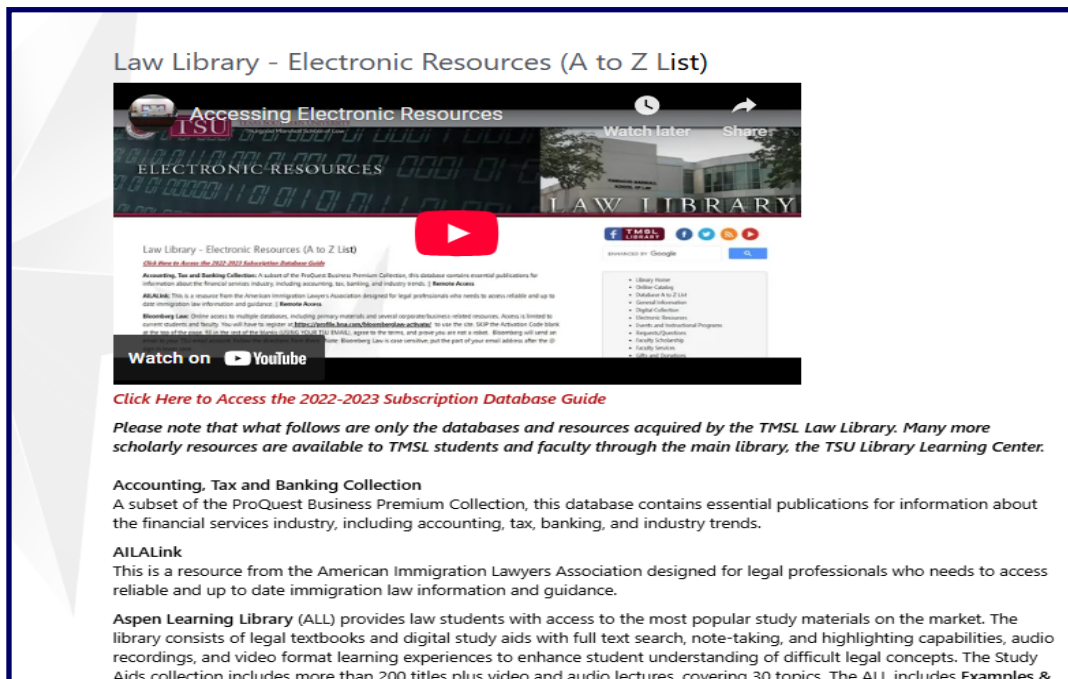


Screenshot of our electronic Database A-Z List.

How to Access Electronic Resources

ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

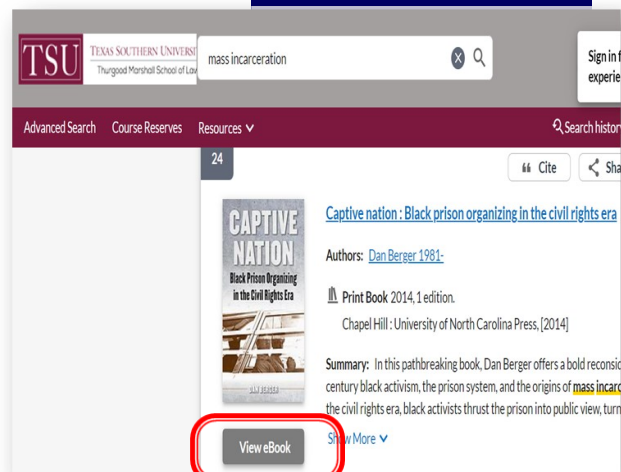
Our [Electronic Resources](#) webpage consists of links to our most popular databases and electronic resources. Use this page if you want to quickly find a specific database. To access any database, click on the database name.



Screenshot of our Electronic Resources webpage.

CATALOG

Our catalog is fully integrated where you can search for and access electronic resources such as articles and e-books. Select “View Full Text” or “View eBook” from the item’s record. For access you will be prompted to the SSO (Single Sign On) authentication screen. Login as TSU Student/Faculty/Staff and use your TSU email and password to sign in.



There are a few exceptions to this rule:

- **Westlaw.** Our Westlaw representative will issue an account for your TSU email address. If you experience any issues, please contact the Library by email at lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu. If you missed training at Orientation, then you can receive a Westlaw Registration Key from the circulation desk.
- **Lexis.** Our Lexis representative will issue an account for your TSU email address. If you experience any issues, please contact the Library by email at lawlibraryhelp@tmslaw.tsu.edu.

Course Reserves

The Thurgood Marshall School of Law Library has a selection of textbooks for required classes as a part of our Course Reserves collection. Course Reserves materials can be viewed from the catalog at <https://tmslaw.on.worldcat.org/courseReserves/landing>. There is also a library guide on all textbooks that are available for the first year courses at the Circulation desk.

You can always ask library staff if you ever need assistance locating books or other resources.

The screenshot shows the 'Course Reserves' website. A red arrow points to the 'Course Reserves' link in the top navigation bar. Another red arrow points to the 'Accelerate Litigation' course material in the list. Below the screenshot, three buttons are shown: 'Click on the Course Reserves link', 'Select Course to View Materials', and 'Course Materials'.

Appointments

Need in-depth research and/ or citation help?
Schedule an in-person or virtual one-to-one consultation.
<https://tmslaw.libcal.com/appointments>



Make An Appointment

From the Law Library's homepage, schedule a consultation with a reference librarian at a time convenient for you.
 You can schedule an in-person appointment or a virtual appointment.

SELECT THE VIRTUAL APPOINTMENTS OR
 IN-PERSON APPOINTMENTS LINK

SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT

The screenshot shows the 'Reserve A Study Room' page. A red box highlights the text: 'Make an Appointment. Schedule a consultation with a librarian online; Virtual Appointments (Zoom) or In-Person Appointments.' A red arrow points to this box from the left.

The screenshot shows the 'Make an Appointment' page. It includes a calendar for March 2025 and a list of available librarians. The page is titled 'LAW LIBRARY' and 'Make an Appointment'.

About the Law Library

It is the mission of the Law Library to promote excellence in academic achievement and the dissemination of legal information to the TMSL students, faculty, staff, and the community. The Law Library seeks to bolster the professional and scholarly undertakings of its faculty, and students as well as support the research and reference needs of its communities. This support encourages research and programs that promote learning, scholarship, and familiarity with new and innovative research products and techniques.

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We're on the Web

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