October 2017 RIS Meeting Notes


Absent: Nichols, C., Cole, J., Fitzgerald, G., Osteen, J.

Court Cases: L. Sikkink had a desk question about a court case, so P. Rustomfram explained how to access court cases. For print documents: McWherter Library receives Supreme Court cases from the GPO. As individual cases, they’re filed on west wall shelves of the Government Publications reading room, arranged in alphabetical order under first party’s name; there’s about a year lag for slips. Paperback are received periodically. Bound periodically (2013 cases were not published and received until 2017). The United States Reports are print form of opinions, not the entire transcript of the case. The reading room’s north wall holds Landmark Briefs and Arguments of the Supreme Court of the United States: Constitutional Law (red hardbound books), holding opinions and transcript of proceedings (entire case). For online documents: supremecourt.gov or LexisNexis. R. Scott said Google Scholar is searchable by Case Law as well. If searching for a specific case, you could also search Google with the names of the party combined with site:.gov. P. Rustomfram indicates that the only cases we have in print format are supreme court cases. We also do not receive cases from the Tennessee Courts. If we do not find cases that patrons are looking for, please refer them to the Law Library, which has more comprehensive law resources.

Discourse Communities ENGL 1010 Assignment: A. Roach discussed the various attributes of the discourse communities research assignment in ENGL 1010, particulars of which were attached in a previous RIS email. Attendants discussed the various situations in which they answered student questions and some of the ways in which they conceptualized of search strategies in databases and on the internet. A. Roach said she followed up with both the instructor and the Director of First Year Writing, and gave the group a basic overview of the next assignment: Writing Research. Documents for that assignment will be forthcoming via RIS email group.

Additional Announcements: B. Varner announced that L. Brocato will be teaching a Literature Review Workshop November 2nd from 3:30 - 4:30, and to let graduate and advanced undergraduate students know they can register at libcal.memphis.edu.