

## Lakewood Library's Law Collection, April 2008

- In the 1970's, most lawyers in Jefferson County were sole practitioners unable to afford to maintain law collections of their own or the online services that were more expensive and less extensive than they are today. The 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District Bar Association assessed each of its members a fee and used that money to establish an extensive law collection at the Lakewood Library. The collection included case and statute law as well as many treatises. In many cases there were multiple versions of the same body of information (US Code, US Code Service, US Code Annotated, for instance). The Bar Association continued to pay for updates to the National Reporters, Shepards, and ALR, while the library paid for the other materials.
  
- When the new Jefferson County Courthouse was built, the Bar Association removed its materials from the collection to establish a library for lawyers (which no longer exists) in the courthouse. The library retained many of the materials it paid for and replaced some of the other materials most heavily used by the public. In addition, the library added materials to help lay people wanting to work on their own legal issues; these included Colorado Law Annotated, Colorado Practice, and an extensive collection of materials from Nolo Press.
  
- When the Lakewood Library remodeled last summer, the library eliminated a few additional parts of the collection that had fallen into disuse due to the wide availability of online resources. All but the US Statutes at Large are available online.
  
- One of the goals of the Lakewood Library reconfiguration was to design a building that provided the services and materials that our customers expect and need. Parts of the collection, such as the government documents collection and the legal collection, occupied a significant amount of floor space, yet these collections were used by a relatively small percentage of our population. Meanwhile, we were discarding high-demand items, such as fiction and non-fiction books and videos, because we did not have the shelf space for these items. By reducing the size of the documents and legal collection, we were able to reallocate shelf space based on patrons' wants and needs, and we were also able to build additional service points, such as our teen area.

Original collection	Collection after courthouse opens	Collection after remodel <small>*** dropped sometime prior to remodel</small>
U S Code U S Code Service U S Code Annotated	U S Code *** U S Code Service	(available online) U S Code Service
U S Statutes at Large, various 1800's on	U S Statutes at Large, various 1800's on	
Federal Register	Federal Register	Federal Register

Congressional Record	Congressional Record	(moved to EV)
US Supreme Court Reports US Supreme Court Reports, Lawyer's Edn	U S Supreme Court Reports, Lawyer's Edn	(available free online)
U S Supreme Court Digest	U S Supreme Ct Digest ***	
Shepard's US Citations	Shepard's US Citations	
Shepards Acts and Cases by Popular Name	Shepards Acts and Cases by Popular Name	Shepards Acts and Cases by Popular Name
Federal Reporter Federal Supplement		
Colorado Revised Statutes CRS, historical collection	Colorado Revised Statutes CRS, historical collection	Colorado Revised Statutes CRS, historical collection
Colorado Session Laws, complete	Colorado Session Laws, complete	Colorado Session Laws, complete
Atlantic Reporter Northeastern Reporter Northwestern Reporter New York Supplement Pacific Reporter Southeastern Reporter Southwestern Reporter	Pacific Reporter – Colorado cases only	Pacific Reporter – Colorado cases only, through 2000 (available online, 1996 on)
Shepard's Atlantic Shepard's Northeastern Shepard's Northwestern Shepard's Pacific Shepard's Southeastern Shepard's Southwestern		
Shepard's Colorado	Shepard's Colorado	
West's Pacific Digest		
	West's Colorado Digest	West's Colorado Digest
	Colorado Practice	Colorado Practice
	Colorado Law Annotated	Colorado Law Annotated
National Reporter Blue Book	National Reporter Blue Book	
American Law Reports + indexes, digest, etc.		
Jeffco municipal codes Denver municipal code	Jeffco municipal codes	Jeffco municipal codes
American Jurisprudence 2d Corpus Juris Secundum	American Jusrisprudence 2d ***	
Words and Phrases	Words and Phrases (***) but kept old version)	
Martindale Hubbell	Martindale Hubbell	Martindale Hubbell (will probably drop - using online version and local directories)
assorted services aimed at	Nolo materials	Nolo materials

lawyers on specific areas of practice, such as Am Jur Legal Forms Am Jur Pleading & Practice Am Jur Proof of Facts Andersons Uniform Commercial Code Fletchers Corp Forms Jones on Evidence Thompson on Real Property Warren's Forms of Agreement	Facts On File forms collections	Facts On File forms collections
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