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## THE LOST ART OF BROWSING

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When you come into the law library you usually know what types of materials you want, so your first stop will probably be NovaCat, the Nova Law Library and Technology Center's online catalog. This very sophisticated catalog can be searched by title, author, subject, key word, or even call number to help you find materials you want. But sometimes you may want to take a break from that class or job related research and just find an interesting book. If so, take a trip to the third floor of the law library and browse the Burris Collection, one of Nova's special collections.

The Burris collection was, and continues to be, donated by Professor Johnny Burris, a member of the faculty of the Law Center since 1979. As of the end of March 2007, the collection had 4267 cataloged titles and will continue to grow by at least 200 volumes per year. Additions to the law library Burris Collection, as well as to his private collection, come from sources such as book sales that include rare books and hard to find titles and from gifts from family and friends. The law library collection includes only a portion of the titles in his private library and reflects his interest in history and in biographies, which began when he was a small child. He had a special interest in books about Abraham Lincoln, and as he continued in school, he liked to browse the shelves of the various libraries.

Much of the collection is related to recent history and, depending on your age, you can be reminded of the news you experienced in your lifetime, and you can see whether time has perhaps changed your perspective. By browsing the Burris Collection, you can find such unique items as a collector's edition of *The Last Will and Testament of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis, Authentic Reproduction with Original Signature*, (1997) or you can find books that are entertaining, such as *Legends, Lies, and Cherished Myths of American History*, (1988) by Richard Shenkman, which you might enjoy reading in addition to checking your television set or the internet for the many sources of myth busting that are popular today.

You will also find some works of fiction that deal with legal, historical and political issues as well as current events. There are books by many popular and prolific authors, such as *A Time to Kill* (1989), *The Pelican Brief* (1992), and *The Chamber* (1994) by John Grisham, and a 1994 book, *Perry Mason, Seven Complete Novels*, by Erle Stanley Gardner. The latter was originally published as seven separate volumes from 1955 – 1959.

So, take a break and try browsing the library shelves for some unique types of books. There is quite a variety from which to choose, and you never know what interesting things you might find.

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## Faculty & Staff Publications

**Tim Arcaro:** *Evidentiary Considerations: Interpreting Florida Rule of Evidence 90.803 (23) When Dealing with Child Victim Hearsay Statements in Florida*, Presented on March 9, 2007 at the Florida Bar Public Interest Section's CLE, *Do you Hear Me Now? Child Hearsay Considerations*.

**Joel Mintz:** An article published last year, *Has Industry Captured the EPA?: Appraising Marver Bernstein's Captive Agency Theory After Fifty Years* 17 *FORDHAM ENV'T L. REV.* 1 (Fall, 2005) has been selected by a forty person peer review panel of a professionally edited journal, the *ENVIRONMENTAL AND LAND USE LAW REVIEW*, as one of the twenty best articles published in the United States last year in the fields of Environmental Law and Land Use Law.

**Gail Levin Richmond:** *TEACHER'S MANUAL FOR FEDERAL TAX RESEARCH* (7<sup>th</sup> ed. Foundation Press 2007).