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Alexandria Law Library

520 King Street, Lower Level, Alexandria, VA 22324

(703)746- 4077

Monday-Friday 9am to 2pm



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- Free access to LexisNexis and Westlaw legal databases.
- Free wireless internet and use of internet computers
- Microsoft Office Suite at designated workstations
- Printing and photocopying for 25 cents per page (cash and credit accepted)
- Access to various electronic legal forms
- Television with DVD/VCR player rental for trials at the Alexandria City Courthouse (\$100 per day)
 - Completed rental agreement and receipt of payment necessary in advance of usage

Arlington Law Library

1425 North Courthouse Road, Suite 1700, Arlington, VA 22201

(703) 228-7005

Monday-Friday 9am to 3pm

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- Virginia-specific book collection of primary and secondary legal materials, including form books and other references that provide examples of legal documents.
- Federal case law and statutory materials.
- Materials in the Library are for reference only and do not circulate.
- Free access to LexisNexis and Westlaw Patron Access.
- Internet and Microsoft Word at two public workstations.
- Printing is available and costs 25 cents per page. Payment is by cash or check
- Cell phones and other personal electronics are prohibited in the building.

Bristol Law Library

Courthouse, 497 Cumberland Street Bristol, Virginia 24201

276-645-7300

Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm



The Bristol Law Library is open to the public Monday through Friday. They provide full access to Lexis, as well as other pamphlets and resources. There are also computers and printers in the library for use, as well as other practical materials.

Central Rappahanock Regional Law Library

1201 Caroline Street, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22401

(540) 372-1144 ext. 7234

Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri-Sat 9am-5:30pm



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The Central Rappahannock Regional Public Law Library, located on the third floor* of the Fredericksburg Branch, provides information about laws and legal procedures to the general public, attorneys, and the judiciary.

The Law Specialist develops and maintains a collection of books and legal periodicals, as well as online databases that are accessible from public computers at all of Central Rappahannock Regional Library's branches.

The law library is open during Fredericksburg Branch's regular business hours.

Chesapeake Public Law Library

298 Cedar Road, Second Floor, Chesapeake, Virginia 23322

757-382-8300

Mon-Thurs: 9am-7pm, Fri-Sat: 9am-5pm, Sun: 1pm-5pm



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Visit Central Library to access our Law Library and learn how to use the Library's online resources. Request an appointment with our Law Library Clerk for training on print and electronic resources. Please note staff is not permitted to give legal advice, interpret the law, or recommend legal action. Have access to: Chesapeake code of ordinances, Code of Virginia, Universal Class, Virginia Law Portal

Chesterfield County Public Law Library

7051 Lucy Corr Boulevard, Chesterfield, VA 23832

(804) 751-2275

Mon-Thurs 9am-8pm, Fri-Sat 9am-5pm



The Central Library is the home of CCPL's administrative offices, Local History department and Law Library. It serves the growing residential community as well as nearby government offices. After an extensive renovation, the Central Library reopened in the summer of 2018 and houses the library's largest MakerSpace. The Law Library also includes the Chesterfield Yearbook Collection.

Danville Public Law Library

511 Patton Street, First Floor, Danville, Virginia 24541

(434) 799-5118

Mon-Thurs 10am-7pm, Fri 10am-5pm, Sat 10am-2pm



The mission of the Danville Public Law Library is to provide a non-judgmental and professional atmosphere for researching legal issues. The library offers the general public and legal community print materials and access to an online legal database.

The staff is here to serve our patrons but by law may not offer legal advice, opinions or interpretations of the law.

Current Holdings: Black's Law Dictionary, Michie's Jurisprudence, Code of Virginia, Great American Court Cases Vols. 1-4, Oxford Companion to American Law

Fairfax Public Law Library

4110 Chain Bridge Road Suite 115, Fairfax, VA 22030

(703) 246-2170

Mon-Fri 8am-4:30pm



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- The Law Library is open to the public, however, visitors will need to go through the building's security procedures at the entrances to the courthouse.
- The Law Library is a non-circulating library; books and materials in the printed collection may be read, reviewed and photocopied on site, but they may not be checked out. Black & white photocopiers are available for a per-side-fee [see fee schedule below] payable at front desk.
- The Library's Video/Conference Room is available for small groups engaged in courthouse-related activities during regular operating hours. Please call the main phone (703-246-2170) to reserve the room. If no reservations are calendared, the room may be used on an "as available" basis after contacting front desk staff.
- A County training room with computers is located in the Library. Call for additional information on the use of this room.

Fauquier Public Law Library.

11 Winchester Street, Warrenton, VA 20186

(540) 422-8500

Mon-Thu 10am-8pm, Fri-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm



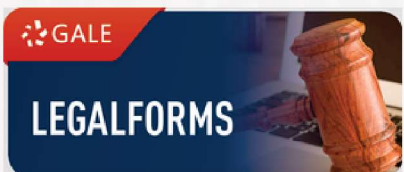
Faquier Public Library has resoucrs like E-content (Gale Forms, Lexis, Universal Class), General Information, Federal Websites, State Websites, Local Websites and Military Websites.

George Wythe Law Library.

4207 Victoria Blvd, 2nd Floor, Hampton, Virginia 23669

(757) 727-1312

Mon-Thurs: 9am-7pm, Fri: 9am-5pm, Sat-Sun: 1pm-5pm



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The Hampton Public Library has a Law Library inside of their main branch. There is access to Gale Legal forms and Westlaw, as well as print materials and reference librarians.

Henrico Municipal Government and Law Library

1901 Starling Drive, Henrico, Virginia 23229

(804) 501-1910, ext. 5

Mon-Thu: 9am-9pm, Fri-Sat: 9am-6pm



The law library at HCPL has been serving Henrico County's government and citizens since 1977. The library includes legal information on Henrico and Virginia government, and on Henrico County, Virginia state, and federal law. In addition, the collection includes access to the LexisNexis Database. The collection is available on the lower level of Tuckahoe Library.

Note: While we are happy to help you find information, it is unlawful for library staff to complete in-depth legal research for the general public, interpret information appearing in legal publications, or provide legal advice. We recommend that you consult with a licensed attorney if you need further assistance.

Loudoun County Public Library

18 East Market Street, Leesburg, Virginia 20176

(703) 777-0695

Mon-Fri: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.



- Internet access and Microsoft Word are available on three public computer stations.
- *Printing: Black and white photocopies and/or computer printouts cost 15 cents per page.*
- Law Library Kiosk provides access to Virginia forms and templates of standard court documents.
- Small Business Resource Center covers all aspects of operating a business, including accounting and tax resources.
- Reference and research assistance is provided to all users. Reference services are available by phone, in person or email.
- Attorney referral information about local agencies, programs and attorneys is provided to pro se litigants who need assistance.
- Work tables and a charging station for mobile phones are available for patron use. Free notary services are available on a drop-in basis but appointments are recommended. Some important information before you come in for notary service:

Lynchburg Public Law Library

2315 Memorial Ave, Lynchburg, VA 24501

(434) 455-3820

ONLINE ONLY



The Digital Law Library is an electronic resource library which includes access to LexisNexis. The LexisNexis database is only available on the public computers at the Main Library (2315 Memorial Avenue) and the Downtown Branch Library (900 Church Street).

Please note, we are happy to assist in your search for information but it is unlawful for library staff to complete in depth legal research for the general public, interpret information appearing in legal publications, or to provide legal advice. We recommend that you consult with a licensed attorney if you need further assistance.

Newport News Public Law Library

2501 Washington Avenue, Newport News, Va. 23607

(757) 926-8678

Mon-Fri: 8am-12pm and 1pm-5pm



- Law books, legal reports and other legal materials are available for in-house research and reference use only by any citizen of the City.
- Upon request Judges, the City Attorney, Assistant City Attorneys, Commonwealth Attorney, Assistant Commonwealth Attorneys, the Chief Magistrate, or any magistrate may check out materials for temporary use (Code of Ordinances, City of Newport News, Sec. 22-39).
- Free Public WiFi
- Computers for legal research only
- Link to Virginia's Judicial System website
- Photocopier
- Free Notary Service

Norfolk Law Library

150 St. Paul's Blvd, Norfolk, Virginia 23510

(757) 622-2910 or staff@norfolklawlibrary.org

Mon-Fri: 9:30am-4:30pm



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Local, state, and federal codes
Self-help guides and resources
3 public computer workstations with internet access and
Microsoft Office
Westlaw, LexisNexis, Gale Legal Forms
Wi-Fi Access
Printing, copying, scanning
Free notary services (call to confirm staff availability)
Assistance available in Spanish (call to confirm staff availability)
Postal reference service to incarcerated people

Portsmouth Public Law Library

601 Court Street, Portsmouth, Virginia 23704

(757) 393-8501

Mon-Thurs: 10am- 6pm, Fri-Sat 10am-5pm.



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- The Portsmouth Public Library is proud to offer an up-to-date selection of print legal resources at its Main Branch location!
- Please note that neither the Law Library nor the Circuit Court Clerks' Office have ready-made forms as, more often than not, each persons' circumstances will be wildly different. However, the "Virginia Forms" located in the Law Library will provide an idea of how legal documents are supposed to look in addition to general wording.

Prince William Public Law Library

9311 Lee Avenue, 3rd Floor, Room 305, Manassas, Virginia 20110

(703) 792-6262

Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm



- 6,939 volumes of printed materials
- Local, state and federal codes, decisions, and forms
- Self-help guides and resources
- Materials in the library are for reference only and do not circulate
- Assistance in locating, accessing, and using resources in the collection
- Staff cannot draft documents, do legal research, or offer legal advice.
- Three public legal research computers and printers
- Two PWC Bar Association computers and printer
- Wi-Fi
- Printing, copying, scanning, and word processing
- Lexis Advance

Richmond Public Law Library

Richmond Main Library Building, 101 E. Franklin Street, Richmond, VA 23219

(804) 646-6500

Mon-Thurs: 9am- 8pm, Fri: 9am-6pm, Sat 9am-5pm, Sun 1pm-5pm



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The Richmond Public Law Library has an extensive collection of both print and digital legal resources. All materials in this collection are reference books that cannot be checked out, but we are happy to provide digital access and print copies of legal materials. All current or formerly held print materials are available in digital form through our databases. The Law Librarian can assist patrons with legal questions and legal research. The Law Librarian is also available for one-on-one appointments to discuss your legal needs. We can provide information on a variety of legal topics, print examples of legal documents and forms, and assist with referrals to a many of the free and low-cost legal services in and around Richmond.

Roanoke Law Library

706 S. Jefferson Street, SE – 2nd floor, Roanoke VA 24016

(540) 853-2268

Mon,Tues,Thurs: 10am-8pm, Wed: 10am-6pm, Fri-Sat: 10am-5pm



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The Roanoke Law Library legal collection is non-circulating except for a small collection of basic primers on legal subjects published by NOLO and the West Nutshell series. The Roanoke Law Library is a branch of the Roanoke Public Library system and all general public library activities are also available here. You can return books or have books sent here from other Roanoke Valley Library branches, photocopy materials, send faxes, and reserve our conference room for meetings.

The library provides free public access to computers with Internet access and Microsoft Office productivity software (the user must have a valid Roanoke valley public library card). Printing is \$0.10 per page.

Rockingham-Harrisonburg Public Law Library

80 Court Square, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22802

(540) 564-3111

Mon-Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm

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The Rockingham-Harrisonburg Public Law Library, previously housed at the Central Library branch of the Massanutten Regional Library, relocated to the Rockingham County Circuit Court on July 1, 2023. The library offers a collection of both print and digital legal resources. While materials cannot be checked out, patrons can request digital access or print copies. Assistance with legal research is available through the Deputy Clerk of Historic Archives and Law Librarian. Visit the Rockingham County Circuit Courthouse to utilize the Law Library's resources and explore online materials. Please note that courthouse staff cannot provide legal advice, interpret the law, or suggest legal actions.

Wahab Public Law Library

Court Support Bldg., 10B, 2425 Nimmo Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

(757) 385-4419

Mon-Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm



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Wahab Public Law Library ensures free access to information about the law, facilitating reference and research for the public, law professionals, government agency employees, and students. Services are provided by knowledgeable staff, using print and electronic resources, and are delivered in person, by email, by telephone, and through this webpage.

Washington County Public Law Library

Court Support Bldg., 10B, 2425 Nimmo Parkway, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23456

(757) 385-4419

Mon-Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm



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Our Washington County Public Law Library provides free access to books and databases. Law library books are in the Abingdon collection and the databases are available at our Abingdon, Damascus, Glade Spring, Hayters Gap, and Mendota locations.

- Business and financial news
- U.S. and international company financial information from government or private sources
- Market research
- Industry reports
- SEC filings
- Full text of more than 2,500 U.S. and international newspapers, many available on the day of publication
- Newspaper archives going back 25 years and more
- Over 1,000 magazines and journals and over 1,000 newsletters

Locations of Law Schools With Public Access



1. Appalacian School of Law
2. William and Mary School of Law
3. Liberty University School of Law
4. Regent Univeristy School of Law
5. University of Richmond School of Law
6. University of Virginia School of Law
7. Washington and Lee School of Law

George Mason also has a law school library, but it is not open to the public. Their website however, has many free resources on it.

Appalachian School of Law

1221 Edgewater Drive, Grundy, VA 24614

(276) 244-1308

Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm (Appointment Needed)

The Appalachian School of Law has public hours, but the general public must make an appointment prior to visiting. General Public is not allowed to check out materials, however there is a scanner available.

William and Mary School of Law

613 South Henry Street, Williamsburg, VA 23187

(757) 221-3255

Various Hours

William and Mary School of Law has public hours and there are print materials that the public can access. Some members of the public qualify for a Borrower's Card that grants access to check out materials.

Liberty University School of Law

1971 University Blvd, Lynchburg, VA 24515

(434) 592-5350

Various Hours

Liberty University School of Law has public hours, and the public has access to print materials that are located in the library. The public may also be able to apply for a Liberty ID, but they need to contact the school for more information.

Regent University School of Law

1000 Regent University Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23464

(757) 352-4450

Various Hours

Regent University School of Law has public hours, and the public has access to print materials that are located in the library, however they cannot check materials out. There is a scanner the public can use available.

University of Richmond School of Law

28 Westhampton Way, Richmond, VA 23173

(804) 289-8876

Various Hours

The University of Richmond has public hours and the public has access to print materials that are located in the library, however they cannot check materials out.

University of Virginia School of Law

580 Massie Rd, Charlottesville, VA 22903

434-924-3384

Various Hours

University of Virginia School of Law has public hours, and the public has access to print materials that are located in the library. The public may also qualify to check materials out but they need to contact the school for more information.

Washington and Lee School of Law

1 Denny Circle, Lexington, VA 24450

(540) 458-8552

Various Hours

Washington and Lee School of Law has public hours, and the public has access to print materials that are located in the library. The public may also qualify to check materials out but they need to contact the school for more information.

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804-646-6500



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