

## October Contest: Online Resources at the LCLL

**Y**es, Virginia, there are online resources at the Lyon County Law Library. Some of them are available from your desktop. As a way of introducing them, this month we'll focus on the library's website and online catalog.

The prize—a nifty red plaid football blanket—will be awarded to the entry drawn from correct submissions **received by 12 noon Oct 20.**

1. What is the URL for the law library website?
2. True or false: the online catalog is found in the Legal Resources page
3. Name three of the online databases available in the law library
4. Give an example of an entry from the online catalog, including index number.

Send your answers to the law librarian at [sgfowler@lyoncounty.org](mailto:sgfowler@lyoncounty.org) or drop off print entries at the Clerk of the District Court's office.

## WestlawNext Receives A Tepid Reception from Law Librarians

**T**hompson-Reuters spent five years and untold dollars developing WestlawNext, which they have marketed to attorneys as a faster way to conduct legal research.

They've also marketed it to existing Westlaw customers at subscription rates 10% to 50% higher than current contracts. With the average law library budget being cut 20% in the last two years, it's no wonder that law librarians are scrutinizing WestlawNext to sort the hype from reality.

The results are not flattering. One scholar noted that West relies on 'crowdsourcing,' an algorithm based on popularity rather than accuracy. This can eliminate a number of legitimate references, or as one reviewer said, "the elusive needle remains buried," and your search results may not be necessarily on point. If you're considering a move to WestlawNext, do so with caution.



## Change in Library Hours

**Public hours will not be held Thurs, Nov 3. The law librarian will be in Lawrence attending the joint MidAmerica Association of Law Libraries (MAALL)/Southwestern Association of Law Libraries (SWALL) conference. Regular hours will resume Wed, Nov 9.**

## Public Legal Education (PLE)—January 2012

**S**peakers are needed for this series, which is a collaboration of the Law Library and the Emporia Public Library. The **next PLE is scheduled for mid-January** at the Emporia Public Library. We are **exploring the topic of tax law** since many citizens will have W-2s on their minds. If this is one of your areas of expertise, please contact the law librarian for more details.

## New On the Shelves

Periodicals

*ABA Journal*

*Journal of the Kansas Bar Association*

*The Kansas Prosecutor*

*Trial*

Books

*Kansas Reports, Vol 286*

*NOLO Criminal Law Handbook*