On behalf of the staff of the Goodson Law Library, I welcome all of you to Duke Law. The information below will introduce you to our library facility and services that you will soon be enjoying. Our light-filled space was designed to include a wide variety of places for individual and collaborative study, ready access to library, media and technology services, along with the library’s excellent collections of print and electronic resources.

Materials here cover both basics about using the library, and tips for your 1L classes. Coming in August will be a link to sign up for tour/orientation sessions and receive the official Goodson Library mug.

This page is the gateway to all information about the library and access to resources and services. Note especially, the Goodson Blogson where you will find news, interesting posts connecting events and news with research, and announcements; the Suggestion Box; and the Ask a Librarian page with information on how to contact us by email, phone, or instant message. You can also find us on Facebook http://www.facebook.com/dukelawlibrary

Goodson Library Highlights
In your first year of law school you will find that you visit the library regularly and may feel as if it is your second home. These features of the library support your experience in law school:
- Law students have 24/7 access to the library 365 days a year with card swipe. Staff hours are posted on the plasma screen at the entrance
- Power outlets are installed at all tables and carrels, wired connections in most carrels, and wireless access throughout the building
- Eight study rooms are available for law students all equipped with computers, integrated videoconferencing and video recording capability. Make a reservation and read more at: http://www.law.duke.edu/lib/studyrooms
- A unified service desk on Level 3, means library users receive streamlined, one-stop assistance from our highly knowledgeable and skilled staff covering computing, media, reference, and circulation

LARW Course and Instructors
This fall you will begin making active use of the library and its resources in the Legal Analysis, Research and Writing course. Our reference librarians, who co-teach each section of both the J.D. and LL.M. courses, are experienced legal researchers and instructors, all of whom hold dual degrees in both law and library science. The reference desk is staffed during the day through the summer if you have questions about finding or using legal materials (ref@law.duke.edu).

The Library and Academic Technologies staffs are always interested in your comments and suggestions about our services and support for student research and study, so please stop by or contact me directly during the year at any time. Have a great LEAD Week!