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To Members of the Class of 2013

On behalf of the staff of the Goodson Law Library, I write to welcome all of you to Duke and to introduce you to our facility and services. Our light-filled space was designed to include a wide variety of spaces 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 available here cover both basics about using the library, and tips for your 1L classes. Note especially sign up for tour/orientation sessions scheduled next week, August 23-27.

This page is the gateway to all information about the library and access to resources and services. Note especially our blog, the Goodson Blogson where you will find news and announcements; the Suggestion Box; and the Ask a Librarian page for 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 like it is your second home. These features of the library are especially important to your experience.
- 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 all carrels, and wireless access throughout the building
- Eight study rooms are available for law students all equipped with computers and integrated videoconferencing and video recording capability. Reservations up to one day in advance at the Circulation Desk
- 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 law and library science.

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 us during the year at any time. Have a great year!