A Kid Winter State of Mind

“In reality, Little Ones, there are two winters. One made for kids; the other for adults. The one made for adults is always too cold and always too long. The one made for kids is always perfect. A kid winter is an endless and wild snow carnival where all the rides are free.”

—Carew Papritz, *The Legacy Letters: His Wife, His Children, His Final Gift*

I’m a snow-belt transplant. This is my first winter residing (and driving) in the Lake County portion of the snow-belt. I’ve had my truck in 4-wheel drive more this winter than the entire time I’ve owned it. It would make no difference, though. It appears my hometown of Massillon, Ohio has had equal time with Old Man Winter this season. It’s a perfect time to put my winter driving skills to the test. I must mention that the diligence of the road crews in keeping up on our roads is pretty impressive here in Lake County. I’ve actually bragged about how pro-active our road crews have been to the folks “back home” who give me grief about moving to the snow-belt. Thank you to all who’ve worked so hard at keeping our roads safe this winter.

I was talking with a friend who mentioned that this extra-cold winter season has mimicked what wintertime “used to be like” when we were kids. We both recalled that the temperatures seemed much colder and the snow much deeper with plenty of snow days off from school. It certainly does seem that way. However, as kids, we didn’t pay attention to the weather reports, the driving conditions, or the heating bills. We were more concerned with sledding, packing snowballs, drinking hot cocoa, and whether or not we had to do our math homework for the next school day.

Reality doesn’t allow for most of us to go back to having a kid winter on a full-time basis. We can, however, move ourselves through this cold season by adopting a kid winter state of mind. Grab a cup of hot tea or cocoa and take a few minutes to remember what kid winter was like before adult winter took over. What’s your favorite kid winter memory? We can’t change the weather but changing our outlook may make dealing with it a little easier.

Me? I’m going to sip some hot tea while I make Spring plans for the Law Library. This involves grant-writing, researching new electronic equipment, designing a new library brochure, and planning a celebration for April’s National Library Week. Stop in and say hello!

Sandra E. Murphy
There is a new, smiling face at our reception desk! Dianna Trent joined our team as Library Assistant at the end of 2013. Dianna is from the Cleveland area and a recent graduate of the paralegal program at Bryant & Stratton College.

Dianna replaces Minnie Ozbayemur who joined Angela Baldree at the Franklin County Law Library in Columbus. If you are visiting the courthouse, please stop by the library for an introduction.

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**Used Book Sale Titles**

We have been busy making room for the 2014 editions of many of our print titles. Softbound discarded titles are only $5.00 each. Hardbound discarded titles are $10.00 each. Sale titles include:

- Ohio Appellate Practice 2013-13
- Search and Seizure Checklists 2013
- Veterans Benefits Manual 2013
- Florida Rules of Court (State & Federal) 2013
- Anderson’s Ohio Elder Law Practice Manual 2013
- Anderson’s Ohio Domestic Relations Practice Manual 2012

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**Calendar of Events**

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK**

is April 13-19, 2014. We will be offering coffee and refreshments each day during the week.

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The law library shall provide legal research, reference, and library services to County and State employees, authorized legal practitioners, and their staffs. Services are as follows:

- Print library of over 1600 titles
- Laptops with Microsoft Office
- Sony digital camcorder
- Optoma media projector with screen
- Audio tapes, video tapes, and anatomical models and charts
- Portable X-Ray view box for courtroom presentations
- Reference assistance and technical training
- Wireless internet access throughout the library

- Complimentary copy of Connexus
- Document enlargement to various poster size along with matching frames
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