

Library of the United States Courts In the First Circuit

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Boston Library. According to First Circuit Local Rule 46(d): “The law library of this court shall be open to members of the Bar, to the United States Attorneys of the Circuit and their assistants, to other law officers of the government, and persons having a case in this court, but books may be removed only by government employees, who shall sign therefor.” Members of the general public may use the library, but have no borrowing privileges. Any person from the designated categories may use the library, provided that he/she abides by the library rules and behaves in an orderly manner.

There are three branch libraries in the Circuit. They are located in the District Court courthouses in Concord, NH; Hato Rey, PR; and Providence, RI. Presently they are open only to court personnel.

Use of the Boston Library

Everyone using the library is asked to sign in and out via a log book located at the Front Desk.

Public Access Computers. The library has computer workstations for use by public patrons and court staff. These allow access to the internet and word-processing software. The standard daily time limit per user is two hours. Patrons are expected to provide all paper needed for printing. Library staff keep a log of users of the PAC’s and may adjust time limitations for administrative reasons (e.g., in anticipation of closing, to allow maintenance work on the computer, or to allow other patrons a chance to use the PAC). The library does not provide access to LexisNexis and Westlaw. If a patron has a personal password to either system, they may use a public access computer to connect.

Laptop Computers/Tablets in the Library. Court personnel and government attorneys may bring their laptops or tablet devices to the library. Wireless service is available. Persons from outside the court are permitted to bring a laptop or tablet device to the library, but should call ahead to seek the assistance of a library staff member. The staff member will prepare the necessary form and see that it reaches the court security officers at the entrance to the courthouse. You will then be allowed to bring your device through security.

Circulation. Only federal government employees are permitted to check out books. The circulation period to chambers varies, depending upon location. Books to other (non-court) federal employees are checked out for three days.

Photocopying. A coin-operated photocopier in the west wing of the library is available for the use of the public. Copies are \$.50 per page. The copier will take coins and bills up to \$10.00.

Telephones. Quiet cell phone use is permitted. Public telephones are located on the 2d Floor of the courthouse, outside the Clerk's Office of the U.S. District Court for Massachusetts.

Library Rules. All items in the library are the property of the United States Government. Damaging or defacing books, furniture or equipment is a serious offense. Action will be taken accordingly.

Food or beverages (except for water in closed containers) are prohibited.

Only court employees are permitted to use the library after hours.

A more detailed *Library Access, Conduct and Services* policy is posted at the Front Desk.

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