Local Libraries: Offer Cost Saving Services

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"A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life" – Henry Ward Beecher.

You can benefit from various library services offered in the Northern Kentucky/Cincinnati area. As a general rule, libraries offer three basic research services including: an online catalog reflecting the resources owned by the library, either on-site or remote access to research databases, and reference help via the phone or email. The following library profiles highlight specific saving services.

Chase College of Law Library / Northern Kentucky University
http://www.nku.edu/~chase/library

Location: Nunn Hall, Highland Heights, KY

General: (859) 572-5394  Reference: (859) 572 6484

Library Mission: To meet the research needs of law students and faculty and to serve as a resource for the university, legal community, and the broader community.

Value-Added Services: On campus access to the Shepard's Citations Service (web-based service) and other legal related databases. Access to a number of online research databases in the areas of business including CCH's business, human resources and tax libraries. Access to web pages highlighting federal, state and local resources. Reference assistance in person and by phone.

Collection: Federal and state primary law in print and electronic formats and an extensive collection of secondary sources.

Membership: Open to the public.

Cincinnati Law Library Association
http://www.hamilton-co.org/cinlawlib/

Location: Hamilton County Courthouse, Cincinnati, OH

General: (513) 946-5300  Reference: (513) 946-5303

Library Mission: To provide legal informational services to officials, judges and the legal community of Hamilton County, Ohio;

Value-Added Services: Free access to online research databases including Westlaw, Research Institute of America and the CCH business and human resources libraries. Reference assistance in person, by phone, or via email. Access to web pages highlighting Cincinnati and Hamilton County Sources, Ohio Sources, Court Forms and General Forms, Statistical Sources, and Miscellaneous Research.

Collection: A practitioner oriented collection and the library may acquire legal resources not purchased by a law school library. Federal and state primary law in print and electronic formats.

Membership Fees: Attorneys $25.00 the first year and the regular annual membership is $50.00. UC and Chase law students have free access. Non-members can pay a daily fee of $5.00 to use the library.
Public Library of Cincinnati & Hamilton County
http://www.cincinnatilibrary.org/
Locations: Main Library, 800 Vine Street, Cincinnati, OH
General: (513) 369-6900  Public Documents: (513) 369-6971

Library Mission: The Library values free, open, unrestricted access to its collections and services.

Value-Added Services: Free remote access (via your office computer) to a vast collection of research databases. The extensive database collection includes business and finance sources, health and medical information, dictionaries and encyclopedias, and scientific databases. You must key in your library card identification number in order to access the research databases. Kentucky residents can purchase a Library Card with proof of reciprocal library card from Boone, Campbell or Kenton County Library Card and $15.00.

Collection: The Public Documents and Patents Department of the Main Library offers the most complete government documents collection in the Tri-state and dates back to 1884. The Main Library is a Patent and Trademark Depository Library, one of 80 in the country. The Patents Department provides patents dating back to 1790 and offers classes on how to conduct patent research.

Membership Fees: $15.00 annually and an active library card from Boone, Campbell or Kenton County.

Other Local Libraries Include:

Boone County Public Library
http://www.bcpl.org/

Campbell County Public Library
http://www.cc-pl.org/

Kenton County Public Library
http://www.kenton.kyb.us/

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