

[Open House](#)

The time has come! The books are here! Hope you'll come and visit...Wednesday, February 7, 2007 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The new materials that have *thus* far arrived will be on display for you to touch and to browse. Be the first to reserve one of our new books or to peruse one of our new reference sources. Consider it your local Barnes and Noble site, at least for a few hours. Maybe it will help to know that there will be FOOD...yes, free FOOD...to enjoy while you visit. You will also be able to see a demonstration of our subscription database, [Criminal Justice Periodical Index](#), (or do a search of your own) and you'll be able to look at the NCJRS website. Hope to see you on the 7th!!!

[Books](#)

As promised, the books that are currently catalogued into our "official" collection are now available to you on the "Y" drive (shared) in the **Library** folder. You will notice that the arrangement on the spreadsheet is in order according to the Dewey classification system, from lowest number to highest. Feel free to come by and take a look at what's on the shelves. Please remember that **REFERENCE** materials are labeled as such and can be found in front of the rest of the collection on the shelves. Also, an updated printout of this "catalog" can be found at the circulation desk.

I am slowly working my way through the materials that have been housed on the shelves for quite some time (books, CDs, and magazines) to decide what will stay and what will go. Regardless of the decisions made about each item, the goal is to have a collection that serves the needs of our community. Your input will go a long way to helping us reach that goal.

[CJPI](#)

Don't forget that PCTC has a subscription to the [Criminal Justice Periodicals Index](#). This database, that provides access to over 225 journals in the field of criminal justice, can be accessed by typing the following into your URL line: <http://proquest.umi.com/login>. If anyone out there has any feedback for me about this

resource, I would love to hear your comments. Likewise, if any of you are reluctant to test the waters and would like some assistance, please contact me to set up a training session.

[Materials Available](#)

There are a number of items that have found their way to the library which have proven to be duplicates, triplicates, and more. Included here are a variety of books, some reference materials, CD cases, etc. You can come shopping on Wednesday, February 7, 2007 between 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. (yes...the same time as our Open House) to see if there is anything that will be of use to you. Prices are very reasonable and no additional discounts will be offered!

[Looking for Input](#)

Behind the circulation desk you will find two tall file cabinets (fondly known in library-ese as the **Vertical File**) that contain hundreds of articles, reports, and other materials that have been gathered over many years. These are loosely organized by topic (e.g., [Bombs and Incendiary Devices](#), [Hostage Negotiation](#), [Search and Seizure](#), etc.). Much, if not most of it, dates back to the 1990s and earlier. With the exception of John Fuller, I haven't seen anyone come to look at the materials since I've been at PCTC and I wondered whether people knew of the **VF's** existence. Those of you who came from Woodstock will probably remember seeing it in the library.

If you would like to peruse the **VF** more closely, please feel free to do so. At some point in the near future I will need to make an administrative decision concerning its fate.

[Fun Reading](#)

In the previous issue of this newsletter, I appealed to you to donate books that could become part of a [Fun Reading](#) area in our library. Many thanks to Lee Goldman for being the first contributor. Look for the sign on the same side as our legal reference materials to locate this spot in the library. If you like history, you'll love these choices. In addition, Harry Hagedorn has also

recently donated some of his personal library to us and some of those donations have also become part of our [Fun Reading](#) area. Others of his have been added to the regular circulating collection. If you wish to borrow something when I'm not around, please feel free to sign the book checkout log on the circulation desk with all of the pertinent information. Also, it's not too late to consider donating your gently used books to our library. Happy reading!

[Have you seen this?](#)

The January 2007 issue of [Governing](#) contains an article entitled ' "Stat" Fever,' about the practice of collecting data in order to monitor and improve government performance. Featured prominently in the article are the city of Baltimore and our now former mayor Martin O'Malley and the program CitiStat that he put into place. Basically this program provides the means whereby managers are held publicly accountable for the performance of their departments. Other cities around the country use programs similar to this one (they are termed differently in these other locales) and most report significant benefits to doing so. You can come and read the article here in the library or you can go to www.governing.com and find the full content of the article online.

Our new governor has already addressed his intention to implement this program across the state (probably to be called "StateStat") in order to make state government agencies more efficient.

[Report Index](#)

You may recall from a previous newsletter issue that the *Report Index* is available to you on the "X" drive in the **Library** folder. As a courtesy, a hard copy of that index is available for your perusal at the circulation desk. It is located in a binder labeled Report Index and gives you the option of looking at a numerical listing of the documents as well as the likely more useful subject listing.

Part II is now also available for you to search on the "X" drive. A print copy of this section can also be found in the Report Index binder on the circulation desk.

[What Will You Be Working On?](#)

As you think ahead to what projects you will be involved with over the next several months, consider talking with me or sending me an e-mail

to let me know. This information is helpful to me as I browse publishers' catalogs and consider new resources for library purchase. In that way, materials can already be available to you when you begin the necessary research and information gathering.