Welcome to the Nahum Gelber Law Library. This brief tour will allow you to learn about the physical layout of the building, the services provided by the library and how to locate materials for assignments, course readings, reserves etc. The tour should take you about 30 minutes.

The Nahum Gelber Law Library is one of the Faculty of Law buildings on the north side of Peel (across the street is Dr. Penfield). The main entrance at 3660 Peel provides access to both the Nahum Gelber Law Library and the Faculty of Law buildings. Once through the outside doors you will see the main double doors to the Law library directly in front of you. To your left is a single door which leads via the Atrium corridor to the Atrium and on to the Faculty of Law which is housed in the Old and New Chancellor Day Hall buildings. The wall of donors is on the right hand side of this corridor.

Upon entering the Law Library through the main lobby doors, you will see the display cases on your right hand side. These cases usually contain book and articles recently published by the Faculty.

The Ground Floor

Once past the security system you will be in the foyer area of the ground floor. Here you will find the greatest concentration of public workstations outside of the electronic classroom. These computers can be used by students or guests who have signed in with the appropriate username and password. An uPrint enabled photocopier/ scanner/ printer is located in the photocopy area as well as a Spririt Book Scanner, a self-service machine that gives users a real time preview and saves directly to a USB device.

Directly in front of the main doors is a wide foyer area with the Exhibition Display Cases, where we present different Law related exhibitions during the year. Interactive digital signage allows you to see library floorplans, find your book’s location, check computers’ availability, and our opening hours. The circular stairway leading only to the second floor of the library; and the self-check machine which permits users to sign out materials. To the right of the circular stairway, the Reference Collection is shelved according to LC classification. Please note that items in this particular collection are for in library use only.

To the left of the stairway, behind the elevators, you will find washrooms, a water fountain and the stairs to the basement. Access to the other floors is by the elevators or internal staircases located on the left and right sides of the building
Past the elevators is the **Dobrin-Steinberg Computer Classroom**. This classroom was designed for teaching and training. It is used for the Legal Methodology courses, Library Instruction seminars, and database training. When not in use for teaching, the classroom may be used by students for research or preparing documents. The schedule for the use of this classroom is available on the display case outside the classroom.

**Loans / Information Desk**

Facing the elevators on the ground floor is the **Loans/Information Desk** which is the first place to ask for help. Research help is available from this desk which handles both loans and information questions. Please note that you may return *most borrowed material to any of the McGill libraries.*

At the **Loans / Information Desk** you can:
- Borrow and return materials
- Pick up Inter Library loans, recalls, and hold items
- Initiate searches for missing items
- Pay fines
- Borrow Course reserve materials
- Check for lost and found items
- Book group study rooms (reservations to be made by McGill law students only)
- Get general information about library services
- Ask for Research help

- **Remember to use the Law Library webpage to find out more about the facilities and services available at the Nahum Gelber Law Library. The library catalogue is designed to help you find out what information and resources are available at McGill. Once you have your call number, consult the Collections guide and floor plans to find out where your material is shelved.**

**Other Floors**

The **Second Floor** can be reached by the spiral staircase. At the top of the staircase behind the elevator is the John Humphrey collection, specialized on Genocides and Human Rights. Facing the glass windows at the top of the staircase is the Peter M. Laing Special Collections room which houses the Canadiana, Wainwright and Mackay collections. If you need to use an item from either of these collections, please ask for assistance at the Loans/Information Desk on the ground floor.

Beyond the Special Collections room is the door to Library administration and staff offices. At the Peel street side of the building, there is a group study room which can be booked at the Loans / Information Desk. There is a big study area with 13 large work tables and a photocopy room with a colour uPrint enabled photocopier/ scanner/ printer and a second Spirit Book Scanner.
The **Third Floor**, houses the rest of the general collection in LC classification and has a large reading and study area. Behind the elevators is the Moot complex with study rooms for the competitive moot teams.

The **Fourth and Fifth Floors** house the general collection which is in LC classification. There are graduate student carrels on the 5th floor and a study room on the 4th floor.

The **Basement** contains print journals shelved in alphabetical order, case law reporters, items classed in the Cutter system, some government documents, microfilm and microfiche items. There is a microfiche reader on this floor. Behind the elevators are located the statutes and regulations for Canada and the provinces as well as the air and space documents.

**Facilities and services**

These can be found throughout the library:

- Digital signage
- uPrint photocopier/ scanner/ printer (in photocopy rooms/ areas on each floor)
- Spirit Book Scanner (main and second floor)
- Floor plans
- Group study rooms
- Computer workstations
- Washrooms and water fountains

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