The Harris County Law Library is a public law library that serves the legal information needs of self-represented litigants, legal professionals, the judiciary, and county and other governmental officials. To fulfill its mission, the Law Library is committed to providing free access to a comprehensive legal research and reference collection, in print and digital formats, and offering educational programs for all patrons.

The Harris County Law Library opened its doors on October 1, 1915. At the time, attorneys and judges paid dues for the privilege of using the collection. In later decades, the Law Library became a county agency and eventually moved to Congress Plaza. Today, it is a proud part of the Harris County Attorney’s Office and a destination for anyone in Harris County in need of legal information.

By the Numbers

- **Hours:** 8 a.m. - 7 p.m., Monday - Friday
- **Computers:** 25 public legal research computers
- **Collection Size:** 30,000 books and print resources
- **Usage:** 5,400 visits per month
- **Established:** October 1, 1915

Contact Us

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  Houston, Texas 77002
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History

Visit us on the Web at www.harriscountylawlibrary.org

Scan the QR Code for mobile access.
Library Services

**Print Collection**: The Harris County Law Library has more than 30,000 volumes of printed materials focusing on Texas and Federal law. Major collections include Texas and Federal cases, statutes, and regulations, State Bar of Texas CLE materials, and topical treatises and practice guides.

**Digital Collection**: Online research is essential in today’s legal environment. The Harris County Law Library maintains 25 public access computers that may be used for legal research. Designated computers are reserved for specialized legal research databases. See Research Databases below.

**Reference Services**: Law Library staff members are available during all hours of operation to help patrons locate and use print and digital materials for their legal research.

Partner Services

The Harris County Law Library works with these outstanding partners to bring additional services and amenities to its patrons:

- **ServiceDocs, Inc.**
  Full-service copy center located in the Law Library with notary and e-filing services.

- **Gallo’s Café**
  Serving coffees, pastries, soups, salads, sandwiches, hot dogs, and gelato in the Law Library lobby.

- **Harris County Public Library**
  Browse a circulating HCPL collection in the Law Library; pick up and return reserved materials.

Research Databases

To be successful in today’s legal environment, researchers need access to extensive digital collections. Many researchers, including both attorneys and self-represented litigants, do not have access to the necessary databases. The Harris County Law Library works with leading database providers to make the following resources available without charge to its patrons:

- WestlawNext (5 designated computers)
- Lexis Patron Access (5 designated computers)
- HeinOnline
- CCH Intelliconnect
- RIA Checkpoint (5 designated computers)
- State Bar of Texas Practice Manuals

Did you know?

Did you know the Harris County Law Library:

- offers educational programs, such as training sessions for WestlawNext?
- has free public WiFi?
- is located within four blocks of 85 Texas courts?
- was the primary library for South Texas College of Law students shortly after the school opened in the early 1920s?
- has an extensive historical collection that includes a full set of the well-known Martindale-Hubbell Directory going back to 1873?
- has more than a mile and a half of shelving?