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The State Law Library is a great resource for the following:

- Extensive self-help materials from legal publishers such as NOLO and easy to understand the Nutshell series from West.

- Legal Encyclopedias such as American Jurisprudence (Am Jur 2nd) and Corpus Juris Secundum (CJS) – A great place to start your research.

- Comprehensive legal materials from Rhode Island, consisting of case law, statutory codes, session laws, regulations, and municipal ordinances.

- Treatises ranging from one volume works to multi-volume resources on a wide variety of legal topics.

- Internet access to premier legal databases, including Westlaw and Lexis Advance. Westlaw is available at the main library and county libraries. Lexis Advance is offered at the main library and in all the county libraries.

  Note – Databases can only be accessed from within the Judiciary’s network. Remote access to these databases is not available. Although the library has wireless capabilities, personal computers cannot be used to access the internet or individual networks due to security issues.

- Electronic resources on a variety of topics. Materials consist of forms, treatises, and practice materials that will assist the researcher.

- Reference assistance via telephone or email. Librarians can point you to books and databases that may be helpful in your research. Library staff CANNOT provide legal advice, that is, apply the law to your specific circumstances or interpret the law for you.

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