Law and the Library:

A special collaboration between
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland
and
The Cleveland Public Library
When someone is faced with the **loss of something as basic as shelter, income, safety or education**, the best response is often the use of our legal system.

But, there is **no right to counsel** in United States’ civil courts.

**This what Legal Aid does.**
Legal Aid helps those below 200% of the Federal Poverty guidelines.

In Northeast Ohio, approximately 622,000 people (32% of the population) are eligible for Legal Aid’s services.
Patrons try to access the library to get legal help: librarians hear people’s legal questions but are unable to help.

“Law and the Library” began in 2013: 12 “brief legal advice” clinics a year at 12 different CPL branches.

Clinics advertised via Legal Aid and CPL branches (bookmarks, newsletters, etc.)
Legal Aid at the Library

Legal Aid partners with the Cleveland Public Library to enhance understanding of the law.

Upcoming FREE legal advice clinics:

All clinics are first come, first served free advice events for low-income individuals with civil legal issues (not criminal).
Please bring all relevant paperwork with you.

All clinics are held 9:30 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

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Attorneys are available for brief advice and referral only.
Advice clinic attorneys do NOT represent you.
If you need legal representation, you may be referred to:
The Legal Aid Society of Cleveland or another service provider.
In the past 2 ½ years we helped more than **2,640 family members through 1,064 cases** at Cleveland Public Library clinics.

**347 volunteer attorneys** staffed the 30+ clinics hosted at Library branches, representing **more than 1200 hours of time**.
Impact and Success

- Hundreds more hours of Legal Aid staff **attorney time** on cases handled, managing volunteers and overseeing clinics.

- Hours of volunteer and staff service **valued at more than $250,000.**
Some other legal aid organizations in the US have a “Law and the Library” partnership.

Ours is the only one with a regular calendared presence that focuses on client services, providing library patrons with personalized legal advice.

The partnership provides needed support/relief to library staff, and brings additional patrons into libraries during non-peak hours.