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Public User Meetings are held the third Wednesday of every month at 2 p.m. Meeting notices and minutes are available by linking to **Products and Services** from the USPTO home page at www.uspto.gov. Send topic suggestions for future newsletters to psf@uspto.gov.

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WILLIAM RIVERS RETIRES

William Rivers retired in October after 30 years of government service. He assisted many public users at the reception/reference desks during his tenure working in the Patent Search Room and Public Search Facility. His smile and friendly greetings were appreciated by all who visited and worked in the search facility. Best wishes Mr. Rivers!

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

The Public Search Facilities will be closed on Tuesday, December 25th in observance of the Christmas Day holiday and on Tuesday, January 1st 2007 in observance of New Year's Day.

USPTO PUBLIC USER ACCESS BADGE RENEWAL

USPTO Security Services will be asking public users with building access IDs to renew their badges during the month of December. Badge renewal forms will be available at the security desk located at the entrance of the Public Search Facility on the first floor of Madison East. For further information, please contact USPTO Security Services at 571-272-8000.

TM REGISTRATION WORD MARK MICROFILM COLLECTION

The Trademark Registration word mark microfilm collection located on the first floor of the Public Search Facility at the Alexandria campus continues to expand. As of November 30, 2007, 1,700 reels have been filed. By the end of February 2008, the entire collection of classified TM Registration word marks will be available on microfilm.

TM REGISTRATIONS WITH DESIGN ELEMENTS MICROFILM COLLECTION

The second group of Trademark Registrations with design elements, classified in the categories Music, Mythology, Building & Scenery and Letters 1, were removed for microfilming from the Trademark Search Facility on Monday November 26, 2007. Registrations with design elements classified in the Art category are now in the Public Search Facility microfilm collection.

Search Collections

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- Print
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RELOCATION OF MICROFILM CABINETS

To provide easier access to the Public Search Facility's collection of patent and trademark microfilm reels, the microfilm cabinets have been rearranged and will be relabeled. The addition of eight new microfilm cabinets has provided sufficient drawer space to accommodate the receipt of two classified Trademark registration microfilm collections, word marks and registrations with design elements.

GILSON ON TRADEMARKS

Release #64 was received and filed on Oct 24, 2007. This update focuses on changes to TTAB procedures, new online trademark services, jury trials, and amending color features of a registered trademark. The namesake of this publication, Jerome Gilson, was recently inducted into the Intellectual Property Hall of Fame.

UNITED STATES PATENTS QUARTERLY

The PSF is now receiving copies of the *Weekly Advance Sheets for the United States Patent Quarterly*. This new reference is located with the Public Search Facilities' other legal references on the first floor.

ASSIGNMENT MICROFILM DISCONTINUED

The Public Records Division recently converted its archival storage of patent and trademark assignment recordations from microfilm to electronic media. Therefore, the microfilm that has historically been provided to the Public Search Facility will no longer be produced. The last reel of patent assignment information is Reel 19469 and the last reel of trademark assignment information is Reel 3563. All of the microfilm assignment recordations up to and including these reels will continue to be made available in the Public Search Facility.

Access to new assignment recordations continues to be provided by the Assignments Historical Database (AHD), available on the Universal Public Workstations (UPWS).

You may obtain additional information about searching assignment recordations at On-line Assistance Desks located in each facility.

TSF TRADEMARK CLASSIFICATION CODE INDEX AVAILABLE ON X-SEARCH

Trademark registrations containing design elements issued on or after August 28, 2007 now have a Trademark Search Facility code assigned electronically to assist public users familiar with the classification categories formerly used to file printed copies. To retrieve Trademark registrations using the TSF design codes, log into X-Search, click on "Help", and select *TSF Classification Code Index*. Search or scroll to the code, copy to X-Search and execute the strategy. The field code for TSF Codes is [TC]. If you know how the code is formatted, you may choose to enter the specific code in your search query.

PATENT QUICK REFERENCE GUIDES

Pick up current copies of Quick Reference Guides to assist you in searching electronic patent information accessed through the UPWS applications PubEAST and PubWEST. Guides for searching European Patent Office and Japanese Patent Office patent information, as well as other online foreign patent information is accessible through UPWS applications.

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