

PTRC Resources

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- ➤ Ablah Library became a PTRC in 1991 and is the only PTRC in Kansas.
- ➤ The PTRC Program began in 1871 when federal statute (35 USC 12) first provided for the distribution of printed patents to libraries for public use.
- ➤ Public, state, academic, and special libraries can be designated as a PTRC to disseminate patent and trademark information to support the intellectual property needs of the public.

What we offer:

- Books to check out
- USPTO Brochures
- Free Workshops
- Individual Consultations
- Outreach & Displays
- Research Guides Online



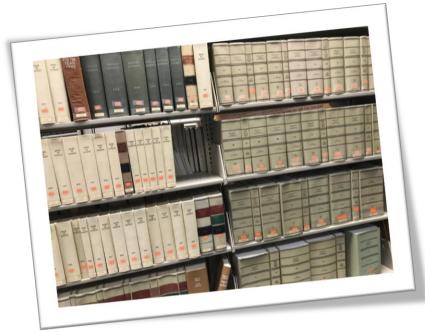
Books for Pro Se Applicants



- NOLO Press Books such as:
 - Patents for Beginners
 - Patent it Yourself
 - Patent Pending in 24 Hours
- Patent Application Drafting by Morgan D. Rosenberg
- Books about patent and trademark law
- Books about inventors and invention (for kids and adults)



Government Documents



- Plant Patents in full color 1994present
- The Official Gazette of the USPTO: Patents and Trademarks 1975-2002
- Index of Patents
- Index of Trademarks



USPTO Brochures such as ...



- General Information Concerning Patents
- Guide to Filing a:
 - Provisional Patent Application
 - Utility Patent Application
 - Design Patent Application
- Protecting Your Trademark: Enhancing Your Rights Through Federal Registration



Entrepreneurship Research Series



Topics such as:

- Intellectual property basics
- Individual patent, trademark, and copyright workshops
- Business research and graphic design tools
- Guest speakers
- USPTO presented virtually, not part of the series



2018 Summer Outreach



Trademark assistance Create Campaign



Molly Kocialski & Rebecca Fritchman, USPTO Sara Butts, PTRC Librarian, WSU Libraries **Mini Maker Faire, Exploration Place**

> Chat with the USPTO, Lisa Roberts, KSBDC, and Sara Butts, PTRC Reverie Roasters



Individual Consultations

- Explain intellectual property basics
- Answer general questions
- Connect to legal services, organizations, and resources
- Patent and trademark search training
- Explanation of patent and trademark application processes
- 2 Hours Max
- Email to schedule an appointment

Intellectual Property is ...

A creation of the mind, to which a creator has rights, and may apply for protection. These may include:

Patents

Protect inventions

Trademarks

Protect Business Names & Logos

Trade Secrets

Secrets with an advantage

Copyrights

Protect original works of authorship



Learn to use databases such as:

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (videos, webinars, and guides)

http://www.uspto.gov/



European Patent Office: Espacenet

http://worldwide.espacenet.com/



Google Patents

http://google.com/patents

http://patents.google.com



Other Resources

- WSU Ventures (technology transfer office at WSU)
- Kansas Small Business Development Center (KSBDC)
- SBIR/STTR and Encountering Innovation events
- Inventors Association of South Central Kansas (IASCK)
- Network Kansas referral center
- Rocky Mountain Regional Office, USPTO
- Patent and Trademark Pro Bono Services, USPTO & Law Schools
- Makerspaces such as MakeICT and GoCreate (\$)
- 1 Million Cups Wichita (networking)
- Wichita Chamber of Commerce

Research Guides

WSU Research Guide: Patents, Trademarks, & Copyright

http://libresources.wichita.edu/patents/trademarks/copyright

Entrepreneurship Research Series (free workshops)

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