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PTRC Resources

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Wichita State University Libraries

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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 1994-present
- 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

ENTREPRENEURSHIP RESEARCH SERIES SPRING 2019

Visit <http://libresources.wichita.edu/ers> to RSVP.

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



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

Trademark assistance
Create Campaign



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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