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Presidential Address

Mary Kay Jung, Thompson Coburn

While you won't read this until sometime in March, I am writing it in early February as St. Louis recovers from the recent visit of Pope John Paul II. One of the stories to come out of his visit was the weather miracle – the unseasonably warm and sunny weather we enjoyed for the 30 hours the Pope was in town. Although it is not unusual to have a January thaw late in the month, the coincidence of timing was attributed to the prayers of the Pink Sisters (an order of nuns nicknamed for their colorful habits.) Whether it's the power of prayer or the power of positive thinking, I'm a believer. So, confident that we librarians can channel our positive thinking into reality, here's my wish list for MAALL in 1999:

- All MAALL members understand they are a valued member and that their active participation in the association is the key to our success.

- The 1999 MAALL Meeting will be inspirational, practical and fun. This one is already in the works. Program Chair Glen-Peter Ahlers has set the theme for the October meeting as "Bridging the Centuries," a potpourri of events to explore new technologies and plain old library issues. As he explains:

> "We are in the midst of rapid transformation to digital information systems. While information for centuries primarily meant characters and pictures on paper, during the 1900s, electricity allowed sound and pictures broadcasts to add to the milieu. In the last two decades computer miniaturization has allowed enormous changes in what comprises information and how we capture, use and deliver it. Yet what

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Membership News

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IOWA

Drake University Law Library

Rebecca Lutkenhaus began work January 11th as the new Acquisitions/Reference Librarian. She is a recent graduate of the University of Iowa, having completed her J.D. in May, 1998 and her M.A. in Library Schience in December, 1998.

Drake's Information Technology/Reference Librarian, **David Hanson**, is in the process of updating the law school and library's new web pages. Please check out his work at *http://www.drake.edu/public/lawlib/top.html*

KANSAS

Johnson County Law Library

The Johnson County Law Library will begin the process of joining the Johnson County Public Library computer system in February. A part-time library clerk, **Tami McDonald**, was hired in December. She will assist with the inventory of materials for the new library system.

University of Kansas Law Library

Preparations continue for the ABA site visit scheduled for the first week of March, interviews are underway in the search for the next dean, and a barcoding project is looming as the library looks forward to the new campus-wide integrated library system.

MISSOURI

University of Missouri-Columbia

The UMC Law Library is glad to welcome **Darcy Jones**, who joined the staff in December, 1998, as the Automation and Bibliographic Management Librarian. Darcy was previously on the staff at Washburn University.

Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal

Tom Marsh, until recently a Reference Librarian at Shook, Hardy & Bacon, become the first Law Librarian in the Kansas City office of Sonnenschein, Nath & Rosenthal.

OKLAHOMA

University of Tulsa Law Library

With the help of Hallett Movers, the University of Tulsa College of Law Library emptied the existing library during the holiday break ahead of schedule! The library is now operating with 40% of its print collection available and all the microform accessible. Staff are located in four different buildings on campus with books in three buildings. They have nearly doubled reference service as two separate desks are providing 109 hours of service a week. The staff wants everyone to know that the addresses and phone numbers in the MAALL directory are still functional. Progress on the construction of their new $11.5 million expansion can be checked out on the web at this address: *http://law.tulsa.edu/construction.*

SOUTH DAKOTA

University of South Dakota Law Library

Delores Jorgensen, Catalog Librarian at the McKusick Law Library, University of South Dakota, has completed the second edition of her book, *South Dakota Legal Research Guide*, published by William S. Hein & Co. The 194 page paperback contains a wealth of information and bibliographic sources specific to South Dakota law and government.

If you have membership news to include, contact Mike McReynolds at: (913) 451-6060 or Mike@sound.net by the 10th of the month prior to publication.

Placement News

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SAINT LOUIS UNIVERSITY LAW LIBRARY

Government Documents Librarian

The Documents Librarian at Saint Louis University Law Library is part of the reference team and serves as the liaison to the technical services department in order to make federal and state government information available to the university community and the general public. The librarian provides reference service for the general collection which includes participation in the evening and the weekend schedule. The Documents Librarian is the primary contact at all times for government information reference.

The Documents Librarian is responsible for all aspects of the federal and state depository collections in the library, including selection, processing, identifying cataloging priorities, and presentation to the public regardless of format. The Documents Librarian must know the law and guidelines which govern each depository system and apply those to our situation. The librarian must also be aware of our relationship with the regional depository libary at the University of Missouri at Columbia and fulfill our obligations to the regional depository. The librarian must be aware of the interests of faculty, students, and the general public and tailor the collection accordingly. The librarian will also aggressively seek titles of interest which do not come through present depository channels and will seek older titles which will provide depth to our collection.

The librarian will be familiar with Library of Congress cataloging and classification, especially as they apply to documents. Experience with Innovative Interfaces, Inc. is preferred.

The librarian will be familiar with electronic access to government materials, including the Internet and its application to government information and its particular implications for legal information.

The librarian will be committed to easy access to the collections and creatively employ current technology to present them to the public.

As a member of the University faculty, the Documents Librarian participates in the life of the Law School and the University through committee service and involvement in faculty governance.

The librarian has a renewable appointment as a non-tenure track faculty member with rank appropriate to education, experience, responsibilities, and accomplishments.

The librarian supervises two part-time paraprofessional staff members and student assistants.

JOB REQUIREMENTS: MLS from an ALA-accredited library school. Must have government documents experience. J.D. preferred or willingness to pursue a J.D. Law library experience preferred. Salary is commensurate with education and qualifications.

Please send resume and names of three references to:

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Treasurer's Report on Libraryfest Midwest, October 8-10, 1998

REVENUE	
Donation from Matthew Bender	$1,500.00
Return of seed money and profit distribution*	4,631.49
Total Revenue	$6,131.49
EXPENSES	
"Seed money" to Midwest Regional Law Libraries Conf.	$500.00
Milwaukee Hilton - Luncheon Deposit	500.00
Milwaukee Hilton - Luncheon Balance	838.33
J. Duggan -- Executive Board Dinner Mtg.	120.00
Lodging for M. Axtmann	136.38
Total Expenses	$2,094.71
TOTAL NET REVENUE	$4,036.78

*Based on percentage of attendance that came from our chapter, which was $31.40.

Janet McKinney, MAALL Treasurer

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> aproaches when the odometer turns over is not all new. Our familiar books remain. And Management issues remain. And storage and retrieval issues remain."

The Kansas City Local Arrangements Committee is also hard at work (and ahead of schedule) on its plans. We will have the opening reception Thursday evening at the new Jazz/Negro League Baseball Museum with a catered barbecue dinner, opportunities for day-time library tours on Friday, a Friday night reception at the new Federal Courthouse, followed by dinner on your own at any one of a variety of Kansas City restaurants specially selected by the Committee. The Committee also promises a "unique" shopping guide and, of course, the Plaza location.

- Any MAALL member who wants is able to attend the AALL satellite videoconference on Quality Customer Service because MAALL institutions throughout the chapter will volunteer to host it.

- MAALL's participation in AALL's VIP program builds closer ties between our law libraries and the legal and information communities.

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Prepared By Kirk Gregory, U.S. Courts Library, St. Louis

Gabel, Keith V. "*The Past and Future of Cooperative Buying Program.*" 43(3) Law Library Lights p. 11-13, February 1999. (Law Librarians' Society of Washington, D.C.). Private law libraries in the DC area find that cooperative purchasing can be very beneficial.

Klasky, Mindy. "*Intellectual Property Resources on the Internet.*" 43(3) Law Library Lights p. 7-8, February 1999. (Law Librarians Society of Washington, D.C.). This is an excellent overview of some of the available trademark and intellectual property web sites.

For copies of cited articles, contact *Chapter News* author **Kirk Gregory** at:
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Book Review

By Beth Smith and Sandy Placzek, University of Nebraska Law Library

What Can You Do With a Law Degree? - A Lawyer's Guide to Career Alternatives Inside, Outside & Around the Law (4th ed., 1999), Deborah L. Arron, Niche Press, Seattle. $29.95.

> "law librarian: Order and update library publications. Assist lawyers and law school professors with their legal research. Instruct on location of reference materials. Work in a law firm, law library or corporation." (Page 375)

Well, according to Deborah Arron in her book "*What Can You Do With a Law Degree?*", this is what law librarians do. Given that a large portion of the book's potential audience is law librarians (because law libraries probably constitute the largest number of sales), defining the purchaser in such an unprofessional, apparently unresearched manner is NOT a way to make a sale. After seeing that description (which of course is the first thing we looked for), reading the book became a decidedly less attractive endeavor. It made us wonder if the other selected job descriptions were this cursory and poorly researched. Moving beyond our initial prejudice to look at the rest of the book, however, we concluded that this is perhaps the book's most glaring drawback.

Based on its title, we expected the book's central focus to be an in-depth discussion of alternative careers, with detailed contact information. Instead, we found job descriptions and contact information in the appendices and the bulk of the discussion centered on self-evaluation and why you should/should not practice law.

Having said all that, you may wonder: "Why should I buy this book?" Anybody thinking about law school, law students questioning their decision to go to law school, and law graduates dissatisfied with the practice of law are the target audiences for this book. The book provides in-depth discussion

on evaluating your career decisions and is a good resource for people who are questioning their prospective or current role in the legal profession.

Why should these audiences read this book? We both agreed that the first half of the book is a bit "touchy-feely". Ms. Arron's goal appears to be self-evaluation and then application of your discoveries to your life and career choices. She forces introspection by asking such questions as: Is this the right time for change? Am I suffering from burnout? Is it okay not to be a lawyer? If I no longer define myself as a lawyer, what am I? The book provides penetrating self-evaluation questions, quizzes, exercises and practical examples. In addition to introspection, this part of the book also includes a very practical section on cover letters and resumes for people leaving the practice of law.

The appendices (approximately half the book) are essentially a resource guide. This very practical section lists books to consult, organizations to contact, web sites to surf and the cursory job descriptions mentioned above.

This book has been published over a span of approximately ten years with different permutations; in our collection we have 1992, 1994 (each have copyright dates back to 1988) and 1997 editions. So why would you buy this edition if you have the previous editions? The fourth edition is remarkably similar to the third – even the covers are identical (except for the tiny "third"/"fourth" edition at the top). In comparing the third and fourth editions, it appears that the first part of the books are identical. The only differences appear to be in the resource guide section; new resources have been added and some resources have been omitted. If you have the third edition and your collection development dollars are tight, you might pass on this edition. Otherwise, the fourth edition would make a nice second copy or supplement to the third edition.

Overall, based on our remarks above, we both agree the fourth edition would be worth the purchase price for three reasons: (1) it is well written and many individuals will find this type of introspection helpful; (2) it is relatively inexpensive; and (3) there are not many books that fill this "Niche" (hey, we couldn't resist the pun).

New Member Grants Information

Grants covering registration costs are available to enable newer members to attend the AALL Annual Meeting. The purpose of the grants is to assist librarians who hold promise of future involvement in the law library profession. Applications can be obtained from AALLNET (*http://www.aallnet.org*), as a return fax for AALL's fax-on-demand service (908-544-5901), or by contacting AALL headquarters (312-939-4764 or e-mail: *aallhq@aall.org*).

The application deadline is **April 1**. Contact Grants Committee Chair Carol Watson at the University of Georgia School of Law (706-542-7365 or e-mail *cwatson@uga.edu*) if you need additional information.

AALL Scholarship Deadline Arrives April 1

AALL awarded nearly $50,000 in scholarships last year to support members pursuing various educational goals. With awards averaging more than $3,000 for each recipient, scholarships provide invaluable assistance in furthering professional growth. Scholarships are offered in the following categories:

Type I -- Library Degree for Law School Graduates
Type II -- Library School Graduates Attending Law School
Type III -- Library Degree for Non-Law School Graduates
Type IV -- Library School Graduates Seeking A Non-Law Degree
Type V -- Law Librarians in Continuing Education Courses

Selected recipients of these awards may be designated for the **John Johnson LEXIS-NEXIS Memorial Scholarship**. Additional funds are provided through two named scholarships:

The **James F. Connolly Congressional Information Service Scholarship** is awarded to a law librarian with an interest in government publications who is pursuing a law degree. The **George A. Strait Minority Stipend** provides assistance to law librarians who are degree candidates for library or law degrees.

The deadline for submitting applications is **April 1, 1999**. Scholarship forms are available from AALLNET (*http://www.aallnet.org*), Fax-on-Demand (908-544-5901), or from Headquarters (312-939-4764). AALL Scholarships Committee Chair John Edwards may be contacted if additional information is needed (515-271-2141 or *John.Edwards@drake.edu*). Students also may want to review the scholarships offered by the American Library Association at *http://www.ala.org/work/awards/grt-scho.html*.

1999 National Legal Research Teach-In - - - Count On It!

Are you feeling beleaguered and bewildered in our fast-paced, ever-changing law library environment? Or maybe you are one of the "lucky ones" who has everything figured out! Either way, you will be pleased to know that there is one thing in our crazy, mixed-up world that remains constant -- the National Legal Research Teach-In! It is returning in 1999 for its seventh consecutive year!

The 1999 Legal Research Teach-In, organized by the Research Instruction & Patron Services SIS (RIPS-SIS), offers the opportunity to improve the skills of your patrons and showcase your skills as a teacher and information provider. Following the pattern of the past six years of highly successful Teach-Ins, Teach-In '99 is scheduled in conjunction with National Library Week (April 11-17, 1999). As in previous years, the Teach-In commitee has worked with West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS to prepare unique instructional and promotional materials. Thanks to generous donations from the two companies, **the materials will again be available at no charge**. It is a true measure of their commit ment to the law library community that both West Group and LEXIS-NEXIS continue to underwrite

this activity, as they have since its inception seven years ago.

RESEARCH TRAINING KITS

Topped the "**BESTSELLER**" list again last year! -- West Group distributed approximately 650 kits to law librarians all over the world! The kits are designed to provide that extra assistance to get an instructional program off the ground. The kits include pathfinders, research guides, posters, lesson plans, lecture notes, research exercises; a myrid of instructional materials developed by law librarians for use by law librarians. Again this year there is one kit that covers a wide range of subject areas bringing traditional legal research sources together with the newest electronic sources. One kit per institution is available free of charge from the West Group. Contact Marketing Support, West Group, by fax 1-800-854-1597 or email *mkgsupport@westgroup.com*. Be sure to provide your name, address, institution, telephone number, and, if available, your West Group account number.

PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS

A **BIG HIT** from last year is back by popular demand! Over 20,000 notepads were sent out to approximately 525 locations around the United States, Canada, and Australia, setting another new record! Colorful notepads designed with Teach-In committee assistance and produced by LEXIS-NEXIS, can help you promote your 1999 Teach-In activities. These notepads can be used by library staff or given away to patrons as an incentive to participate in your library events. Email or fax requests to Judy Floyd Evans, Director, Librarian Relations Group, LEXIS-NEXIS, at *judy.floyd@lexis-nexis.com* or 937- 865-1585. Be sure to indicate your name, address, and the minimum quantity you need. If deemed necessary, a limit will be imposed in order to accommodate as many requests as possible.

Orders for training kits or promotional materials should be placed by **March 20, 1999**, so you will receive them in time for your National Library Week events.

Now is the time to make the commitment that your library will conduct some sort of event involving legal research during National Library Week 1999. With the vast amount of materials available to you, it's easy to plan an educational event. If you need more ideas, the Teach-In kits from previous years are available at AALL Headquarters. Contact: AALL, 312-939-4764. Questions or comments about the 1999 Legal Research Teach-In should be directed to the coordinators for the event, Gail Partin, Associate Law Librarian, Dickinson School of Law, Penn State University, 717-240-5294, *gap6@psu.edu*; or Karen Brunner, Library Manager, Riker Danzig Scherer Hyland & Perretti, 973-538-0800, *kbrunner@riker.com*.

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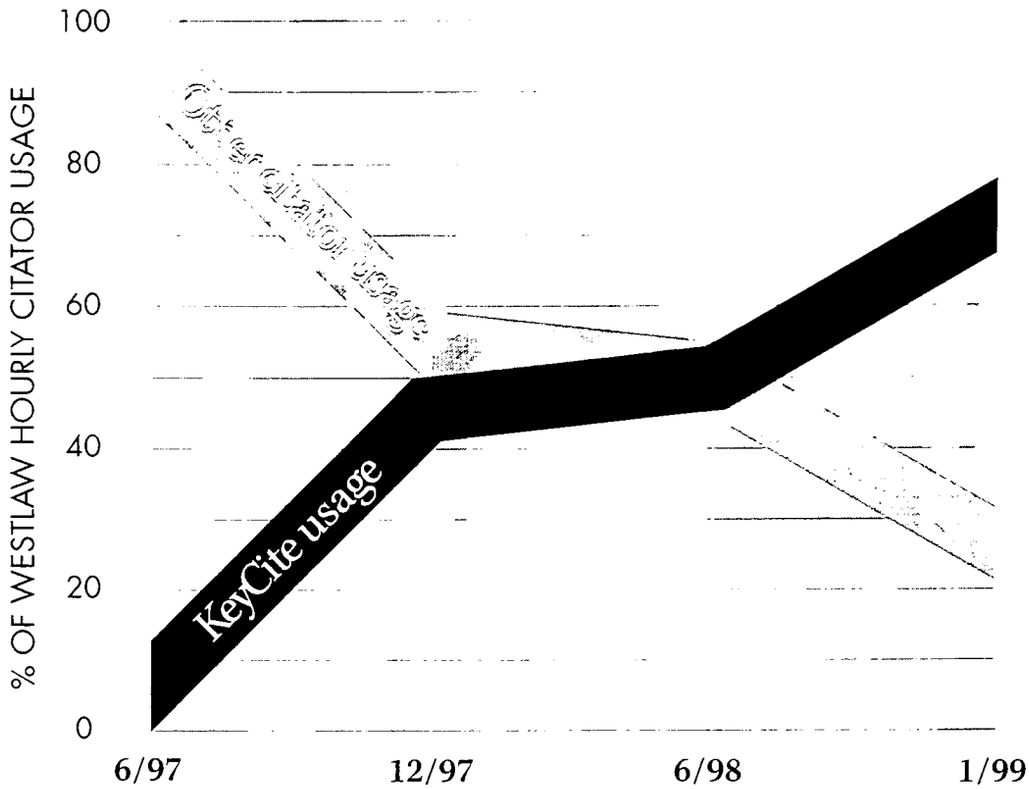

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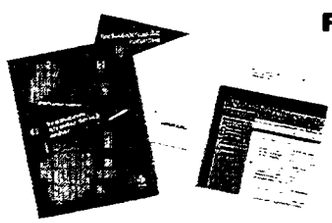

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Calendar for Continuing Education & Events

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June 5-10	SLA Annual Conference, Minneapolis, MN
July 17-21	AALL Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

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