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DAZED & INSTRUCTED

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Whenever I introduce myself and tell someone what I do, they seem genuinely interested that (1) someone has a job as a librarian and (2) law libraries are even a thing. When I tell them that I am also a professor at the College of Law, the *first* question they ask is always: “oh, do you get summers off?” Of course the answer is no: librarians do not get time off the way that other faculty members or instructors do. But, when they give me the “aww that stinks” look, I always say that working summers in a law (or any academic) library is refreshing: like a purging burn after a semester of overgrowing weeds and fallen trees (not sure what these would be metaphors for, but I’m barreling full steam ahead).

While the schedule of academic law librarians is very different than that of other members of the institution, it is also very different from the schedules of law firm and government librarians, or so I assume. There are certainly ebbs and flows to the amount of work that needs to get done, but I do not believe that these other types of law libraries lose 95% of their patrons for a 3-month period. We may not have summers off, but our schedules change dramatically.

The typical trajectory of the academic year goes like this (at least for me): fall semester is busy, but manageable; spring semester is hectic and eventually becomes chaotic; and then summer descends like a calming blanket, getting us ready for the fall again. The academic year always goes very fast, and part of the reason is that there is constantly something that needs to get done for classes: update slides, make assessments, grade assessments, send reminders, make assignments, grade assignments, realize what I am doing is not working great and I need to adjust on the fly, and hope against hope that these efforts work. Since every day involves putting out a series of fires, it goes fast but leaves no time for anything else.

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Then summer begins and everything is completely different. All of the bigger, more time intensive projects I have been putting off can now be focused on (and sometimes, even smaller manageable projects that I just did not want to do during the semester). There is an opportunity to focus on library operations and the big picture, and during the summers I feel more like a librarian than during the semesters. But the flip side of this coin is the boredom: it is exciting to put out a bunch of fires, and that keeps you motivated to not fall behind. During the summer, if a project is due in a month, my procrastinating mindset invariably tells me that there is no need to put out this fire... it is still in a smoldering phase.

Ultimately, the summer is just more open and project-based since there are no students, and very few library patrons. The patrons that are here are usually public patrons who may need help with resources (a brief moment of activity in an otherwise tranquil setting) or bar exam students who go into their studying holes and do not emerge until the end of July. While we do not get summers off, I essentially cease to be a professor (which takes up 80-95% of my time during the semester) and get to be a librarian again. And if there is something I have learned in my older age, it is that spending a summer day in the library is a pretty nice way to spend some time.

VICE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

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SCHOOL'S OUT FOR SUMMER!!! Well, unless you teach summer school. LOL!

Speaking of summer, it is almost time for AALL in Boston! I've only had the opportunity to attend AALL (in person) once which was last summer in Denver. It was fantastic. I met people I'd only seen via Zoom or corresponded with by email, tried new restaurants, saw gorgeous views of the mountains, and learned a great deal about law librarianship from my colleagues. While I won't be able to make it to Boston this year (believe me I am crying on the inside and the outside) I certainly hope you can make it. I know it will be just as phenomenal this year as it was last year. I will admit I am an introvert by nature; however, I sincerely enjoyed the opportunity to meet new people. I enjoyed all of the sessions (though Cool Tools Café is my favorite) and of course shopping for swag in the exhibition hall among the sea of vendors.



If you are going to Boston for AALL this year, do two things for me. One, meet someone new. I don't mean just say hello to a new person, but really make the effort to meet someone new. Invite them to go sightseeing, have lunch or breakfast, or a cup of coffee/tea at the break. But most importantly, trade contact information and then, KEEP IN TOUCH. Two, join your fellow MAALLers for lunch at Wagamama! Come out and see old friends and meet new friends to discuss all of the fun you will have in Des Moines in October.

This is a great time for me to segue to my next subject, the MAALL Annual Meeting! Our theme this year is (wait for it)... **Back FOR the Future!!** We are coming back together for the first time in years to celebrate the future of our profession. We are back to rekindle, rejuvenate, and reestablish our connections with each other,

law librarianship, and the world around us. If you did not send in your proposal by the May 12th deadline, check with the Education Committee and see if it's not too late. There is a lot going on in our world and profession. It is our responsibility to share what we learn with each other. Your ideas and contributions are what makes the annual meeting a success! So don't be stingy, SHARE!

Finally, if you are the chair of a committee and that committee has a Google Drive account, please check your recovery information. It is important to make sure that access to the Google Drive is passed on to the new committee chair so that information is not lost from year to year. Also, make sure your recovery information is tied to a current member of the committee. Usually it is the chair, but it doesn't have to be. If you are not sure how to check that information please [reach out to Treasurer, Sarah Kammer for assistance](#).

MAALL IN DES MOINES OCTOBER 12-14

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MAALL is excited to hold its first in-person annual meeting since 2019 in Des Moines. The convention hotel is [Hilton Home2 Suites](#), which is just a stone's throw from Drake University Law School where most meeting events will be held. [Rooms can already be booked here](#), with single rooms at \$124 and double rooms at \$144.

This meeting promises to be one of the more affordable MAALL conferences. The Hilton provides a free hot breakfast each morning and your registration will cover Thursday's lunch and reception as well as Friday's lunch. Friday night will be dine-arounds.

More information on the meeting will be provided at the MAALL virtual business meeting and the MAALL luncheon at AALL in Boston. At each of those meetings the Local Arrangements Committee will be awarding door prizes, including one free registration to the meeting in Des Moines.

The Education Committee already has received proposals for a number of programs on topics of high interest to our members that underscore this year's theme: **Back FOR the Future**. As in past in-person meetings, MALLCO will be offering roundtables on Thursday morning.

Please check the [MAALL website](#) for additional information, or feel free to contact Local Arrangements co-chairs [Lexi Brennan](#) or [John Edwards](#). We're looking forward to seeing everyone in Des Moines October 12-14.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Fellow MAALLers, it is an exciting year to be President of our dear Association. Your Executive Board and committees have been actively working to renew memberships, elect the next Board members, showcase MAALL at AALL in Boston, plan events, review the website, and host a stellar Annual Meeting in October. How do we keep it all straight? Personally, I look for way points in my calendar and turn those dates into a checklist of to-dos. Below I share some of the dates I am looking forward to so you can join along the way. Friends, there are so many opportunities for you to participate with MAALL this year and I hope you find some dates on your calendar to join in!

June 27: MAALL Business Meeting, Online

- Save the Date! To expand participation in a summer business meeting we will gather online June 27th at 1:00 p.m. Formal calendar invitation forthcoming.
- You won't want to miss the chapter update, nor your chance to win a free registration to the MAALL Annual Meeting in Des Moines (October 12-14) or a gift basket chock full of Des Moines swag. Only available to attendees! Submit your chance to win in advance at <https://forms.gle/AnTULriT1XDVR4Fx5>.

June 30: Submit MAALL Annual Report to AALL

July 15-18: AALL Annual Meeting

July 15: AALL Conference of Newer Law Librarians (CONNEL) will feature a member of the MAALL Public Relations Committee at the event's Marketplace.

July 17: MAALL Luncheon at Wagamama in Boston

- We are thrilled to announce the return of the MAALL AALL Annual Meeting Luncheon and we hope you are able to join us in Boston. Take a break from the hustle and bustle of the conference for some MAALL comradery and to enjoy exciting Asian cuisine. We have 20 seats available for the luncheon.
- Register online at <https://maall.wildapricot.org/event-5225964>
- Luncheon attendees have a chance at another Des Moines gift basket curated by the Local Arrangements Committee. Submit your chance to win in advance at <https://forms.gle/AnTULriT1XDVR4Fx5>. Must be present to win.
- Gift baskets will include a special t-shirt, apparel, and an assortment of Des Moines goodies, some of which are shown at the top of the next column.



August – September: Finalize MAALL Annual Meeting plans.

- Put the finishing touches on your programs, make your travel arrangements, and get excited about seeing colleagues for the first time in THREE years!

September 15: MAALL Markings Submission

- Do you have research to publish, best practices that help you stay productive, or general wisdom to impart? Share your stories and experiences in MAALL Markings!

October 12-14: MAALL Annual Meeting

- This is sure to be the highlight and capstone of the year! Keep your eye out for registration and scheduling.

I look forward to gathering with you throughout the next few months. See you soon!



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FROM THE MAALL DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DEI) COMMITTEE

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The DEI Committee is here to help with your summer reading list. We've been tracking must-read nonfiction books you should be reading this summer. We hope the lived experiences of these advocates, trailblazers, and changemakers inspire you.

[Tomiko Brown-Nagin's *Civil Rights Queen: Constance Baker Motley and the Struggle for Equality*](#), a *TIME* and *New Yorker* Best Book of the Year, brings to life the remarkable career of Constance Baker Motley, the first Black woman appointed to the federal judiciary. Fans of [Just Mercy](#) by [Bryan Stevenson](#) should not miss [A Knock at Midnight: A Story of Hope, Justice, and Freedom](#) by [Brittany K. Barnett](#). Barnett's memoir is a coming-of-age story of a law student turned corporate lawyer whose pro bono advocacy centers on clemency proceedings and drug sentencing reform. [Haben Girma's](#) advocacy as a human rights lawyer advancing disability justice has been honored by President Obama, President Clinton, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, and Chancellor Angela Merkel. She recounts her life and advocacy championing equal opportunities for people with disabilities in the autobiography [Haben: The Deafblind Woman Who Conquered Harvard Law](#). If you watched the Netflix documentary *Crip Camp: A Disability Revolution* (2020), make sure to add [Being Heumann: An Unrepentant Memoir of a Disability Rights Activist](#) by [Judith Heumann](#) (1947 – 2023) with [Kristen Joiner](#) to your TBR. Heumann, a pioneer of the disability civil rights movement, chronicles her life's work dedicated to disability activism, which includes her pivotal role in the creation of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Round out your summer reading with lawyer-turned-journalist [Elie Mystal's](#) commentary [Allow Me to Retort: A Black Guy's Guide to the Constitution](#). With his signature acerbic wit, Mystal gifts readers his incisive retort to conservative interpretations of constitutional law and is a must-read for social justice advocates.

If your summer plans include the [2023 Annual Meeting in Boston](#), be sure to check out the many DEI-focused programs on the [schedule](#) this year.

SUNDAY, JULY 16TH

11:30am – 12:30pm EDT

- A More Inclusive Classroom: Considerations for the Legal Research Professor Teaching Neurodivergent Students
- Researching the Implementation of Foreign and International Law on International Indigenous Peoples

2:00pm – 3:00pm EDT

- Case Study on Enhancing Accessibility to State Legal Content in Massachusetts and Michigan
- Expanding Access to Justice by LEPs and Bounds: Resources for Limited English Speakers
- Planning Welcoming Spaces with Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Mind
- Pronouns, Best Practices, and Gender Inclusivity in the Law Library: Understanding the Needs of Nonbinary Individuals

3:15pm – 4:15pm EDT

- Diversity and Inclusion Symposium: Are We Neglecting "Inclusion"? (Sponsored by LexisNexis)

4:15pm – 5:15pm EDT

- Diversity and Inclusion Symposium Reception (Sponsored by LexisNexis)

MONDAY, JULY 17TH

9:30am – 10:30am EDT

- "Pause" and Effect? How Suspending DEI in the Public Sector May Impact Law Librarianship and the Legal Profession (**HOT TOPIC**)

9:30am – 12:00pm EDT

- Recognizing the Third Sovereign: Promoting Awareness of, Respect for, and Access to Native American Tribal Law (**DEEP DIVE**)

10:45am – 11:45am EDT

- The Niagara Movement: How Far Have We Come with Voting Rights
- Can Computers Find Racist Laws? Virginia's Text Mining Project to Identify Jim Crow Legislation

1:15pm – 2:15pm EDT

- Cultural Humility, Putting Actions After Words

3:30pm – 4:30pm EDT

- The "Strait" Road to a Diverse Profession: Creating and Supporting a Successful Fellowship Program
- Words Matter: Incorporation of "Wise" Techniques in Critical Feedback for Better Learning Outcomes in Legal Research Curriculum

5:45pm – 6:45pm EDT

- BLL-SIS/RIPS-SIS Joint DEI Roundtable

8:30am – 9:30am EDT

- Get Out the Map: Finding Our Way Towards a Stronger Professional Pipeline
- Life on the Beach: Black Beach Communities, Real Estate Development and Preserving History
- Whose Story is Missing? How Law Libraries Can Adapt Collection Development Policies for DEI
- The Impact of Generative AI for Access to Justice (**HOT TOPIC**)

11:15am – 12:15pm EDT

- Discovering Diversity through Linked Data
- Incarcerated People are Patrons Too! Improving Legal Information Services for Incarcerated People

We hope to see you at the [2023 MAALL Annual Meeting in Des Moines](#). The DEI Committee is excited to announce the 2023 Book the Action Program selection is [Under the Skin: The Hidden Toll of Racism on American Lives and on the Health of our Nation](#) by [Linda Villarosa](#).

RETIREMENT REFLECTIONS

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So, my boss came up to me at the beginning of my retirement celebration and asked me how I was doing . . . emotionally. I'm about to give a short farewell speech to a room full of guests that includes my wife and my son and his family, so I'm already thinking tears may not be far away. She says that people getting ready to retire have all kinds of emotions and I should expect some waves to roll over me. I was feeling pretty confident – especially since I planned to read my remarks – but then, how AM I doing . . . emotionally?

I've been a law librarian for 4 decades – the 80's and 90's in Ohio, the early 2000's in Wisconsin, and the last 18 years in Iowa. I've seen a good deal of technology innovation over the years and I've been fortunate to have had supportive supervisors and directors who've appreciated the need to keep up and have encouraged me to explore and embrace technology.

I've also been fortunate to work on technology and innovation with some incredible law librarians from around the country, but most particularly in MAALL. Just thinking of all the people with whom I've worked on the



Innocently swiped from Ted's LinkedIn profile.

Website Committee and the Education Committee, on programs for MAALL annual meetings and AALL meetings, on innovations due to the pandemic and myriad other topics, makes me want to post the MAALL directory . . .

How does one sum up a career in law librarianship? To paraphrase the Bill Clinton Presidential campaign, “It’s the people, Stupid!” So many people have been advisors, mentors, teachers, colleagues, committee members, friends, co-presenters, dinner companions, even dance partners. Back in the day, I was one of the wall flowers – not particularly confident that I belonged – and there were veterans in the group who saw me (and others like me) and who were willing – perhaps compelled – to approach me and welcome me to this very inclusive bunch of law professionals. I felt welcomed and valued and that made me want to do my best to contribute to the profession as well. It also encouraged me to pay it forward – to welcome and value the newcomers after me.

As I come to the end of this most wonderful career experience, I can honestly say that I’ve enjoyed its challenges and its opportunities, its setbacks and its successes, and I leave it with an immense satisfaction that I’ve done my part to absorb and to share knowledge and wisdom about law librarianship. To all my friends and acquaintances in this fine profession, I bid you farewell and entreat you to attend to the people in your work and your life.

How AM I doing emotionally? This profession has treated me well and I retire with a grateful heart for all of you. (Ignore the tear stains on the page – I’m not crying – you’re crying!)

PREPARING (FOR) THE NEXT GENERATION

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The incoming 1L students we welcome into our law schools this fall could be the first to face a new paradigm in licensure testing. The NextGen Bar Examination is on track to debut in July 2026. Initially, states will have the option of which test to offer, but the National Council of Bar Examiners (NCBE) plans to exclusively administer the NextGen Bar Exam within five years.

It has been a long journey to get to this new iteration of the exam. Beginning in 2018, the NCBE undertook a three-year, three-phase research project to identify what skills and knowledge should be assessed. In this time, they met with over 400 stakeholders from the legal profession and legal academy, surveyed nearly 15,000 lawyers, and assembled two committees consisting of legal educators, practitioners, and bar admissions representatives.

In 2021, the Testing Task Force released its final report with their recommendations for what should be tested on the NextGen Bar Exam. They recommended eight Foundational Concepts and Principles including Civil Procedure, Contract Law, Evidence, Torts, Business Associations, Constitutional Law, Criminal Law, and Real Property. They recommended seven Foundational Skills consisting of Legal Research, Legal Writing, Issue Spotting and Analysis, Investigation and Evaluation, Client Counseling and Advising, Negotiation and Dispute Resolution, and Client Relationship and Management.

In spring of 2022, the NCBE released the Content Scope Outlines for public comment. There were two Legal

Research tasks revealed in these outlines:

- [1.] In a client matter that requires interpretation of a statute, rule, or constitutional provision, identify which words or elements in a provided excerpt seem legally significant and/or potentially ambiguous.
- [2.] Given a collection of legal resources and excerpts from a client file, identify the most important legal and factual issues to be resolved and the relative weight that will likely be given to different resources/file materials by the court or other tribunal.

Representatives of the NCBE have communicated that there are six more research tasks under development. These tasks are intended to test the exam taker's abilities in researching the law, writing and reading comprehension, and critical and analytical thinking.

What can law librarians do to prepare incoming 1Ls for this new challenge? Providing students with research tasks that mimic the skills needed to succeed on the NextGen tasks would be a great place to start. For example, both released tasks ask students to analyze resources for relative importance. Assigning excerpts of laws to analyze and tasking students to identify the legally significant elements within them, as part of a larger research assignment, is a low stakes way to encourage students to practice this skill.

Another way law librarians can help prepare students is to offer practice researching in a closed universe away from the assistive algorithms of their favorite legal database. Unplugging from the computer will not only help students internalize and own their research, but without the algorithms, they will develop confidence in their own weighting and analysis.

According to the Implementation Timeline, the full Content Scope Outlines could be released any day now. In the meantime, law librarians can begin to make small changes to ensure that our students are ready to excel on the NextGen Bar Examination after graduation.

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MANAGER TO MANAGER: TIPS TO KEEP YOU SANE AND EFFECTIVE

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MEETINGS: WE NEED THEM BUT DON'T OVERDO IT

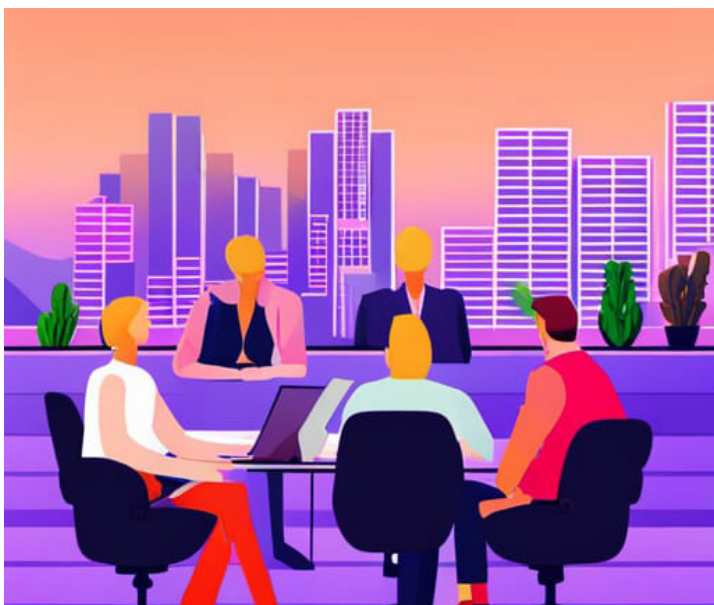


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As a manager who supervises other library staff members, likely there are times when it makes sense for you to hold meetings. These can include group meetings for the whole team, one-on-one meetings with each person you supervise, and possibly something in between, depending on the size of your library.

The general rule on meetings is that you should hold them when you have important information to convey and discuss. If your only purpose is to talk about a new policy that is set in stone and where no input is needed or even a possibility, don't call a meeting about it (in most cases). That is something that can be relayed in an email. The same is true if you are just providing updates on things happening in the library in general. Employees are busy and if they are going to take time out for a meeting, it should be worth their while.

That said, you should be holding periodic staff meetings, even if there isn't anything of major consequence going on. It's good once in a while (say every other week or so) for staff members to connect and share things going on that those in other departments may not know about. We all need connection and avoiding work silos is a good goal for your library. These meetings can be short. They can have a social component, such as a catered lunch in the breakroom. Make sure to fit them into everyone's schedules. Where possible, have an agenda and time frame already set for these meetings. That way employees will know if they are expected to be there for 15 minutes, an hour, or some other length of time. They will thank you for providing this information in advance.

One-on-one meetings are needed for annual performance reviews and updates of that employee's job description or duties. In general, it's also good to have one-on-one meetings occasionally. If you work in a very high stress environment and/or you are out of the office regularly, consider a standing meeting once a week, or once a month if a weekly meeting is not possible. In a prior job, I worked directly under an Executive Director who was extremely busy. I wore and juggled many hats myself. I relied on a once a week standing meeting with her as a time when I could go over the list of questions I had and challenges that developed that week since the last meeting.

If it just doesn't work to have a standing meeting with a staff member you supervise, make it clear to all staff

members that your door is open and that you welcome setting up a one-on-one meeting at any time if an employee requests one.

Meetings are necessary in any work setting, including your library. Just make sure they are productive and allow staff members an opportunity to provide input and discuss their thoughts. And don't hold meetings more often than necessary. Mix them up with the occasional social event for your staff and you will hit the sweet spot.

AFFIRMATIONS

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TIPS ON HOW TO USE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK AS A MARKETING CAMPAIGN FOR YOUR LIBRARY

Are you utilizing National Library Week to its full potential in terms of marketing opportunities? This is a time to celebrate ourselves, but used strategically, can also be an effective marketing promotion for library services. Marketing is hard enough, so taking advantage of National Library Week to get the word out is highly valuable, particularly in a remote environment where attorneys are not walking by our desks daily.

This is by no means an exhaustive list, but here are a few things Littler's Knowledge & Research Services department has done in terms of marketing during National Library Week.

- **Email blast** – Of course this is first on everyone's outreach list, but try to use email in a way that feels less like marketing and is more invitational to celebrate the collaboration with your department and your patrons. We sent out one email announcement, which was meticulously crafted by our director to include celebratory language, but also included a small plug about our services and a thank you to those supporting our work. Avoid multiple emails to firmwide groups to ensure you're not clogging inboxes or ending up in the trash bin. Send one influential email that contains everything you need to say.
- **Newsletters** – Consider creating a newsletter and play to the ALA theme. This year was "There is more to the story," so our department put a spin on it to say "There's more to the Knowledge Desk." In our newsletter, we took time to highlight some of our lesser-known services, but also provided a bit of information about our researchers—there's more to their stories, too. We are hoping by providing some faces to names and extra biographical information about us, we can continue to connect on a more personal level with our attorneys nationwide and globally. We advertised the newsletter in our email, linked to it on our department page, and mentioned it in our daily news distribution lists and our firm management posts (a Twitter-like feed for internal communication).
- **Graphics** – There's nothing like a cool new logo to get attention. Work with your graphics department (or use your own graphics skills) to create content to promote National Library Week. We had our graphics department create our newsletter and had them create a new banner for our internal page that was displayed for the week. To put less strain on the marketing department, we used Canva, a free service, to create a small graphic to add to our signature blocks. ALA also provides free social media graphics and other marketing materials.

- **Create awards for your attorneys** – Although this is a week to celebrate us, take the time to recognize your patrons. If you have a ticketing system, analyze the data to find your top requestor(s) and use this to your advantage by creating awards specifically for them. Additionally, use qualitative data to give out additional awards. What attorneys champion your services? Which ones provide great feedback? By creating awards and thanking our patrons for their support, we are providing another plug for our services, but it also leaves them with warm fuzzy feelings. Again, we used Canva to customize award templates to send directly via email. We also included the list of award recipients in our newsletter. While celebrating yourselves, don't forget to celebrate those that support your services!

Utilize the outlets already available to you. If you have blogs, newsletters, forums, Twitter-like feeds—whatever options you have, make sure you're using them to your advantage and gaining the best return on your time invested. There's a lot of opportunity to market during National Library Week. You don't need to exhaust every path possible, but be strategic with your time and efforts to make the largest impact based on the resources available to you.

STATE MEMBER NEWS



Schmid Law Library at the University of Nebraska

The Schmid Law Library at the University of Nebraska, Lincoln held National Library Week celebrations in April. They hosted a community coffee on Wednesday providing breakfast treats for over 100 members of the law school community, distributed daily quizzes to help patrons learn more about the library and its services, and capped off the week with a haiku contest in which the law school community voted on 18 community-created haikus.

Stefanie Pearlman has been appointed the Associate Dean for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of Nebraska, College of Law after serving as Interim Associate Dean since last July. She will still hold her appointment as a professor in the Schmid Law Library, co-teach the first-year legal research and writing program, and supervise the Schmid Research Fellowship Program.

Northern Illinois University, David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library

The Northern Illinois University, David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library, celebrated a low key National Library Week. It was study days and the start of finals so we provided supplies for study break activities, including coloring tablecloths, games, crocheting supplies and more.

Kate Hartman was a recipient of the 2023 Presidential Award for Staff Excellence at NIU. Kate's dedication to the law library and the university are commendable and we are thrilled her hard work was recognized through this award!

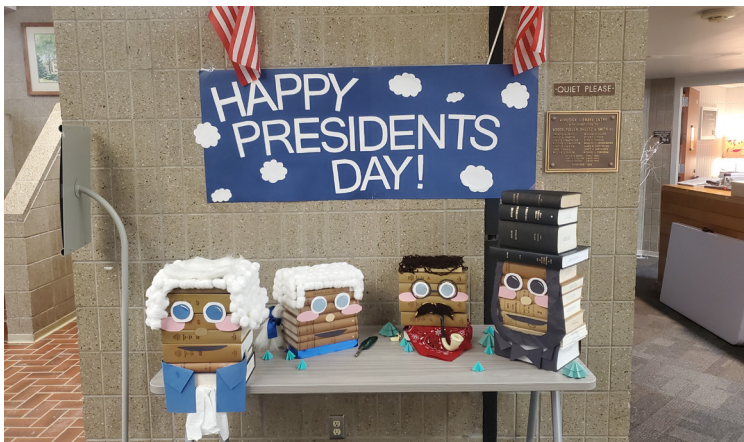


University of South Dakota Knudson School of Law, McKusick Law Library

The McKusick Law Library is in the midst of a summer of many changes! We are undergoing renovation of our lower level, which will include all new seating and the installation of compact shelving. We also recently welcomed Justin Huston as our new Head of Instructional Services, after bidding a fond farewell to Courtney Segota, who joins the University of Illinois College of Law Jenner Law Library. Justin is a native of central Iowa and is a 2018 graduate of our Law School. For the past two plus years, Justin served as an Outreach & Student Services Librarian at the University of Alabama School of Law Bounds Law Library. Justin will teach first-year legal research among other library duties.



We look forward to welcoming our new students in the fall, and a new team of Law Library Research Assistants. Hopefully they will carry on our new tradition of book art started by the talented RA Emily Easton, J.D. '23!



Photos courtesy of Emily Easton, J.D. '23,
Former Law Library Research Assistant



To all our other members:

We hope no news is good news! Please let us know of any future news items by contacting Hyla Bondareff (bondareh@wustl.edu), State Member News Editor.

MAALL MARKINGS INFORMATION

MAALL Markings is published four times a year by the Mid-America Association of Law Libraries, a chapter of the American Association of Law Libraries, and is a benefit of membership. The purpose of MAALL Markings is to publish news of the Chapter, selected news of AALL and other professional associations, and MAALL members, as well as to solicit and publish articles to add to the body of literature in the profession of law librarianship. All articles are copyrighted and any republication or use of any portion of the content for any purpose must have written permission from the author/s.

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