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## *PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS*

Susan Goldner, University of Arkansas at  
Little Rock

What a pleasure it was to “Make a Connection” with so many of you in Urbana/Champaign for the Joint MAALL/CALL Joint Meeting. Whether you are learning, teaching, meeting new people, or having fun with old friends, you are a great group of people. We missed those of you who could not make it and hope to see you next year in Norman, Oklahoma. Many people deserve thanks for making the meeting happen. On the local arrangements front, the folks at the Univ. of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign did a wonderful job. Janis Johnston kept it all together and served as our official Chapter Visitor, Paul Callister arranged for great programs presented by library school faculty, Kevin Butterfield organized a morning with their very impressive archives, Talisa Webber seemed to be helping with everything, Jane Williams and Paul Healey acted as gracious hosts, and Elaine Wolff (UoI conference planner) managed everything behind the scenes. The program coordinators and speakers are too numerous to list, there were 23 of them. It was a wonderful educational program and they all deserve our thanks.

Extra thank-yous go to John Klaus (CALL), who thought he was Program Co-Chair but

ended up being much more as MAALL suffered through its eventful summer; and to Ann Fessenden, who stepped in with her expertise as former President and former Local Arrangements Chair at a time when I really needed guidance.

We were very fortunate to have Susan Fox, the brand-new AALL Executive Director as our guest at the meeting. She is a delightful person with a very strong background. I think AALL is in very good hands. This meeting was her first experience with AALL Chapters, so obviously, she started her tenure by meeting the best. Actually, we are a very impressive group. Did you realize that three AALL Board members and both AALL publication editors are MAALL members?

MAALL has two new officers. Kay Andrus (Creighton Univ.) was elected Vice-President/President Elect and Charlie Condon (Northern Illinois Univ.) was elected Secretary. Congratulations to them and thanks to the Nominations Committee, chaired by Karen Wallace (Drake Univ.), for finding us such good candidates. They join Janet McKinney (Shook, Hardy & Bacon), who continues as Treasurer, and me on the Board. Retiring members are Mary Ann Nelson (Univ. of Iowa), Past President, and Dorie Bertram (Washington Univ.), Secretary. We owe them a special thanks for keeping MAALL going during its rough patch last summer.

I intended for this column to be all about upcoming Committee activities, but find that I have already used almost all of my space. The committees are formed for this coming year and all of them have things to accomplish. I will just mention a few things that have been reorganized.

The Resource Sharing Committee and the VIP Selection Committee are no more. Their tasks will be handled by the Board or by ad hoc committees as needed.

The Pro Bono Committee has been renamed the Service to the Public Committee to give them a broader focus. Their project this year will be to compile information about how law library services are made available to the general public in the MAALL region, and to share what they find via the MAALL Website.

The Directory Committee was discontinued since the directory is now on the Web. Instead, the Treasurer and Webmaster will work together to produce the directory. The Secretary, who had been in charge of the directory, is now chairing the Archives Committee. After they (the Archives Committee) establish policies and procedures this year, the Secretary will be responsible for maintaining the archives, both physical and online.

We have a new committee, the Government Relations Committee. It will monitor proposed federal and state legislation that affects law libraries and will make recommendations for appropriate responses. Ideally, the committee will have one member from each state – so far three of the nine states are represented. Do I hear volunteers? It is not too late to contribute to MAALL through this or one of the other committees.

Please let me know what MAALL is doing

right and what we could be doing better. In hopes of getting more feedback, Kay Andrus and I will be sending you a survey this winter. When you receive it, please take a few minutes to think about what MAALL does for you and offer us suggestions. We can be as good as our members make us.

It is time to renew your membership. When you do so, think about law librarians in your area that are not members of MAALL. If you think that we have something to offer them, give them a call or send them an e-mail inviting them to join. Think especially of the solo librarian. I know from experience what an isolated experience that can be. Fortunately, MAALL dues are so reasonable that everyone can afford to join. Please keep up your own membership and help MAALL reach out to other law librarians.

## ***MAALL 2003: Never to early to plan!***

**M**aall 2003 will be at the **University of Oklahoma**. A featured event will be a tour of our renovated Law Center and new library and courtroom addition. The MAALL meeting will be held on the OU campus. Dinners are planned at the Student Union and at the Museum of Natural History next door to the Law Center.

We plan for it to be a meeting to remember. Mark your calendar for October 2-4

**Marilyn Nicely, University of Oklahoma,  
Local Arrangements Co-Chair**

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## MAALL Committees / 2003

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# MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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## Illinois

### *Southern Illinois University School of Law Library*

**Frank Houdek**, Law Library Director and Professor of Law at Southern Illinois University School of Law Library, is the general editor of *State Practice Materials: Annotated Bibliographies*. Buffalo, N.Y.: William S. Hein & Co., 2002. 1 looseleaf vol. (AALL Publication Series No. 63)

**Laurel A. Wendt**, Associate Law Library Director and Associate Professor, is the co-author of "What Judges Tell Juries About Negligence: A Review of Pattern Jury Instructions," 77 *Chicago-Kent Law Review* 587-682 (2002) (with Patrick J. Kelley). Wendt's contribution is a 50+ page bibliography of state jury instructions for negligence, described by Prof. Richard Wright of Chicago-Kent College of Law as "an invaluable service for practicing attorneys, judges, and tort scholars by successfully . . . gathering, collating, and analyzing all of the states' current pattern jury instructions on the negligent-conduct issue."

### *University of Illinois Law Library*

**Phill W. Johnson** recently joined the Law Library as an Assistant Professor of Library Administration and Reference Librarian. Prior to accepting the position, Phill was a graduate assistant at the Law Library while obtaining his MSLIS from the UIUC Graduate School of Library and Information Science and has owned and operated several businesses. Phill is also a member of the AALL Membership and Retention Committee.

**Phill W. Johnson** and **Paul D. Callister** are

new co-authors of the *Illinois Bar Journal* bi-monthly column "Finding Illinois Law". Both are Assistant Professors of Library Administration and Reference Librarians at the Law Library.

## Iowa

### *Drake University*

A group of Iowa special librarians has been successful in establishing an Iowa Chapter of the Special Libraries of Association. The Board of Directors approved their petition at its October 2002 meeting. **Susan Lerdal**, reference librarian at the Drake University Law Library, is the President of the new chapter. **Martha Wilding**, librarian at the U. S. 8th Circuit Court in Cedar Rapids, is the chapter's Web master.

### *U.S. Courts Library*

The U.S. Court of Appeals, 8th Circuit, is pleased to announce the addition of a new part-time branch librarian position in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and the selection of its first Cedar Rapids librarian, **Martha Wilding**. Martha has a B.A. from Trinity University (Texas) in psychology, and an M.L.S. from the University of Texas. She has experience in several different special libraries in both Iowa and Texas, and also worked in Texas for the Lower Colorado River Authority and Butterworth Legal Publishers. She has been very active in the Special Libraries Association, having recently served as its Education Division Chair.

Martha is a "librarian without a library," who is providing library service from an office adjacent to a judge's chambers until a library is built in a new courthouse. The new building is just getting into the serious planning stage, so completion will be several years off. The address and phone number for the new Cedar Rapids library office are: U.S. Courts Library, 625 1st St. S.E., Suite 200, Cedar Rapids, IA 52401; (319) 363-7446. Hours are Monday - Thursday, 8:00-1:00.

## **Kansas**

### ***Johnson County Law Library***

**John Pickett**, Library Director, and staff hosted an open house to celebrate Johnson County Law Library's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on Thursday, November 21, 2002. The Law Library was organized by the District Court and local attorneys in 1951 and opened in 1952 in space provided by the Board of County Commissioners in the new Johnson County Courthouse. Information about resources and service at the Law Library can be found at

[http://courts.jocoks.com/law\\_library.htm](http://courts.jocoks.com/law_library.htm)

The Law Library was recently dedicated to **Bill Breyfogle**, the first director. The Library's new web based catalog is now available through a link on the Library's web page.

### ***University of Kansas Law Library***

We have welcomed a new Instructional and Research Services Attorney to our staff. **Carolyn Clark** came to us from Riling Burkhead and Nitcher, Chdt. here in Lawrence. Carolyn received her JD from the University of Kentucky and taught at Sullivan University in Lexington before moving to Lawrence.

**Rob Mead**, Head of Public and Faculty Services, presented a CLE titled "Disability Law as it Pertains to the Elderly" on November 15 at the Lawrence Holidome.

On November 1 in Topeka, **Joe Custer**, Associate Director, presented "Advanced Legal Research for Government Lawyers" at a Kansas Department of Administration CLE for government lawyers.

## **Missouri**

### ***Jackson County Law Library***

**Linda Roser**, Librarian at Jackson County Law Library enrolled JCLL in Price Chopper's Community Rewards program. As a 501(c) 3 organization, the Library is registering JCLL patrons' Chopper Shopper cards to receive a donation from Price Chopper in the amount of one per cent of

registered patron purchases through May 31, 2003. The Library will use the donations for collection development. We appreciate Price Chopper's innovative partnering in the metropolitan Kansas City community by offering shoppers the opportunity to make a difference for designated non-profits of the shoppers' choice. The first donation arrived on Wednesday, November 26, 2002.

**Tranne Pearce**, recently retired from the U.S. Court of Appeals Library 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit Library, dropped by for lunch and to report on her recent trip to Spain, an anniversary gift, where she ate well, drank well, and espied King Juan Carlos I at a local parade, inspecting troops. Pearce is enjoying part time employment at JCLL and JoCo Law Libraries, but especially covets her leisure time. A political career may loom in her future.

### ***Polsinelli, Shalton & Welte***

**Joan Thomas** published "The Growth of the Digital Image Archive: Can We Toll the Bell for Microfilm?" in LLRX.Com. <http://www.lrx.com/features/digitalimagearchives.htm>

A number of companies have joined the growing trend to digitize newspapers, allowing users to search, print and browse original digital images from the complete archives of publications such as the New York Times and Wall Street Journal. Thomas reviews the range and search features offered by four publishers (from <http://www.kcall.org/kudos.htm>).

### ***U.S. Court of Appeals — 8<sup>th</sup> Circuit***

**Patricia R. Monk**, Associate Director of Oklahoma City University, Law School Library, sadly reports that **Peggy Russann Sandstedt** lost her battle with ovarian cancer on July 13, 2002 in St. Peters, Missouri. Peggy received her MLS from the University of Oklahoma. She worked for the Milwaukee Public Library, the St. Charles County Prosecutor's Office, TALX (formerly Electronic Keyboarding) and the Library for the U. S. Court of Appeals for the Eight Circuit in St. Louis. Her husband Carl R.



Standstedt of St Peters survives her as well as her mother of St. Peters and two daughters, Holly Elizabeth Fuehrer (Adam) of St. Charles, Missouri and Stacey Diane Standstedt of St. Peters. Ms. Monk and Ms. Sandstedt were colleagues at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit Library.

Memorials for Russann are:

***Saint Charles City-County Library Foundation***

<http://www.win.org/library/other/foundation>

**425 Spencer Road**

PO Box 529

St. Peters, MO 63376

E-mail Bob Houck @ [bhouch@mail.win.org](mailto:bhouck@mail.win.org)

(Russann's husband is Director of the St. Charles City-County Library).

or

Emmaus Homes, a private, not-for profit facility related to the United Church of Christ through the Council for Health and Human Service Ministries. (Russann's daughter, Holly, is employed there).

<http://www.emmaushomes.org/>

**North Dakota**

***U.S. Courts Library***

MPLA leaders in North Dakota selected **Suzanne Morrison**, U.S. Courts Librarian, to attend the first Mountain Plains Library Association Leadership Institute at Ghost Ranch, New Mexico. The Institute was held November 10-14 at the scenic Ghost Ranch, home and inspiration of artist, Georgia O'Keefe. Maureen Sullivan, an organizational consultant and former Yale University Librarian, facilitated the Conference. Thirty candidates from twelve states joined six mentors and immersed themselves in learning effective leadership skills, creating a culture of commitment and leading change.

**Oklahoma**

***Oklahoma City University Law Library***

**Fran Deathe**, Reference Librarian, received gifts of appreciation at her retirement party in February 2002. She began working in the OCU Law Library in 1979 in Technical Services. After receiving her Masters in Library Science from the University of Oklahoma, she became a reference librarian and found her niche. In February 2002 she was named employee of the month in recognition of her long and meritorious career in reference, including interlibrary loan and government documents. Due to a later vacancy, Fran came back in Fall 2002 to work part-time in reference until the position was filled. Fran is enjoying her retirement, as are her family and cats.

**Jennifer Gerrish** joined the OCU library in Fall 2002 as Reference Librarian, and assists students, faculty and staff with interlibrary loan as well. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Law and is currently working on her Masters in Library and Information Science at University of Oklahoma. Before joining OCU, Jennifer had her own practice and worked part-time at the Norman Public Library. Her son is a freshman at University of Oklahoma.

**Laura Teske** began working "behind the scenes" at the library...ordering and cataloging books in Fall 2002. She has a bachelor of Fine Arts (1997) and a Masters in Library and Information Science (1999) from the University of Oklahoma.

**Brent Johnson**, Electronic Services Librarian, resigned in August, 2002, to accept the position of Librarian for Instructional Media at Washburn University Law Library in Topeka, Kansas.

# ***NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS***

*compiled by  
Mike McReynolds*

## **SWALL to Meet in Kansas City**

The Southwestern Association of Law Libraries will hold their annual meeting in Kansas City, Missouri on April 3-5, 2002. Most of the meeting will be held in the Marriott Hotel on the Country Club Plaza (directly across 45<sup>th</sup> street from the 1999 MAALL meeting location).

“New Paths, New Destinations” is the program theme. Among programs that have been lined up are presentations on Elder Law, Promoting Your Library, Librarian Image, and Stress Management. Mon Yin Lung, Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee, has lined up a number of social activities which will capture the local flavor of the city.

On the last day of the meeting the venue will shift to suburban Lawrence, Kansas. Meetings will be held at the KU School of Law. Among the presentations that day will be one on rare law books, which will include an exhibition of rare law books in the Spencer Research Library. Updates on the meeting will be posted on the SWALL homepage:

<http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/swall/> .

## **The Job Interview Process**

Interviewing for jobs is an interpersonal skill that most people can improve. A recent article presented a case study of an interview process, giving advice to prospective interviewees on how to better handle each

situation presented. Jones, Lesliediana, “The Road to Interviewville: Avoiding the Potholes and Pitfalls in the Interview Process,” Law Library Lights, pgs. 18-20, vol. 45, no. 4, Summer 2002.

## **Perspectives in Information Technology**

In browsing through recent chapter newsletters I noticed a number of articles that dealt with the challenges of managing electronic information. The list follows:

Baker, Brian L., “Collection Reduction and Development: A Guide to Weeding Your Law Library,” Law Library Lights, pgs. 14-15, vol. 45, no. 4, Summer 2002. While this article is a general discussion, it includes the role of electronic information in supplementing and replacing print resources.

Barden, John, “Preservation Junction,” VALL Newsletter,” pgs. 9 & 18, vol. 18, no. 2, Fall 2002. In this regular column on preservation topics, the author devotes this particular column to the management and preservation of digitized information.

Lauzau, Christopher, “The UCITA and You,” LLAGNY Law Lines, p. 10, vol. 25, no. 4, June 2002. This article gives a background to the Uniform Computer Information Transactions Act (UCITA) and points out why it is still a threat. Only two states have adopted the act in some form, but it is expected to be introduced in all 50 states in upcoming legislative sessions. The author refers readers to the UCITA page of the American Library Association for information on the background of the act and the positions major library groups have taken concerning the act:

<http://www.ala.org/washoff/ucita/> .

Gardner, David, "What Do They Know About You? Political and Practical Aspects of Personal Information," LLOPS cited, pgs. 13-14, vol. 13, no. 3, Spring 2002. The author reported on a day long workshop of the Law Librarians of Puget Sound (LLOPS). Two of the four presenters discussed issues of privacy and identity theft. A third speaker, from the Seattle Public Library, discussed the topic, "Library Records: Protecting Patron Privacy." The fourth speaker, a private investigator, did a presentation on "Finding What You Need Within the Law: How the Professionals Do It."

### **KCALL News**

#### **KCALL Holiday Luncheon**

The KCALL Holiday Luncheon will be held at Spencer Fane Britt & Browne on Thursday, December 05, 2002 from 11:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m. Annie's Catering in Lee's Summit will cater the event. Highlights include shrimp, stuffed mushrooms, kabobs, cucumber sandwiches and a holiday dessert table. The luncheon is sponsored by KCALL with donations from Westlaw, LexisNexis/ Courtlink, CCH and BNA.

#### **Goodnight Sleep Tight Drive**

KCALL is sponsoring a service project coined "The Goodnight Sleep Tight Drive" to collect goods to be donated to the City Union Mission. KCALL members are being asked to supply new or "gently used" items such a twin sheets, pillow cases, blankets, socks, caps, gloves, towels, toothpaste, mouthwash, soap or any items associated with bed time. Since 1924, City Union Mission has provided warm beds, nutritious meals and a safe haven for thousands of needy men, women and children. Items will be collected at the KCALL Holiday Luncheon.

### **KCALL Annual Business Meeting, Thursday, January 16, 2003**

The KCALL Annual Business will be at the Federal Courthouse on the second floor at 11:45 a.m. on January 16, 2003. The Courthouse is located at 400 West 9th Street. All attendees must show photo identification upon entering the Courthouse. Dessert will be provided; however, lunch will be brown bag and you must provide your own beverage.

### **Thanks, Susan!**

Susan Duede, Librarian at Bryan Cave, resigned her position as KCALL President for the remainder of 2002 and as Immediate Past President for 2003. The current executive board is: Sharon Hom, Vice-President/President Elect; Eddie White, Secretary; Debbie Steele, Treasurer; Joan Thomas, Board Member 2002-2003; and Mike McReynolds, Board Member 2002.

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## ***A GRADUATE STUDENT'S IMPRESSIONS OF THE MAALL/CALL 2002 ANNUAL MEETING***

By Christine Kujawa  
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Thanks to MAALL, Janis Johnston, Director of Albert E. Jenner Jr. Memorial Law Library and the efforts of Kate McCullough, Publicity Officer for the SLA-UIUC Student Group, six graduate students from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign received grants to attend the MAALL/CALL 2002 Annual Meeting held in Urbana, IL this past November. Recipients of the grants were Kate McCullough, Amy Bader, Dennis Kim-Prieto, Laura Leavitt, Paul Moorman and myself, Christine Kujawa.

The grants allowed us to attend sessions and find out more about current issues and topics in law librarianship. We were also able to network with professionals in the field and ask questions about the specific duties and challenging undertakings of their jobs. Everyone was very friendly and curious about our interests in librarianship and how our studies in Library and Information Science are going. All were willing to offer helpful tips and advice from their own experiences.

The highlight of the conference was attending the session "Reconnecting and Reengineering of a Law Librarian-a Personal Story" presented by Samantha Whitney-Ulane. During part of the session Ms. Whitney-Ulane discussed "taking inventory and making it happen": inventory what is important and meaningful in your life-intellectually, professionally and personally-and have this inventory serve as your guide

for finding the best job match or career move for you. This resonates with me, and probably many other LIS graduate students, as we finish our graduate studies and start planning our professional careers.

Regarding the cataloging sessions on the changes to AACR2R implemented by LC/PCC available by LCRI regarding coding on OCLC and RLIN... Well, I haven't taken a cataloging class yet so I'm not exactly sure what all of that means, but I'm looking forward to finding out!

Some reflections on the conference:

"Attending the MAALL/CALL conference proved to be an excellent opportunity to network with professionals and to learn more about issues of specific concern to law librarians."

-Kate McCullough:

"The MAALL/CALL conference was a wonderful learning and networking experience. Everyone I met was friendly and approachable and seemed genuinely interested in mentoring students in the profession. The excellence of the speakers and the enthusiasm of the attendees made me feel proud to be a law librarian to be. I can't thank the conference organizers enough for giving me and my fellow GSLIS students the opportunity to attend."

-Paul Moorman

"I greatly appreciated the opportunity to attend the MAALL/CAALL conference this year. I was able to gain insight into the nature of Law Librarianship and the issues faced by Law Librarians on a daily basis. I also met fantastic people with real dedication and enthusiasm to the field, and was very encouraged about future career opportunities. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all those at MAALL/CAALL who made my attendance

possible.”

-Laura Leavitt

## **2003 AALL ANNUAL MEETING/WORKSHOP GRANTS**

**DEADLINE: APRIL 1, 2003**

The AALL Grants Committee is now accepting applications for grants for the 2003 AALL Annual Meeting/Workshops. The AALL Grants Program provides financial assistance to newer law librarians or graduate school students who hold promise of future involvement in AALL and the law library profession.

Funds are provided by vendors, AALL and AALL individual members. Grants cover registration costs at either the Annual Meeting or Workshops. Preference is given to newer members of AALL or its chapters who are active participants in the association or one of its chapters.

For additional information, including the application form, see [http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant\\_application.asp](http://www.aallnet.org/services/grant_application.asp). The deadline for applications is April 1, 2003.

## **PAGI NOMINATIONS**

*Susan Tulis, Government Relations  
Committee Chair*

The Government Relations Committee is currently soliciting nominations for the 2003 **Public Access to Government Information (PAGI) Award**. Established in 1999, this award honors significant contributions by persons or organizations involved in the protection and promotion of greater public access to government information. Recipients need not be law librarians or members of AALL.

Criteria for selection include :

1. A contribution that significantly improves public access to government information, thereby increasing the public's knowledge about the workings of government.
2. The extent to which the individual or organization has had a positive impact on protecting and promoting public access to governmental information.
3. The extent to which the effort advances the AALL mission and Government Relations Policy.

Though nominations are solicited annually, there is no requirement that the award be given every year.

Nominations must be sent to the Chair of the Government Relations Committee, Charlene Cain (Louisiana State University, Paul M. Hebert Law Center Library, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-1010, [llcain@lsu.edu](mailto:llcain@lsu.edu)), **no later than February 1, 2003**.

## ***UN D THORMODSGARD LAW LIBRARY PREPARES COLLECTION FOR SHIFT***

Submitted By Kaaren Pupino, Head of Technical Services

Things will be shifting around a lot at the Thormodsgard Law Library. Preparations are being made to install compact shelving throughout the entire first floor of the library. The goal is to make the library stacks accessible to handicapped patrons. The library building was built in 1972. It was designed to contain the current collection and allowed for about 20 years in growth room. Now, 30 years later, the library is faced with having little room to grow and stacks that do not conform with the current ADA regulations so something must be done.

A few years ago the library conducted a study to find out what it would take to make the collection ADA accessible. The conclusion reached was that approximately 1/3 of the collection had to go. Somewhere. Books had to be either moved out and stored elsewhere, withdrawn and discarded or put onto compact shelving. The decision was made to install mechanical compact shelving.

There are 4 floors to the library. Third floor contains the case reporters, state codes and treatises, (KFA-KFZ) and federal codes, digests and encyclopedias and is not arranged by call number. Except for the state materials nothing is shelved by call number on this floor. The LC collection starts on 4<sup>th</sup> floor with A and goes to KF 262. Second floor has KF 263–KF1449. The first floor (basement) contains KF 1450 – Z. Government Depository titles, North Dakota Supreme Court Briefs, superseded North

Dakota and Minnesota material and superseded US codes.

On 4th floor 4 ranges need to be removed to make the aisles wide enough for a wheel chair. On 3<sup>rd</sup> floor 4 ranges need to be removed to create adequate space in between the stack aisles. Second floor is where the library offices, reference, reserve, circulation and computer lab are located along with several ranges of books. It will remain fairly much the same except that all of the nearly 30 microfiche cabinets will be moved downstairs onto compact shelving. A space will be found for the reader/printer on the basement floor as well.

To install the compact shelving in the basement, all of the books and stacks currently occupying the space there will have to come out and be stored somewhere until they can be re-shelved on the newly installed shelving. The basement has to be completely emptied so the floor can be leveled and 1st holds the most books of any of the floors. Furthermore, the company installing the shelving will be using the shelves that are being emptied and removed from the other floors in the building of the basement shelving. This will help save money but it makes the move harder because books will be moved out of order to release the shelf for the compact shelving installation. When it is all over and the dust (cough) settles, every book in the collection will have been moved (and hopefully vacuumed) during this project.

Since there will be fewer shelves on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> floors, the collection will need to be repositioned and shelf order will change along with our location priorities. If we left it the way it is now, the Canadian and English materials would end up on the main floor of the library and the law collection wholly in the basement on 1<sup>st</sup> floor. We are

reconfiguring a significant portion of the collection because we want the titles that are used less frequently to be on compact shelving and the parts of the collection that get more use and/or have more updating activity to be on the "prime real estate" so to speak. The classified collection of A-KEY999 and KG-Z will end up on first floor. The KF collection will start on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and conclude on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor with some room for growth for a number of years. The 3<sup>rd</sup> floor will remain the primary research floor with all of the codes and reporters, but there will not be room for everything that is there now, much less allow for any growth, so it was decided that the first series of the National Reporter System (older volumes) will be shifted to the basement onto compact shelving.

This reorganization of the collection makes the move much more complicated because it is not just a matter of pulling the books off and putting them back on the shelves in the same order. We will also be dealing with changing the location information in each item record. It looks like we will be able to use the call numbers and shelf-list codes to institute global changes on item record location information through reports and commands to the database and that will save us from having to change each barcode.

The library staff is currently working out what order to move the collection to cause the least amount of shifting and re-shifting even though we know at the outset that nearly every book in the library will be moved somehow. The university has solicited a request for proposal from three library movers and has called for all proposals to be submitted by December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002. This project is scheduled to begin the Monday after graduation which will be at the beginning of the second full week of May. The library will be closed to the public

for the duration of the project, which is expected to take at least 2 months. Barring any major problems or acts of God we will be back in business for the Fall 2003 term! In the meantime, the new reporters, codes and loose-leaf services will keep arriving so that even when the moving stops and the dust settles there will be work to be done. This will be a busy and interesting summer.

**Watch future issues of MAALL Markings for updates on this project. If you have gone through anything similar at your library and you have tips and hints to share, please e-mail me: [Kaaren.Pupino@thor.law.und.nodak.edu](mailto:Kaaren.Pupino@thor.law.und.nodak.edu) or call me at (701) 777-2486.**

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