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Watch Out for Alligators!

The next time we meet, we'll be in the wilds of Florida for AALL in Orlando. I'm from Kansas, and I know how out-of-staters expect us to be living in basements to escape from those tornados. So, I'm sure Floridians grit their teeth when Kansans worry about wandering outside into a herd or flock or whatever it is of alligators. At least I know what to say: "See you later..."



The plans for lunch in Orlando are final----see Needra's note below if you have not paid for yours. The food should be good at the Peabody Hotel, and I hope we'll have a guest speaker from the Chicago group. There is a Public Relations committee working an outstanding table representing MAALL at AALL. Stop by and visit.

The program is finished for Urbana and the Fall joint meeting with CALL. Put November 7, 8 and 9 on your calendars. We'll have a good time and learn lots of new ideas. We have a surprise opening luncheon speaker with whom I promise you'll laugh,

plus two great outside speakers. Several CALL members are doing programs as well as professors from the library school. The Program Committee has done an excellent job!!

In conclusion, I have to tell Barbara Fullerton to watch out for those rattlesnakes in Texas. She has moved to Dallas and left us without a vice-president! We will all miss her. The Board is working on options for a replacement.



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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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Illinois

Southern Illinois University School of Law Library

Susan Tulis, Interim Associate Dean for Public Services at Southern Illinois University Morris Library, has been named the recipient of the 2002 Library Affairs Outstanding Faculty Award for the library. Susan has been the Government Information Librarian at Morris Library since January 2001; she took on the additional role of Interim Associate Dean in November 2001. In addition to her leadership roles in Library Affairs, Susan currently serves on the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale Faculty Senate and its Undergraduate Education Policy Committee.

Adria P. Olmi, Assistant Professor and Reference Librarian, Southern Illinois University School of Law Library Faculty, is the author of "Internet Resources for Illinois Corporate and Securities Lawyers," 90 Illinois Bar Journal 267-268 (2002).

Iowa

Drake University & Pioneer Hi-Bred International

On May 3, 2002, **Susan Lerdal**, Reference Librarian at the Drake University Law

Library, and **Barbara Fullerton**, Electronic Resources Librarian at Pioneer Hi-Bred International, taught a day-long seminar in Des Moines entitled, "Internet Strategies for the Paralegal in Iowa," presented by the Institute for Paralegal Education.

Deborah Sulzbach, Acquisitions/Reference Librarian at Drake, has been asked to serve as a member of the AALL Placement Committee.

Karen Wallace, Circulation/Reference Librarian at Drake, has been appointed chair of the AALL Nominations Committee.

Kansas

Johnson County Law Library

John Pickett, director of The Johnson County Law Library, Olathe, Kansas, states that the library has had success in the Kansas legislature amending one of the county law library statutes. K.S. A. 20-3126(c) has been amended to grant authority to the trustees of the Johnson County Law Library to charge an attorney law library fee of up to \$125 per year. Our current fee is \$75 which was our prior maximum allowable authorized fee. Johnson County, now the largest county in the state, is one of two counties authorized to charge up to \$125. The other county is Sedgwick County (Wichita). These attorney law library fees account for about one-third of our revenue and are assessed on active licensed Kansas attorneys who reside in or have their primary office in Johnson County.

University of Kansas Law Library

Joe Custer, Associate Director, presented at two CLE's this spring. One was "Advanced

Legal Research: From Paper to the Web" at Topeka for the KBA on March 22nd. The other was "20 Workers Compensation Web Sites in 40 Minutes" at Overland Park for the KBA and KTLA on May 2nd.

Missouri

Bryan Cave LLP

Susan Duede reports that Bryan Cave LLP had a great turnout for National Library Week with contests, prizes and presentations each day. The Lexis-Nexis representative presented his "homegrown" Web page for Missouri legal reference sources and the Westlaw representative rolled out her "Find & Print" product. Contests included "How Well Do You Know the Supreme Court?" and identifying movies featuring librarians and libraries. Also, Library Clerk **Shauna Ripley** has accepted a scholarship to attend Notre Dame Law School this fall and Bryan Cave wishes her well (at <http://www.kcall.org/Kudos.htm>, 04/25/02).

Susan Duede recently passed her written comprehensive exams and graduated from the School of Information Science & Learning Technologies at the University of Missouri-Columbia with a Master of Arts degree in Library and Information Science. She is now Head Librarian in the Kansas City office of Bryan Cave LLP (at <http://www.kcall.org/Kudos.htm> , 05/09/02).

Kansas City Association of Law Librarians (KCALL)

Linda Gingrich, MLS, Paralegal Specialist and FOIA Contact in the Civil Division of the United States Attorney's Office

presented a program entitled "Freedom of Information Act" at the KCALL meeting on May 16, 2002. She stated that there is no central office in the government that processes FOIA requests for all federal agencies. She did provide the following internet addresses that may be useful in making a FOIA request:

U.S. Department of Justice FOIA Reference Guide:

http://www.usdoj.gov/04foia/04_3.html

Reporters Committee for Freedom of the Press Reference Guide:

<http://www.rcfp.org/foiact/index.html>

(from Freedom of Information Act Pathfinder by Linda Gingrich, 05/16/02).

Polsinelli, Shalton & Welte

Joan Thomas reports that PS&W celebrated National Library Week with games, events and treats centered around alumni themes. Library staff devoted a day to KS/NE law schools, MO/TX law schools, Midwestern law schools, East Coast law schools, and West Coast law schools. PS&W began each day with a library bulletin e-mail announcing the games, events and treats centered around the days geographic location. The daily bulletins included lists of the firm's alumni from that day's alumni group. PS&W also used the event to introduce the firm's new Knowledge Management Director. PS&W concluded events with a wine and cheese reception on Friday afternoon to present prizes and to thank everyone for making this year's National Library Week a success! (at <http://www.kcall.org/Kudos.htm> , 04/25/02).

Thomas submitted a review of BNA's Expert Evidence Report to "Legal

Information Alert" published March 2002. Also, she attended the Web Search University in San Francisco, CA on March 24-26, 2002. Speakers included Greg Notes, Mary Dee Ojala, Mary Ellen Bates, Gary Price and Chris Sherman. Topics included conducting business and industry research, choosing fee v/ free resources, searching the invisible web, and the evolution of the Internet (at <http://www.kcall.org/Kudos.htm>, 04/25/02).

Stinson Morrison Hecker LLP

Formed from Stinson Mag & Fizzell PC and Morrison & Hecker LLP, the firm has a new logo, a new leadership structure, and new office space may be on the way. The firm will focus on business transactions and litigation. Library staff includes **Beth Cohen, Cindy Crary, Maria Johnson, Janice Jones, Dale Magariel, and Mary Ann Yancey.**

University of Missouri-Kansas City -- Leon E. Block Law Library

Nancy Stancel completed her PH. D. this past May in the field of Education Administration (at <http://www.kcall.org/Kudos.htm>, 05/02).

Lissa Lord reports that due to the Limitations on State Funding for Higher Education, UMKC Law Library is reducing its hours of operation. Beginning June 01 - June 30, 2002 hours of operation are Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm. Closed Saturday - Sunday .

Regarding the lack of funding University of Missouri President Manuel T. Pacheco on May 23, 2002 stated "...options include a reduction in workforce, early retirement program, an educational fee surcharge, and temporary spend -down of reserves." UMKC Chancellor Martha W. Gilliland on

May 23, 2002 commented "That deficit could translate to a loss of \$7.4 million in state allocation that will not be made to UMKC between now and June 30, 2002."

University of Missouri - Columbia

Steve Lambson and John Dethman (with assistance from 2L Blake Wilson) presented 5 sessions of a CLE course, *Internet Research for Court Reporters*, 3 sessions in March and 2 in May .

Oklahoma

Oklahoma City University Law School Library

Lee Peoples joined the OCU School of Law Library June 1 as Head of Reference Services. He graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Law, practiced law for a couple of years, and will graduate with a Master in Library and Information Science in December 2002.

The University of Oklahoma – Donald E. Pray Law Library

A dedication of the **OU Law Center** was held on April 30, 2002 at the new Southside Entrance. At the dinner that followed the dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony, The Honorable Sandra Day O'Connor gave the Keynote Address. The library at the University of Oklahoma Law School is now the Donald E. Pray Law Library.

Marilyn Nicely, Technical Services Librarian and American Indian Law Subject Specialist, celebrated 25 years of service at the University of Oklahoma.

SIX UNIVERSITY OF TULSA LIBRARY EMPLOYEES RECEIVED RECOGNITION IN MAY FOR A COMBINED 95 YEARS OF SERVICE

At the University of Tulsa's Employee Appreciation Picnic on May 22, 2002, six of the Mabee Legal Information Center staff were recognized for a combined 95 years of service at TU! MLIC Director **Richard E. Ducey**, **Carol Arnold**, **Melanie Nelson** and **Theresa Eubanks** each received recognition for 15 years apiece, and **Christy Ryan** reached her 10 year mark. The librarian who tops them all, though, is **Kathy Kane** who has worked at TU over 25 years, holding that status with only 8 other TU employees being recognized this year! The entire campus closed down for a 3 hour picnic to celebrate these and all employees' many years of service.

SEEKING OFFICER CANDIDATES

Here's your chance to meet more MAALL members and enhance your vita while serving the association. The Nominations Committee is now seeking candidates for Vice President/President-Elect and Secretary for the 2002-2004 association years. If you would like to nominate someone, or indicate your willingness to be a candidate, please contact chair Karen Wallace (karen.wallace@drake.edu or 515-262-2713), James Duggan (duggan@siu.edu or 618-453-8791), or Susan Boland (sboland@niu.edu or 815-753-9492) by July 8, 2002.

Federal Court Librarian Madison, Wisconsin

Position available:

Branch Librarian
United States Courts Library
Robert W. Kastenmeier United States
Courthouse
Madison, WI

Resumes are now being accepted for the position of Branch Librarian for the Library of the U.S. Courts in Madison, WI, a branch of the Seventh Circuit Library in Chicago.

Duties: The Branch Librarian manages and maintains a branch library providing all library service, information and materials required by federal circuit, district and bankruptcy judges located in the Western District of Wisconsin, as well as court staff and others served by the library. The Branch Librarian coordinates the computer-assisted legal research program; prepares newsletters and other user aids; does planning and budgeting; establishes and maintains effective working relationships with other court units to provide library assistance to judges and court staff; provides content to circuit library's web pages; and performs other work as assigned.

Qualifications: M.L.S. from an ALA accredited library school and progressively responsible professional library experience, together with demonstrated skills in library reference, research, and management are required. A strong service orientation and excellent interpersonal and communications skills are also required. Law library or equivalent experience as well as Westlaw, Lexis and Internet experience and the ability

to provide online research training are highly desirable.

Travel to court locations within the Western District of Wisconsin and to other Seventh Circuit locations is required.

Starting Salary: Commensurate with qualifications and experience.

Closing Date for Applications

Applications received on or before June 21, 2002 are assured of full consideration. However, applications will be accepted until the position is filled.

Submit resume and references to:

Gretchen E. Van Dam
Circuit Librarian
Library of the U.S. Courts
Room 1637
219 S. Dearborn
Chicago, IL 60604
Orgretchen_van_dam@lb7.uscourts.gov
Or
FAX 312 / 408-5031

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NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

Compiled by Mike McReynolds

New Law Libraries

Wisconsin built a new state law library in Madison and the staff moved in last year. One of the librarians wrote an article describing their new library and the background of its development. Von Der Heide, Connie, "The New Wisconsin State Law Library," LLAW Newsletter, Vol. 19, no. 1, Winter 2001, pgs. 1 & 8.

Technology

We see much written on "virtual reference," but one New England librarian has written a short overview of the topic, emphasizing librarians need to change our thinking in order to meet the needs of our users, wherever they may be. Thompson, Tracy L., "NELLCO and Virtual Reference," LLNE News, Vol. 22, no. 1, 2002, pgs. 1 & 5.

The Greater Philadelphia Law Library Association presented a workshop sponsored by West Group on "The Pillars of Knowledge Management: Blending People and Technology." Announced on their Web page at:
<http://www.gplla.org/CALENDAR/institute2002.html> (June 5, 2002).

Modern Web browsers have many features buried in them that make them easier to use. A Wisconsin librarian provided a list of tips to improve functionality of both Netscape and Internet Explorer. Shucha, Bonnie, "Seventeen Ways to Get the Most from Your Browser," LLAW Newsletter, Vol. 19, no. 1, Winter 2001, pgs. 16 & 23.

Many documents and Web pages could use improvement in their appearance. One way to do that is with careful choice of type fonts. Hightower, John R., "Using and Choosing Fonts," Law Library Association of Alabama Newsletter, Spring 2002, pgs. 8-9.

Topical Research

Law involves many topics. One topic that we can be asked to research is accounting information. A New York law firm librarian provided a good, but brief article on sources of information in that field. Stone, Mark, "Accounting Overview," LLAGNY Law Lines, Vol 25, no. 3, April 2002, pgs. 8-9.

Privacy

Serious concerns for the invasion of individual privacy have arisen with the development of the Web and the various actions taken by our government since the 9-11 attacks. The Association of Law Libraries of Upstate New York addressed those topics in a recent program, "I'll Be Watching You: Privacy in the New Millennium," on May 17, 2002. Announced on their Web page at: <http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/alluny/events.htm>

Professionalism

Mentoring as means to help each other and to help develop less experienced librarians is a current topic of discussion. Several mentoring projects and the reasons for them are presented in a recent article. Warren, Gail, "Who Needs a Mentor?" VALL Newsletter, Vol. 17, no. 4, Spring 2002, pgs. 10-11.

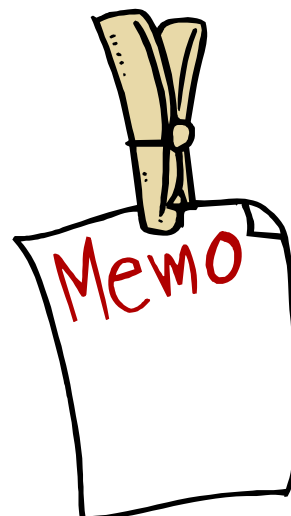
The current President of the Ohio Regional Association of Law Libraries discussed the value of socializing at professional events in her newsletter column. Quinn, Ellen, "Talk and Listen," ORALL Newsletter, Vol. 2002, no. 1, March 2002, pgs. 1-2.

The topic of "the image of librarians" may have been over discussed on some listservs, however, the current President of the South Florida Association of Law Libraries tamed the subject in her article, which discusses some negative ideas about librarians and what might be done about it. Reinke, Janet, "President's Message," SFALL Newsletter, Vol. 25, no. 3, Spring 2002, pgs. 1-2.

Disaster Recovery

The Law Librarians of Puget Sound and their colleagues in the local SLA chapter conducted a joint program in which librarians from various libraries in that region recovered from earthquakes and floods that have hit in recent years. Tobiska, Linda, "Disaster Recovery," LLOPScited, Vol 13, no. 3, Spring 2002, pgs. 9-10.

For copies of any of the above articles, please contact the compiler at mmcreynolds@falconfight.com



SWALL:

ARE YOU MISSING A LINK BETWEEN YOUR AALL AND LOCAL CHAPTER MEMBERSHIP? CONSIDER SOUTHWESTERN ASSOCIATION OF LAW LIBRARIES.

SWALL is the link between your local law librarians' chapter and AALL. Have enough memberships in librarian organizations? Consider the moral of Goldilocks and the Three Bears - "not too big, not too small - but just right." Just right for a situation where you may need to expand your search for information on a publication just a little wider than your local organization, but a bit smaller than AALL's coverage.

Furthermore, SWALL's membership reach often includes regional consortiums. The online discussion list and newsletter, among other networking and information opportunities, allow you to reach these regional group members. SWALL even covers two time zones! If your Texas or Missouri library contacts are closed for the day, librarians in New Mexico and Colorado are still on the job. The SWALL annual convention provides the opportunity to network with these librarians. The next time you need to speak to a Colorado librarian you may have met him/her at the SWALL convention or at our annual cocktail party at AALL. (Do you want to mention grants?)

SWALL's continuing education presentations at the annual convention combined the practical and theoretical. At the 2002 meeting Bob Bering an authoritative voice in legal writing education was a plenary speaker. Top notch

presentations ranged from serious subjects such as internet privacy considerations for law firms, foreign legal materials acquisitions, to writing javascript for web pages and the latest electronic gadgets. The 2003 convention will be held in Kansas City, Missouri. SWALL conventions provide a smaller, cozier setting where all accommodations, sessions, and the exhibit hall are all located within the same hotel. Most meals are also included in the registration cost. We're usually closer to home to save on those travel expenses, too!

NEEDRA'S LAST-MINUTE INSTRUCTIONS

The deadline for sending in registrations for the business meeting/luncheon was June 7. If someone is planning to attend and has not mailed in his or her money, s/he should send it to :

MAALL Luncheon
c/o Needra Jackson
UMC School of Law Library
226 Hulston Hall
Columbia, MO 65211

Deadline is July 10, 2002.

Also, a reminder to anyone who has not yet paid their membership dues for 2002, that they must have paid their dues to be included in the new membership directory. Thanks.