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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Stefanie Pearlman*

Since this will be my last President's column, I want to use it to thank all of the wonderful people who make MAALL work.

Our fantastic Executive Board members have worked tirelessly to try to make MAALL the best it can be. Thank you: Cindy Bassett, Jeri Kay Hopkins, Ann Kitchel, Richard Leiter, Ted Potter, and Rhonda Schwartz.

Thanks also to all of our committee chairs:

- Randy Thompson spent an enormous amount of time updating our bylaws (Note: watch for a vote on bylaws at the annual meeting).
- Jennifer Prilliman made sure that our table at AALL was a masterpiece.
- Matt Novak and Christopher Steadman kept track of changes proposed in law library-related legislation.
- Needra Jackson headed up another terrific grants committee, adding to their workload the drafting of a new travel grant in honor of our friend Liz Glankler.
- Resa Kerns took on the herculean task of updating our web site and keeping it current and user-friendly.
- The library school liaison committee was led first by Candle Wester-Mittan, who left MAALL for South Carolina, and now is led by Marcia Dority Baker. Communicating with the next generation of law librarians is very important, and I appreciate their efforts in this area.
- Karen Wallace maintained our list of members, welcomed our newest members, and kept us more organized than I could have ever hoped.
- Brian Striman completely reorganized the newsletter committee and made sure that *MAALL Markings* improved both its content and appearance.
- Lorraine Lorne prepared a great slate of candidates for our recent election.
- Pam Crawford continued to explore ways for MAALL to support our patrons.
- Therese Clarke Arado took on a new committee designed to make sure all of our members professional development needs are met.

Finally, what can I say about Joe Custer and Ted Potter? Their amazing efforts in planning our annual meeting will be obvious to all who attend.

Of course, none of these chairs do their work alone. Thank you to every MAALL member who has joined a committee and worked to improve our organization. If you weren't able to work on a committee this year, please consider joining one next year.

I know we will continue to grow as an organization under the very capable hands of Ted Potter. Ted, good luck next year and thank you for your commitment to MAALL!

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# VICE PRESIDENT / PRESIDENT-ELECT'S MESSAGE

Ted Potter

Very soon, we will be meeting in St. Louis for the MAALL Annual Meeting, and I can't wait! We have wonderful program sessions that aim to engage you with their content and with others. Some programs will feature small group discussion, while others offer hands-on participation, all with the goal of helping you take away practical knowledge you can use in your work. We're going to learn how to brag, how to get things done, how to become embedded in our libraries, how to make better presentations, how cataloging is more than just for catalogers, and how to have some fun in your library! These are but a few of the programs available at the annual meeting, so please go to the MAALL website and register today!

In addition to the annual meeting, I will be appointing a special committee to review and revise the Local Arrangements Manual. This manual was last updated by Ann Fessenden, one of our past presidents. She and her group laid a wonderful foundation, as the manual is indispensable to the Chair of the Local Arrangements committee. If you haven't had the opportunity to work on local arrangements, a manual is vital to your success because it lays out the various subcommittees that are helpful, as well as how to work with the local hotels, with transportation to local venues, and much more. I look forward to working with the revision committee this year.

I want to sincerely thank the Education Committee for its hard work to bring such good programs to the membership this year, and I want to sincerely thank the Local Arrangements Committee for their hard work in making our visit lively and entertaining. I encourage you all to "Cross-Train at the Crossroads: Meet MAALL in St. Louis!"



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Hello everyone! It's been a hot, dry summer in the Midwest, so I was glad to have the summer Olympic Games to follow and watch while cooped up inside to stay cool. My wife was a high school gymnast, so with a mixture of jealousy and awe, she watched the US women's gymnastics team tumbling and flipping and flying – not only on the mat, but on the balance beam and the vault and the uneven bars. “We were doing cartwheels on the beam back in the day, and now they're doing flips with twists!” Obviously they are taking lessons learned on the floor mat and putting them into beam routines. It takes cross-training to take a trick/flip/jump from the wide and long mat to the short and narrow beam.

The MAALL Education Committee invites you to St. Louis to explore cross-training, law librarian style! We hope you take some new tricks or flips or jumps back home with you as our speakers/facilitators give you some Olympian-style coaching. Our program line-up is full of opportunities for you to learn new lessons from our speakers and from each other. Several of our programs focus on communication. Jennifer2 (Prilliman and Watson) and Katie Brown are presenting an interactive program on communication techniques that will literally get you talking. Peggy McDermott, Yael Davis and Ingah Davis-Crawford will dazzle you with presentation possibilities from “The Cloud,” while the effervescent Bridget MacMillan will help us shy and demure law librarians embrace our inner “brag” as only she can do! We have a lively program on why reference and other librarians should know something about cataloging, with Brian Striman as Master of Ceremonies; how to stay focused to accomplish our work, with Resa Kerns; Boot Camp for Law Librarians: Basic Training on training – focusing on the various types of learners and strategies for modifying our teaching/training methods, with Joe Totherow from the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis; and Playtime in the Library – games and contests to add a little interest to learning and increase your marketing potential, with Katie Hahn and Cindy Shearrer; and lots more! The more I read the program descriptions, the more I want to attend!

In addition to an interactive and innovative program, the Local Arrangements Committee has created some excellent and varied activities for your non-program time. (please see Joe Custer's welcome message) London 2012 has nothing on St. Louis! The London Eye, you say? St. Louis puts their Ferris Wheel above the skyline!

We'll see you there as we **Cross-Train at the Crossroads – Meet MAALL in St. Louis!**

Ted Potter

On behalf of the MAALL Education Committee

Kerry Altenbernd, Katie Hahn, Matt Novak, Melissa Serfass & Cindy Shearrer

# MAALL 2012 SCHEDULE AND PROGRAMS

Thursday, October 25, 2012

8:00 am-4:00 pm Registration

8:00 am-5:30 pm Exhibit Hall

8:30-10:00 am MALLCO Session 1 Acquisitions & Collection Development (Heather Buckwalter), Interlibrary Loan (Jeff Woodmansee), Reference & Faculty Services (Cindy Basset), Web & Technology (Barbara Ginzburg) 90 min. *Heather Buckwalter, Jeff Woodmansee, Cindy Basset, Barbara Ginzburg*

10:00-10:30 am Break

10:30-11:30 am MALLCO Topical Roundtables: eBooks & Institutional Repositories. Each group will have a moderator who is prepared with questions to get the group conversation started. A vendor will attend each session, as a resource person (YBP for eBooks and bepress for Institutional Repositories). If you are already offering these services in your law school, you can share your experience. If you are considering these services, you can ask your own questions. If you are not sure what the topic is all about, you can attend and find out. The roundtables are open to everyone who works at a MALLCO library. 60 min.

11:45 am-1:15 pm Opening Lunch & speaker: We welcome Mr. Tom Schlafly as our luncheon speaker. He is a partner with the Thompson Coburn law firm in St. Louis, where he served for many years on the Library Board of the St. Louis Public Library, and is the founder of Schlafly Beer. We're very pleased to have such an important local supporter of libraries as our speaker, and it doesn't hurt that he knows how to take on the big guys in the beer business! *Ted Potter and Mr. Tom Schlafly*

1:30-2:30 pm Session A-1 Partnering for Pro-action: Using Talent to Deliver the Unexpected. Are you looking for a faculty support liaison project that helps bring the latest advances in technology directly to your faculty? In the spring of 2012, each interested faculty member at the IU Robert H. McKinney School of Law received an iPad. To help the faculty make full and effective use of these iPads, the Ruth Lilly Law librarians developed and implemented an education program about apps that was delivered electronically to faculty on a weekly basis over the summer of 2012. The emphasis was on apps that helped faculty with research, organization, and communication. In this session, learn how to develop a similar program that builds librarian-faculty partnerships. 60 min. *Catherine A. Lemmer, Susan D. deMaine, Ruth Lilly*

1:30-2:30 pm Session A-2 "Bad human communication leaves us less room to grow": Professional growth through improved communication. In this interactive program attendees will explore communication techniques for a variety of personality types and library positions. Attendees will learn valuable strategies for optimizing their own communication strengths in the library while also identifying their weaknesses and approaches for overcoming those weaknesses. Attendees will gain an understanding of how to effectively communicate with individuals who may be more extroverted or introverted for greater success in interactions and team projects. Finally, through several fun activities, attendees will practice using the discussed strategies in model collaborative projects. 60 min. *Jennifer Prilliman, Katie Brown, Jennifer Watson*

2:30-3:30 pm Session B-1 Ubiquity at the crossroads: Using anywhere anytime presentation software. SlideRocket, Dropbox, Xtranormal, Vimeo and Prezi will be briefly discussed as presentation platforms. The presentation will showcase each platform and each will be critiqued with respect to their functionality for training, teaching and learning in a law school environment. Cloud technologies, i.e. SlideRocket, Dropbox and Prezi as well as immersive environments such as Xtranormal are increasingly being used for education and training. The goal of the presentation will be to inform professional librarians about the use of ubiquitous software for dynamic instruction and collaboration as an alternative or enhancement to PowerPoint. 60 min. Peggy McDermott, Yael Davis, Ingah Davis- Crawford

2:30-3:30 pm Session B-2 Taking Slavery to Court: Black and White Struggles Over Freedom in Antebellum St. Louis. In 1857 a fractured US Supreme Court issued its infamous Dred Scott Case, a major victory for pro-slavery forces. It proved a major step toward civil war. Dred Scott, however, was not alone. Over 300 of his fellow St. Louisans sued for their freedom as well. Until the year 2000 most of these suits were previously unknown to history. These cases now constitute the largest single collection of freedom suits in the United States. The depositions they contain provide a unique oral history of a disposed people, as well as insight into the passion of those who wished to keep them slaves. 60 min. Ken Winn

3:30-3:45 pm Break

3:45-4:30 pm Session C-1 Annual reports - not just dry statistics. This program offers an opportunity for attendees to gain ideas about how an annual report can be used – both as a marketing tool and as a way to showcase to administrators what members of the library are doing. 45 min. Sandra Placzek

3:45-4:30 pm Session C-2 File this under fun: Playtime in the library. Interested in behavior modification through game theory? Want to find out if chocolate is a recipe for patron compliance? Need ideas for a friendly 1L competition or fun promotional activities for library week? Games and contests in your academic, court, or firm library are a great way to promote lively learning and market the library's services. From 'brownie' points for book checkouts, to creative guess-the-lawyer contests come ready to hear and share successful ideas for learning and fun that will energize, inspire and educate. 45 min. Katie Hahn, Cindy Shearrer

4:30-5:30 pm Committee Meetings

5:45-8:15 pm Old Court House Reception

8:30-Midnight Hospitality Suite

Friday, October 26, 2012

7:00 am – 3:00 pm Registration

7:00 am – 3:00 pm Exhibit Hall

7:45-9:00 am Breakfast & MAALL Business Meeting

President Stefanie Pearlman, presiding

9:15-10:15 am      Session D-1 Collecting and circulating study aids: What's right for your library? Does your collection include study aids? Which ones? Do you buy multiple copies? Where are they housed? How long do they circulate? These are some of the questions that will be addressed in this presentation. Learn about the wide variety of study aids and which ones may be suitable for your collection. Explore the options for circulating these items and the challenges in managing this type of collection. Participate in a real-time survey to learn what other MAALL libraries are doing with study aids. 60 min.      *Ann Kitchel*

9:15-10:15 am      Session D-2 Boot Camp for Law Librarians: Basic training on training. Joe will provide an overview of basic, useful principles of instructional design, and then review methods and tools for understanding the target learner and the content that must be taught. Joe will also discuss methods for changing learner behavior and demonstrate how to create on demand resources to teach students how to use web-based and library research tools. He will illustrate informal learning resources to teach research methodologies and encourage outreach to research librarians. 60 min.      *Joseph Totherow*

10:15-10:30 am      Break

10:30-11:30 am      Session E-1 Three librarians walk into a Bar (Association Meeting): Engaging patrons with new and not-so- new technology. This panel will explore how law libraries are keeping in touch with their patrons with "new" technologies, like social media tools, and not-so-new technologies such as newsletters delivered via e-mail. Specifically, we'll discuss what libraries are doing to reach out and engage, compare and contrast the ways we are using the same technology (i.e. Twitter), and evaluate what is and isn't working. 60 min.      *Cynthia Bassett, Jeri Kay Hopkins, James Thurow*

10:30-11:30 am      Session E-2 "Which way to discovery?" - Reference librarians at the crossroads of getting at their library's resources indexed by catalogers. This unique program will be a fun 60 minutes of questions and answers. As attendees come into the room they pick up a question to ask the speaker. Unlike most programs which begin with an introduction, then the presentation, and finishing with a time for questions and answers, this program starts with questions from the audience to the presenter. The questions are gleaned from results of a MAALL survey which targeted Reference Librarians asking them what they want to learn most about getting quick, accurate access to resources as cataloged in their libraries. The presenter's answers will look at reference services from a perspective of cataloging: past, present and the future. Audience participation will be encouraged throughout the entire program. Topics covered will include cataloging practices, MARC records, shared cataloging, problems with information delivery in our OPACs, reasons for getting baffling search results, tips for getting better search results, and what will be the impact of RDA for Reference Librarians. 60 min.      *Brian Striman*

11:45 am-1:15 pm      Lunch & speaker: It's our pleasure to have Mr. Greg Lambert of 3 Geeks and a Law Blog fame join us here as our AALL Representative. Mr. Lambert will let us know about all things AALL during his remarks.      *Ted Potter and Mr. Greg Lambert*

1:30-2:30 pm      Session F-1 Failing up: Reverse engineering a scenario to learning from other libraries' mistakes. In this scenario based program the presenters will provide examples of initiatives, models and ideas that on paper looked great, but failed when implementation was attempted. The presenters will then facilitate a

discussion with the audience about each scenario. The aim for the discussion will be to establish: should the initiative have failed, where the implementation problem began, if the problem is fixable and if you found a way to make it work how it could add value to your library. 60 min. *Jennifer Prilliman, Katie Brown, Jennifer Watson*

1:30-2:30 pm Session F-2 Brag, the art of tooting your own horn without blowing it. The ability to capture and crystalize your achievements is critical to your personal success, yet many people are uncomfortable touting their own achievements. Based on the book Brag, Tooting your Own Horn without Blowing It by Peggy Klaus, we will examine and breakdown these barriers to this behavior and convince yourself to embrace your inner "brag!" 60 min. *Bridget McMillan*

2:30-2:45 pm Break

2:45-3:30 pm Session G-1 Finding people and background information. Will include: phone numbers & addresses of missing people, social media, places of business and work history, bankruptcies, neighbors, relatives & associates, mail lists postings, charitable & political donations, attorney, judges and expert witnesses & online obituaries. 45 min. *Joe Custer*

2:45-3:30 pm Session G-2 Round table discussion - developing beneficial program topics across library types. This round table will provide an opportunity to bring together librarians from different types of libraries in order to learn what kinds of programs are of interest to each constituency and what can be done to provide more significant programming for non-academic librarians as well as how programs can be developed to be of interest across library types. It is intended to be a discussion out of which ideas for future educational opportunities, including webinars, asynchronous programs, annual meeting programs and more can be developed. 45 min. *Therese Clarke Arado*

3:45 pm Afternoon events

3:45-5:15 pm MALLCO Directors Meeting

6:30-9:00 pm Dine Around

9:00 pm-Midnight Hospitality Suite

## Saturday, October 27, 2012

7:00-8:00 am Breakfast at Drury for overnight attendees

8:00 am Travel to St. Louis University

8:30-9:00 am Continental Breakfast for local attendees

9:00-9:45 am Session H-1 Electronic Discovery: An overview for law librarians. This session will provide an overview of e-discovery law and technology issues covered in the course and their impact on law practice.

Librarians are uniquely situated to contribute to the development and understanding of e-discovery best practices through their information management training and skills. Successful identification, preservation, collection, and production of electronic evidence requires advanced search techniques that are the subject of major recent e-discovery case law. This session will be of interest to academic law librarians looking to support or add to skills training in their law schools and to firm and court librarians who provide e-discovery research support to lawyers and judges. 45 min. *Randy Diamond*

9:00-9:45 am Session H-2 We all need some foreign, comparative, and international law (FCIL), or do we? Legislatures in seven states represented in MAALL have passed or considered state constitutional amendments or statutes prohibiting the application of foreign or international law by state courts. This program outlines these initiatives and considers whether opposition to these actions might be successful. Ultimately concluding that state initiatives prohibiting the application of foreign and international law are not likely to result in a discontinuation of inquiries about and collection of resources in these areas, the program will also focus on some meaningful ways area specialist can assist with the cross-training of other librarians. 45 min. *Darla Jackson*

9:00-9:45 am Session H-3 SLA Annual Meeting Roundup 45 min. *Geri Heberlie*

9:45-10:00 am Break

10:00-11:00 am Session I-1 "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes" Go out and reference. You'll have fun when you do. Oh the places librarians can go! Roving reference and embedded librarianship takes many forms and small efforts can have a large impact. Participants for this session will discuss examples of roving reference projects. The presenters will first share their experiences and strategies for managing new roving and embedded librarian projects and then open the floor for questions and discussion. Projects will range from small efforts to long term projects all aimed at connecting with patrons in places across the library, firm, or law school. Participants are strongly encouraged to bring and share their experiences and ideas. 60 min. *Jennifer Prilliman, Katie Brown*

10:00-11:00 am Session I-2 "To do" to "to done!": Finish the work that matters most. A librarian's most precious resources are TIME and ATTENTION. The supply of our time and attention is finite, while the demand on them is infinite! This session will explore how to create task lists that actually work (yes, there's a trick!). We'll talk about how to tame small tasks as well as how to manage bigger projects. And we'll talk about how to actually work your task list once you've created it – addressing such issues as multitasking, focus, and motivation. Learn how to effectively finish the work that matters most, and bring more satisfaction and creativity to your professional life! 60 min. *Resa Kerns*

11:00 am Pick up box lunch

11:15 am Transportation back to hotel



# MEMBER NEWS

## ILLINOIS

David C. Shapiro Memorial Law Library, Northern Illinois University College of Law:

Gary Vander Meer, Associate Director and Technical Services Librarian, retired on June 30 after 31 years of service to the Law Library and College of Law.

Therese A. Clarke is now Associate Director for Administration and Public Services.

Sharon L. Nelson is now Associate Director for Systems and Technical Services and was promoted to Associate Professor as of July 1.

## IOWA

Drake University Law Library Reference Librarian Rebecca Lutkenhaus's book, *Cultural Property: A Legal Research Guide* (ISBN: 978-0-8377-3928-1), has been published by Hein. For more information, see: <https://www.wshein.com/media/brochures/347530.pdf>

## KANSAS

Wheat Law Library, University of Kansas:

The Wheat Law Library staff has been RDA-trained and has begun implementation.

Allison Reeve and Ashly LoBurgio Basgall have been working on SJD resources and guides.

The Law School web site, including the library section, is being updated and reformatted using the university's new template. The new look should be online soon.

The new 1L class seems bright and cheery and they're plunging into the crazy, busy fall schedule.

## NEBRASKA

Richard Leiter was number 24 on the list of the Top 50 Law Professors on Twitter. (It's unclear whether this is an honor or evidence of wasting time on social networks.... but, if anything, it demonstrates a certain level of expertise in using social networks.)

Leiter also addressed the Association of Reporters of Judicial Decisions (ARJD) at the 30th annual meeting in Chicago. He discussed the history of case reporting and outlined the Leading Cases Service, a research project he's working on with the Center for Digital Research in the Humanities.

Brian Striman was elected as Vice Chair/Chair-Elect to the AALL TS-SIS. He also received a plaque from the University of Nebraska for 30 years of service.



Creighton Law Library's Technical Services Staff: Catalog Assistant Andrea Cotton, Government Documents/Circulation Assistant Jessica O'Dowd, Catalog/Reference Librarian Corinne C. Jacox, Serials/Acquisitions Librarian Heather Buckwalter, Serials Assistant Andrea Hogrefe, and Acquisitions Assistant Susan Yirak.

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Stefanie Pearlman, was promoted from Associate Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian to Professor of Law Library and Reference Librarian (effective July 1, 2012).

## OKLAHOMA

In July, Kathleen (Katie) Brown was named as the Associate Director of the Oklahoma City University Law Library. Jennifer Prilliman is now the Head of Reference Services, Jenny Watson is the Head of Access Services, and Tim Gatton is now the Reference Librarian for Public, Clinical, and Student Services.

## SOUTH DAKOTA

University of South Dakota:

The University of South Dakota's McKusick Law Library is pleased to welcome Sarah Kammer as a volunteer in the library. A 2001 alumnus of the University of Nebraska, Sarah also is a graduate of Duke Law School and the University of Missouri's School of Library and Information Science. In Lincoln, Nebraska, Sarah worked as an attorney for Allan J. Eureka Law Offices.

# MURPHY'S LAWS OF LAW LIBRARIES

*Kaaren Pupino*

*Head of Technical Services, Acquisitions & Serials*

*Thormodsgard Law Library*

*University of North Dakota*

For years I have threatened to make a (tongue-in-cheek) list of "Murphy's Laws of Law Libraries". I have even threatened to write a book about it. I discussed this idea recently with Brian Striman as a possible article for our MAALL Markings. So here I go.

Our thought (Brian and I) was to start it out with my short list of laws and then invite you all to add yours. Just as each state has its various odd laws I am sure each of our libraries have them too, but then again there are many we have in common. I offer these Murphy's Laws of Law Libraries in the interest of shared truth, a bit of anguish and lots of laughs!

P.S. If you don't want to share your laws in MAALL Markings, there is always TSLAWCHATS on Facebook. Right Brian? *[Absolutely! In fact, Kaaren, I couldn't help but add a few of my own to your great list. -- ed.]*

## **Shelving and stack maintenance Murphy's Laws:**

1. Shelving a new book requires shifting no less than three shelves of books to make room
2. Shelving a new monograph requires the shift of no less than 3 shelves to make room.
3. Allowing that each shelf is 1/6 or so of a tier, there is a 35% chance that new monograph will need to go on the top shelf and another 35% it will go on the bottom. (Kaaren's razor, either of these percentages go up if the person shelving wears bifocals)
4. Top shelves are considered a "dust cover" until the collection reaches a critical mass in an area and then the top shelf becomes the top-top shelf.
5. Collection shifts occur most in areas that are full and where the stacks are not properly braced.
6. Shifting books in the collection is best done like the 3 inch sliding block puzzles where you can only move one block at a time. Thor's razor: Sometimes you have to shift books twice to get them where they are going.
7. Dust collects in the stacks at a rate proportional to the proximity to the entrance/exit to the library.
8. The more flimsy and/or narrow the materials on the shelf, the higher up they will reside. --- Brian S.

## **Collection supplements and additions Murphy's Laws:**

1. Generally when filing loose-leaf releases the ones with the most pages take the least time and the ones with the least pages take the most time.
2. The more time it takes to file a looseleaf report the greater your chances are of having missed the step where you check to make sure the previous release was filed and you end up "unfiling it".
3. If you file a looseleaf release in a multi-volume set where there isn't something filed in every volume, there will be one volume missing that will need to have something replaced in it.
4. New editions are not always published at one time. Some come over the period of months and years or over two or three editions. These are the titles where the new volume is the one inadvertently tossed and the old one

retained. OOPS (Hey, I have seen it happen!)

5. Within a week after withdrawing and discarding superseded titles, someone will request that particular item. Usually it is someone who is cite-checking for the law review.
6. Material must be stamped WITHDRAWN in at least three conspicuous places on the book or it will be fished out of a trash bin and proudly returned covered in dirt and garbage to the library.
7. Removing superseded and withdrawn items from the collection may only be done when it is dark outside and no snow on the ground to leave tracks.
8. If you throw away books during the day and you get caught and are asked why you are pushing the loaded book cart towards the dumpster you smile widely and say "These books were bad and they are being punished" If you are not near the dumpster say "We like to air out the collection on sunny days and it was their turn for a walk."
9. The one supplement that you put on your desk because there was a problem with it of some kind, is the very supplement that the faculty who you want the least to deal with, is at your door wondering where the new supplement is, and you hesitate because your memory is just a memory, and the faculty instantly spots it on your desk. -- Brian S.

### **The make-up-your-mind Murphy's Laws of Libraries**

1. Publishers of journals and law reviews may change titles, color, format and size only in the middle of a volume.
2. Publishers will invoice for a title by volume number, one year, and the next year by subscription time period.
3. Publishers who invoice for a subscription time period, always make the subscription period span two volumes. (from volume 4 no. 3 to volume 5 no. 2)
4. Publishers change titles without notice from publishing as a bound volume with a pamphlet supplement to a looseleaf volume. (supposedly to make updating easier and faster)
5. Publishers change titles without notice from publishing as a looseleaf treatise to a bound volume with a pamphlet supplement (so you won't have to do all that looseleaf filing and it will be easier.)

Alas, I discovered that some of the Murphy's Laws I had intended to add to the list are now

### **Superseded Murphy's Laws of Libraries:**

1. 2nd and 3rd year law students complain about the print collection primarily at the beginning of the Fall semester. This is because the library staff must shift the book collection each year so the perception was it was done for librarian job security because some part of the collection is moved every summer. Now, they are used to moving (particularly the electronic format) or it goes unnoticed in the print collection.
2. On Friday afternoon at 3 p.m., Mr. or Ms. Attorney, Esq. turns the calendar over and sees they are scheduled for a court date the following Monday. The law library received a frantic call for research help in the form of photocopied and mailed cases, statutes or articles. In more recent times the request is for material sent in PDF or faxed to the law office before the close of the business day.

### **Miscellaneous Murphy's Laws of Libraries:**

1. If anything will go wrong with the library patron load it will be the week before classes start.
2. The day you have a dinner date with a special friend, or just prior to a holiday or planned vacation, a patron with a 30-minute reference question will walk through the entrance door at 4:55 pm. coming straight toward you at the desk --- Brian S.

...and now, it is your turn to add your Murphy's Laws of Law Libraries!

# NEWS FROM OTHER CHAPTERS

*Submitted by Rebecca Lutkenhaus*

*Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor of Law Librarianship*

*Drake University Law Library*

## Law Library Association of Greater New York

LLAGNY [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/Law\\_Lines/LI\\_Winter2012.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/Law_Lines/LI_Winter2012.pdf)

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This issue was packed with articles...

In "Returning to Library School," Alison Sherwin reflects on the experience of earning her M.L.I.S. after graduating from law school and working as a corporate lawyer for six years. She discusses homework, technology, asking for help, practical experience, and networking.

Jenelle Blevins describes Australian librarianship generally, and the activities of Australian professional organizations relating to law librarianship in particular, in the article "Law Librarianship in Australia."

In "60 Sites Abridged," Gayle Lynn-Nelson discusses and provides links to the following websites that will inform and entertain: Presentation Zen; LegalTechTrainer2; Techmeme; and Judge Jerry Buchmeyer's Courtroom/Deposition war stories.

Deborah L. Heller argues that Shepard's in print still offers important advantages over Shepardizing online, especially when it comes to federal statutes, in "Why Shepard's in Print Still Matters."

The current fiscal climate is resulting in budget cuts in many state court systems. In the article "New York State Bar Association Includes Court Libraries in its Report on the Impact of Funding Cuts in the Courts," Jacqueline Cantwell and Deborah Melnick summarize the sections of the report that discuss how cuts to library services are harming pro se litigants.

Rounding out the issue is Rachael H. Moller's article "Moving Forward," in which she explains the approach she used in consolidating her firm's library collection so that it would fit into its new, smaller space, and how this process also led to changes in the library's online presence.

## Law Library Association of Greater New York

LLAGNY [http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/Law\\_Lines/LI\\_Winter2012.pdf](http://www.aallnet.org/chapter/llagny/Law_Lines/LI_Winter2012.pdf)

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Gayle Lynn-Nelson once again highlights and provides links to noteworthy websites in "60 Sites Abridged." In this issue she features the blog Royal Pingdom; E-Discovery Decisions; OpenRegs; and Tekzilla.

In “What Are Employers Looking For?,” Janice Henderson summarizes tips provided during LLAGNY’s seminar on Library Employment.

Deb Melnick’s article “Golf Law to the Fore” offers a bibliography of resources addressing the legal aspects surrounding “golf courses, adjacent properties, players and spectators, passersby, club and course employers and employees, sports equipment, product manufacturers, real estate professionals and developers.”

Mary Matuszak offers a short piece publicizing the fact that the 2012 Green Book (The Official Directory of the City of New York) is now available online at NYC.gov/greenbook.

## Law Library Association of Maryland

LLAM eNews <http://llamonline.org/newsletter/llam-eneews-summer-2012/>

Summer 2012

In “Learning from Displays – The War of 1812,” Pam Luby provides a short history lesson on the War of 1812 using information she uncovered while preparing a display for the Maryland State Law Library.

## CREATIVE RECYCLING

*Heather Buckwalter*

*Serials/Acquisitions Librarian*

*Creighton University Law Library*

A few years ago Creighton University instituted a Single Stream Recycling program. The purpose of the program was “to implement a convenient, safe, and cost effective waste management program that integrates both the collection of single stream recycling material and trash.” – Creighton University Sustainability Council.

For the Law Library we had to make some changes and educate students and staff on what could be recycled and what could not. Most of us have found that we have less trash and more recycling than before the program started. One thing we had to deal with was the recycling of hard bound books. Because the recycling company was treating hard bound books differently they wanted them in separate recycling bins. The library set up the bins in a different spot in the Law School’s dock area separated from other recycling bins and marked them for hard bound books only. The recycling bins are emptied/swapped out once a week which for the library is a good thing. For those weeks where we have had a lot of replacement volumes come in the bins fill up quickly.

The Law Library has settled into a nice routine as far as recycling but occasionally we have more creative ways to reuse superseded volumes. My daughter’s High School art teacher put a call out to parents for used books that the students could have for an art project. There went a dozen or so duplicate reporter volumes. I told the Art teacher to let me know when they needed more as I would probably have an endless supply but that they would not always be a matched set. **Continued on page 18**

# PHOTOS

**Top Left** George Washington's statue in the Boston Public Gardens.

**Top Right** Matt Novak and Stefanie Pearlman of University of Nebraska Lincoln Schmid Law Library enjoy the MAALL Business Meeting Luncheon at the AALL Annual Conference.

**Bottom Right** Timothy Gatton of Oklahoma City University Law Library at the MAALL Business Meeting Luncheon at the AALL Annual Conference.

**Bottom Left** Kyle Courtney, Jonathan Zittrain, Kim Dulin, Richard Leiter, Jessie Wallace Burchfield, and June Stewart at the MAALL Business Meeting Luncheon at the AALL Annual Conference.

*Images courtesy of Cindy Bassett.*



# MAY THE COURTS BE WITH YOU!

## IN A DIGITIZATION GALAXY FAR, FAR AWAY, THE DIGITAL RETURN OF THE NEBRASKA SUPREME AND APPELLATE COURT BRIEFS

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### **Prequel**

The Creighton University School of Law Library embarked on its first large-scale digitization project in the fall of 2010. For several years prior to that time, library staff used a locally created database to enter the case name, docket number, and type of brief for each paper brief in the Library's collection of Nebraska Supreme Court and Court of Appeals briefs. The database was searchable on the Library's website and it was hoped that the Library would eventually be able to add the digitized documents as well. Then, in the spring of 2010, the Creighton libraries implemented DSpace for their Institutional Repository, which made it possible to also add the searchable PDF files of the briefs themselves.

### **First Release: A New Hope**

To prepare for the project, three staff members attended DSpace training and worked with the repository's system administrator to create a customized data entry template and search indexes for the collection. Once this was completed, the system administrator imported the data from the previous database into DSpace. Everything in DSpace is keyword searchable, but the browsing indexes are for author, title, issue date, and subjects. The indexes needed for this collection were case name, type of brief, and docket number. This required additional programming not available in DSpace so the Library used @mire to customize the browsing indexes.

### **Running the Digital Empire**

The Library's cataloging assistant, Andrea Cotton, manages the project and starts by entering the metadata for the briefs: case name, type of brief, and docket number. A generic document that directs the user to contact the reference desk for assistance is also attached at this time. Student workers then scan and OCR the briefs. The basic steps the students follow are to use the document feeders on the Library's copiers to scan the briefs to the folder created for the project, retrieve the scanned briefs and check the scans for missing and cutoff pages, rename the files as a batch using Macro Express, run the batch process in Adobe Acrobat Professional to OCR the files and save the files in a new folder. Andrea then moves the scanned briefs into folders that are sorted by year and docket number. First she renames each file to reflect the type of brief it is (appellant, appellee) and moves the files into the folder with the corresponding docket number. Then she attaches each brief to the associated metadata record in DSpace and removes the generic document. Finally, she verifies that every brief listed in the metadata record under type of brief has been scanned and attached.

### **Recommendations for Overcoming the Digital Dark Side**

For other libraries contemplating digitization projects, these are some things that we have learned along the way. It cannot be assumed that the people doing the scanning are aware of the importance of some basic



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things, such as the necessity of squaring up the pages of a brief before restapling it. Setting the default on the copier to scan 8 1/2" x 11" pages rather than letting it default to auto-detect will result in fewer problems with pages being cut off. If using a flash drive to transfer files, better quality flash drives will have fewer corrupted files. Follow file naming conventions to reduce problems for batch loading or migrating files. Having the scanned documents sent to a network drive is even better and will save steps. Automating as many steps as possible for the people doing the scanning will cause fewer errors. The scanning of documents will probably go more quickly than uploading the documents to the repository so ways to batch load the documents will need to be investigated. The OCR process in Adobe Acrobat Professional can only correctly interpret the wording on older typewritten documents about 50% of the time. ABBYY Fine Reader will adjust for variations in font spacing with much greater accuracy. Also, ABBYY will save the original scanned image. Even if ABBYY's hidden interpretation is not perfect, the exact image of the original brief is still available for display.

## **Privacy Concerns: The Phantom Menace**

The biggest dilemma in digitizing the briefs collection has been when individuals who have found briefs concerning them in Google request to have the briefs removed from the digital collection. The decision has been made that since the briefs are a part of the public record files will not be removed from the collection. Creighton University's Office of the General Counsel supports this decision. However, meta tags have recently been added to each brief that direct web crawlers like Google's not to crawl the collection. This phase of the project is still being tested to see how well this step works to keep the documents from being searchable on the Web, but still easily accessible in the repository.

### **Statistics: The Clone Wars**

The collection has been live since January of 2011. The digital collection is complete going back to 2000. There are currently around 11,100 metadata records with 8800 briefs attached. There are 8500 more briefs to be uploaded to their matching metadata records. Since January of 2011, the collection has been viewed from around the country and the world including the Ukraine, Russian Federation, Netherlands, Czech Republic, United Kingdom, China, and Japan. Individual metadata records have been accessed 94,700 times and individual briefs have been opened 79,400 times.

### **Sequel**

Several more years of work are planned for the project. The main focus will be to continue scanning the most recent briefs and working backwards from 2000. In addition, we will scan the older briefs from the 1980s going forward before sending them to the bindery. When all of the unbound briefs have been scanned and loaded into the repository, we will explore the options for scanning the bound collection.

The Nebraska Supreme Court recently changed its rules so that briefs are to be submitted electronically. We have not yet received any of these electronic briefs from the Court so we will have to adjust our workflow when that happens.

### **Benefits of a Digital Galaxy**

This project will be very beneficial to the Nebraska legal community. The Nebraska briefs are only available in three libraries (Creighton University Law Library, University of Nebraska Schmid Law Library, and the Nebraska State Library) or electronically in Westlaw. Now everyone in the galactic empire can have free access to the collection at their fingertips and, truly, the force will be with them.

The collection can be viewed at <https://dspace.creighton.edu/xmlui/handle/10504/8023>.

### **Creative Recycling continued from page 14**

One Law Library staff member found another way to creatively recycle superseded volumes. She has a cousin who used the superseded volumes for target practice. The Nebraska Revised Statutes hold up quite well to a shotgun round.

“New editions are not always published at one time. Some come over the period of months and years or over two or three editions. These are the titles where the new volume is the one inadvertently tossed and the old one retained. OOPS (Hey, I have seen it happen!)” - Murphy’s Laws of Law Libraries by Kaaren Pupino, Head of Technical Services, Acquisitions & Serials, Thormodsgard Law Library, University of North Dakota

We recently encountered this problem ourselves. We discovered that the wrong volume had been pulled from a set. We realized that it had just happened and it might still be in the recycling bins down in the dock area. So off I go to the dock area, recycling bin diving trying desperately to find the book. As I am head first in the bin a faculty member walks by and says “Is there anything I can do to help?” Red in the face, I immediately responded with a cheery “No, I am doing fine” and went back into the recycling bins. I did not find the book. I reported back to my staff trying to figure out what might have happened to the book as I found other withdrawn volumes from the same set. My Serials Assistant, after thinking for a minute, responds “maybe I gave

it to my cousin for target practice.” She made a quick phone call and sure enough he had the book. Fortunately, for us he had not been practicing lately and was able to get the book back to us that weekend. Lesson learned--attention to detail is of the utmost importance and when you go recycling bin diving make sure no one is around to watch.

## OPPORTUNITY FOR MALLCO LIBRARIANS

*Susan Goldner*

*Executive Director Mid-America Law Library Consortium*

MALLCO (Mid-American Law Library Consortium) will hold its second annual Preconference on Thursday morning, Oct. 25, 2012, immediately before the MAALL Annual Meeting begins. You are invited to attend, if you work at an academic library that is a member of MALLCO. **Before you make your travel plans for the MAALL Meeting in St. Louis, add the Thursday morning MALLCO Preconference to your agenda.** Last year's was enthusiastically received, so you don't want to miss it. There is no registration fee and no red tape. Just come.

There will be a number of sessions for you to choose from. All of these sessions will be roundtables, giving you an opportunity to ask questions and share information with other librarians. People who attended last year found this opportunity for informal interaction to be extremely valuable.

8:30 – 10:00 am: Interest Group Roundtables (four concurrent sessions)

Acquisitions and Collection Development (moderated by Heather Buckwalter)

Interlibrary Loan (moderated by Jeff Woodmansee)

Reference and Faculty Services (moderated by Cindy Shearrer)

Web & Technology (moderated by Barbara Ginzburg)

*If you have not yet joined an Interest Group, never fear. Just come to the session that most interests you.*

10:30-11:30 am: Topical Roundtables (two concurrent sessions)

Ebooks

Institutional Repositories

*The moderator will have some questions in mind, to get the group conversation started. (I am seeking volunteers to moderate each of these groups – please volunteer.) A vendor will be invited to attend each session, as a resource person (YBP for Ebooks and bepress for Institutional Repositories). If you are already offering these services, you can share your experience. If you are considering these services, you can ask your own questions. If you are not sure what the topic is all about, you can attend and find out.*

I hope to see you in St. Louis at the MAALL meeting and at the MALLCO Preconference.

## AALL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Submit a Program Proposal for AALL 2013 in Seattle

Were you inspired by the AALL programs you saw or heard this year in Boston? Have you talked (blogged or tweeted) with a colleague or two about what would make for an even better program next year? Please consider submitting a program proposal for the 2013 AALL Annual Meeting and Conference in Seattle, July 13-16.

Starting September 6, you may use the online Program and Workshop Proposal Collection site to develop your proposal in your own workspace, share it with your colleagues, and submit it online by October 15. Helpful resources for program proposers can be found online at <http://www.aallnet.org/conference/education/future-meetings/program-proposers>.

## AALL2go Pick of the Month

AALL's Continuing Professional Education Committee presents the AALL2go pick of the month: Accounting - Prepare for Your Future (<http://aall.sclivelearningcenter.com/index.aspx?PID=6278&SID=121439>).

Do you need to learn how to read a balance sheet, an income statement, or interpret cash flows? Perhaps you yearn for a better understanding of financial auditing processes or more insight into how funds are allocated in your organization. Spencer Simons, director of the O'Quinn Law Library at the University of Houston, reviews the basics of accounting reports and procedures to help law librarians better understand the terminology and accounting processes used by the financial managers in their organizations.

Why should law librarians have a better sense of accounting principles? Law librarians who understand the drivers of financial decisions in their organizations will better equip themselves to work effectively within the budgeting process. Many law librarians also do business intelligence research and find themselves working with unfamiliar language.



This 69-minute audio program was presented at the AALL Annual Meeting in Denver on July 12, 2010, and is available free to members on AALL2go

Find this and more than 100 other free continuing education programs and webinars for AALL members on AALL2go at <http://aall.sclivelearningcenter.com/>.

## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

This marks the final issue for volume 21. It also marks the time to call on MAALL colleagues (aka YOU) to help with the reporting of education programs for our upcoming December "Conference Issue." If you were impressed by last year's first-time annual conference issue, then you can figure it was quite a bit of work and it needed lots of volunteer efforts. If you volunteered last year, then you have experience and I need you to volunteer again this year. You know the schtick. If you didn't volunteer to write up a program or event (Like keynote) then I'd like to put a bug in your ear to consider and step up this year, because you don't have a reasonable excuse not to contribute to "the literature."



Resa Kerns has been working with me, and soon we will have a nice, reliable MAALL Markings page on our MAALL website. It will have a plethora of information about our Chapter publication, with Author's Submission Guidelines, contact info, and easy to access previous archives.

Thanks to Jennifer Prilliman who was appointed by Stefanie to the Newsletter Committee, as an editor position. Her job will be as Photography Editor, and we can thank her for this because it's more than just bringing a cell phone or small camera and do some wreckless clicking of images. We now have in place a mechanism to ensure that photos of our members and events will find their way into MAALL Markings, which I continue to remind everyone, is our only historic record of our Chapter's activities.

Take a minute to read the portion of this issue that looks boring to read, but look at all the leaders and committees and officers and others who contribute to making MAALL a terrific chapter in AALL. That one page has a lot of professional contribution effort reflected.

Thank you everyone for your help when I cry out for such. MAALL colleagues have a great way of pitching in

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Saturday—Partial (Programs and breaks.)	\$30	\$ _____

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Thursday, 10/25	Old Courthouse reception, \$35		\$ _____		
Friday, 10/26	Breakfast, \$20		\$ _____		
Friday, 10/26	Lunch, \$30		\$ _____		
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- \_\_\_\_\_ Herb Roasted Chicken Breast with Au Gratin Potatoes
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sautéed Spinach topped with Grilled Portabella Mushroom Caps and a Balsamic Vinegar Glaze (vegan)
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